

"Yes, well we could all do with a good dose of optimism I think. And smelling Petit Verdot always makes me a little more cheerful."

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, Feb 2009



Optimiste label a fine new wine

David Ellis, Hornsby Advocate, Sept 2008

WINE DAVID ELLIS

Flood of medals inspires an optimist

Melbourne Observer, Sept 2008

Optimiste

'Hear, hear' for trio of Optimistes

The Optimiste Marquis... is an excellent and very interesting wine. Licorice, violets, dark cherry and light dusty oak - a delightful smelling wine. It's medium bodied, fresh and full of cherry and blackberry with its feet firmly planted in the Mudgee earth, although perhaps the head is dreaming of a Bordeaux Christmas? I'm a fan. It's a lovely, lovely wine.

Gary Walsh - The Wine Front, May 2009



Optimiste Petit Verdot listed in Best Value Reds Under \$20

By Peter Forrestal, Australian Gourmet Traveller Wine (Feb 2009)

wine of the week

► Optimiste Shiraz 2006, \$20ish.

Great name for a useless tradie and I have a soft spot for unicorns and an equally soft spot for Mudgee shiraz. After years of indulgence I have other soft spots too. **8.6/10**



wine with Jeff Collerson



MUDGEE vignerons the Dadds once sold their grapes to Southcorp but have now launched their own brand. A decade ago they planted 2ha of petit verdot, with the harvest formerly going into other brands medal-winning wine. Petit Verdot is robust but smoother yet still substantial in warmer Australian regions.

NSW Wine Uncovered—James Halliday Top 100 NSW Wines



\$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:

Newcastle Herald, John Lewis - April 2009

Optimiste Petit Verdot

There aren't many straight petit verdot wines doing the rounds, but those that are always seem to smell really good - this wine is an excellent case in point.

The Big Red Wine Book—Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh 2009

Optimiste Marquis Cabernet Merlot Petit Verdot

2006 RELEASE

Walsh appropriately labelled this a 'dinner-table wine'. It just has that feeling about it - the edge of sophistication, the sense that it's more about drinking with food than by itself. It's a blend of cabernet, merlot and petit verdot, and they team beautifully here. Flavours of toast and mulberries and dark cherries, all nicely knitted together. Licoricey, dusty aftertaste. Delicious. DRINK 2009-2015.

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| Price | \$24 |
| Region | Mudgee |
| Alcohol | 14.5 |
| Seal | Screwcap |
| Value | ♦♦♦♦ |
| Auction | N/A |
| Score | 91 |



90 2006 Optimiste Mudgee Shiraz \$18; SCREWCAP; 14.5% ALC/VOL

- When growers Steven and Sharlene Dadd moved to winemaking they chose the name Optimiste derived from Helen Keller's dictum 'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement', thinking not of themselves, but their deaf son. Good colour; attractive medium-bodied palate, with good varietal expression from blackberry, dark chocolate and ripe tannins, some vanilla oak in balance.

REGION: Mudgee DRINK: 2010 to 2016
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