



Wine Watch

Richland whites

Westend Estate has their Richland Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon on offer. The 2008 Pinot Grigio has pear and apple fruit flavours. The wine has a savoury mineral finish and floral aromas. The 2008 Sauvignon Blanc is light straw in colour, has a pungent nose of lemon, passionfruit and gooseberry. It displays a full body and has a crisp dry finish. You can expect flavours of tropical fruit, including limes and mango, as well as fresh garden peas.

RRP: \$10.95

Contact: Westend Estate



New for Nepenthe

Two new releases for Nepenthe are the 2006 Tryst Red and The Rogue 2005. Both are Cabernet blends. Nepenthe changes the blending percentages of both wines yearly, but their goal is always to produce medium-bodied wines with great fruit depth and richness. The Tryst is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo and Zinfandel. This combination gives a generous fruit palate with a smooth lingering finish. The Rogue is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Merlot that has dark berry and plum aromas.

RRP: \$16.99, \$23.99

Contact: Nepenthe



Memorable Shiraz

Juniper Estate's new release is the 2004 Shiraz. Winemaker, Mark Messenger said that the 2004 vintage was the most memorable and the best estate Shiraz they have produced to date. The Shiraz was grown from seven and a half acres of 35-year-old dry grown vines, which has resulted in a medium-bodied wine. It is set to age well with careful cellaring.

RRP: \$34

Contact: Juniper Estate



International Sorby

Sorby and Adams has gone global and has introduced their premium international wine range, Collage. The range includes the 2008 Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, the 2008 Sauvignon Blanc and the 2007 Cabernet Rosé. These wines are taken from across Southern Western Australia and the Margaret River areas. The Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc has a delicate aroma and tropical fruit on the palate. The Sauvignon is said to "jump out of the glass" and the Cabernet Rosé has lifted aromas of strawberries and cherries.

RRP: \$16, \$19, \$16

Contact: Sorby and Adams



MadFish

The new releases for MadFish are the 2008 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon, the 2008 Sangiovese Cabernet Franc Rosé, the 2008 Moscato, the 2007 Pinot Noir and the 2006 Carmelien. The Moscato is brand new to the MadFish portfolio and is a part of the 'Discover More' range of wines. It has a refreshing spritzzy aperitif and intense floral and Muscat characters. The Sauvignon Blanc Semillon is also from the 'Discover More' range and is made of 72% Sauvignon and 28% Semillon.

RRP: \$18, \$19, \$22, \$19, \$24

Contact: Negociants



Optimistic Optimiste

Producing exceptional quality fruit for some of the best wineries in NSW, Steve and Sharlene Dadd have realised their dream of launching their own brand of wine, Optimiste. The first release includes a 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon, a 2006 Petit Verdot and the 2006 Marquis. The Cabernet Sauvignon has been aged for 15-months in barrels, the Petit Verdot has nuance of blackberry and mint, while the Marquis is named after their youngest son, Marcus.

RRP: \$18, \$18, \$24

Contact: Optimiste Wines of Mudgee



Spanish summer

Segura Viudas has the perfect way to cool down for summer with their sparkling wines. The Reserva Heredad is a limited production sparkling. The bottle's base is emblazoned with the Segura Viudas family crest and is the winery's most internationally awarded sparkling wine. The Brut Vintage 2004 is complex, but smooth on the palate and has hints of nuts and aniseed with a dry finish. The Brut Nature shows crisp green apple flavours and has sweetness on the palate.

RRP: \$40, \$15.95, \$15.95

Contact: Bacardi Lion



Limited release Richmond Grove

Richmond Grove has their Limited Range on offer. The 2007 Limited Release Adelaide Hills Chardonnay has aromas of ripe lemon and nectarine fruits with a creamy texture. The 2007 Limited Release Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir exhibits flavours of cherry and strawberry, while oak tannins deliver a lingering finish. For something more savoury, try the 2007 Limited Release Mt Lofty Ranges Sangiovese. This one will compliment Mediterranean food with spice.

RRP: \$23.99, \$23.99, \$21.99

Contact: Pernod Ricard

