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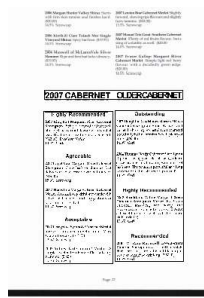
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2006 Killerby Cabernet Merlot A vibrant young wine of excellent varietal character. The palate is firm, but beautifully balanced and fine. Will improve in bottle. (\$20.00)
 14.0% Screwcap

2005 Sorby Adams Collage Cabernet Merlot Has an attractive cabernet nose showing just a little cedary complexity and maturity. The palate is fine, firm and persistent. (\$16.00)
 12.5% Screwcap

Agreeable

2005 Tim Adams Clare Valley Cabernet Richly ripe and packed with red fruits flavour. Not strongly cabernet, but is satisfying. (\$26.00)
 14.5% Screwcap

2005 Plantagenet Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon Shows cassis characteristics but tends to be hard and hollow. (\$32.00)
 13.5% Screwcap

2005 Houghton Crofters Cabernet Malbec A big red with a hint of mint and solid tannins. Lacks fineness. (\$30.00)
 14.0% Cork

2004 Peos Estate Manjimup Cabernet Sauvignon Ripe and firm – plenty of flavour without finesse. (\$21.00)
 14.5% Cork

2006 Mountadam The Red Quite oaky, and doesn't have the fruit intensity to match the wood. (\$40.00)
 14.0% Cork

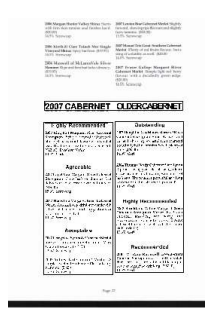
Acceptable

2005 Hollick Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon The colour is very mature, and this is reflected by obvious development on nose and palate. Too advanced. (\$29.00)
 13.5% Cork

2006 Optimiste Marquis Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Petit Verdot Firm and slightly minty, light on mid palate flavour. (\$24.00)
 14.5% Screwcap

2005 Killerby Cabernet Sauvignon A firmly structured wine in which the aromas and flavours are on the dull side. (\$25.00)
 14.0% Screwcap





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2004 Redman Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Quite minty. The palate is very firm indeed. (\$35.00)
 13.5% Cork

2005 Optimiste Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon Ripe and chewy. Finishes with hardness. (\$18.00)
 14.0% Screwcap

2005 Bluegrass Cabernet Merlot Quite developed, showing both greenness and volatility. (\$20.00)
 14.5% Screwcap

2004 Printhie Swift Family Heritage Cabernet Sauvignon Very hard and dry. (\$32.00)
 14.1% Screwcap

2006 Conte Estate Hunt Road Reserve McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon Very ripe and dull - lacking varietal character. (\$25.00)
 14.5% Cork

2005 Hollick Coonawarra Cabernet Merlot Very developed colour. Lean and advanced. (\$24.00)
 14.5% Screwcap

Cabernet seems to be a no go zone for many consumers. Almost certainly, a flood of green, hard, under-fruited wines over the last decade has something to do with it.

The best wines of this tasting demonstrate how good Australian cabernet can be. They are very worthy of your consideration.

The Panel

The panel for this issue comprised **Lex Howard, Lester Jesberg, Debbie Pearce, Jeff Piper, Len Sorbello, Phil Trickett and Ray Wilson.**