

the vineyard, it's an absolute bargain. MA

2002 Wallington Rockdell Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre, Central Ranges, A\$25

The Wallington vineyard is at Canowindra, a distinctly different subregion of Cowra, its leaner, more mineral soils giving the

flavour. The property owned Rockdell, hence the one-style red which was under supervision of Murray Glas-Smith in Orange. A drinkable wine with a colour and a rich, briary berries, damson plums corice and five-spice. PB



2003 Gibson Barossa Vale Merlot, Barossa Valley, A\$22

This is a big and slightly chewy red, due no doubt to the hot, dry 2003 vintage.

The nose has berry, mint, earth, licorice and chocolate notes, but the mouthfeel is solid and quite dense for a straight merlot, with a slightly firm palate and more tannin than usual in merlot, without being unbalanced. It is structured, savoury and full of interest, and would be good served with meat dishes such as beef or lamb. Best drinking: now to 2012-plus. HH

2005 Pinot Noir, A\$29/NZ\$25

Turned out several in 2005. A small vintage any intensely flavoured at noir, although a tult in some with en flavours. Saddleback d of high-flying Peregrine xpect the lower-order top quality in a age, but Saddleback well ections. Clearly Central e wine in 2005. BC



2006 Cannibal Creek Sauvignon Blanc, West Gippsland, A\$24

Cannibal Creek's vineyard is found in the foothills of the Black Snake Ranges in Victoria's West Gippsland subregion, where its eroded granitic soils enhance the minerality of the wine – which is typically generous, juicy and tightly focused. The 2006 edition has a lifted and lightly grassy fragrance of gooseberries and passionfruit over a powdery background of mineral undertones. Its punchy and lingering core of tangy citrus, gooseberry and peachy fruit culminates in a long, briny and mineral finish of excellent persistence. JO

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