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\$19.95

Kirrihill Barton Springs Vineyard 2008 Sauvignon Blanc

BARTON Springs vineyard is in the high altitudes of the Adelaide Hills and this wine shows the benefits of cool climates on sauvignon blanc. The Barton Springs Vineyard 2008 is pale lemon, with olive green tints and has aromatic scents of orange blossom and nettle. Tropical fruit salad characters display on the front of the palate and gooseberry and subtle mint fruit elements combine with a whisper of smoky oak on the middle palate. Mineral-edged acid features at the finish. Try it with seafood pizza, chicken and asparagus frittata or spring rolls.

Ageing: one year

Rating:



\$18

Optimiste 2007 Mudgee Chardonnay

PALE straw hues and melon and vanilla bean scents introduce this pleasant Mudgee chardonnay. The front palate displays white peach flavour and the middle palate brings forth creamy fig and crushed almond fruit elements and savoury oak. Smooth mineral-edged acid comes through at the finish. It would be good with blue cheese, caramelised onion and porcini tarts, chicken liver risotto or smoked cod in white onion sauce.

Ageing: four years

Rating:



BOTTLER

\$24

Optimiste 2006 Marquis

THIS well-priced, multi-layered Mudgee red blend would go nicely with vitello tonnato, lamb neck chop casserole or veal scallopine. It is ruby red in the glass and has herbal, ripe cherry scents. Vibrant blackberry flavour shows on the front of the palate and blueberry, spearmint and mocha coffee fruit characters meld with spicy oak on the middle palate. Flinty tannins and lingering berry fruit combine at the finish.

Ageing: six years

Rating:

