

100 TOP NEW RELEASES

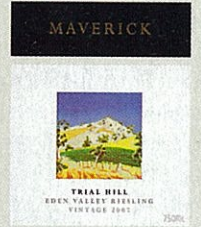
**95** ★★★★★  
2007 Oliver's Taranga  
Vineyards Small Batch 1856  
Viognier, McLaren Vale, A\$18

This is a marvellous, quite complex McLaren Vale viognier with rich spicy, honey and apricot aromas embellished with barrel characters. It has weight and presence but also lightness, softness and harmony. Utterly delicious. | 2



**92** ★★★★★  
2007 Maverick  
Trial Hill Eden Valley Riesling,  
A\$25/NZ\$35

That's two successes in a row for this new maker. A very intense and youthful riesling, it has aromas of minerals and dry grass or straw and a hint of citrus, and promises more with a little time in the bottle. Discreet but concentrated. | 6



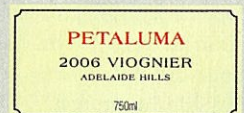
**94** ★★★★★  
2002 Meerea Park  
Alexander Munro Semillon,  
Hunter Valley, A\$35

Another nicely restrained, slow-ageing semillon with a light yellow colour and a classic buttered-toast and lemon-butter bouquet. It's very soft, with complex, mellow flavours and seemingly lower acidity than some of its peers. Delicious. | 4



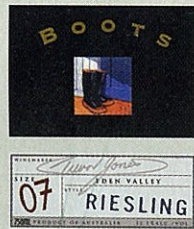
**92** ★★★★★  
2006 Petaluma Viognier,  
Adelaide Hills, A\$39

Nutty and apricot aromas include some lees and barrel influences. The palate is strong but not clumsy, with more apricot, fig and a dash of honey, finishing with some alcohol warmth. Lots happening in the glass here. | 3+



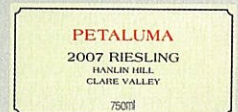
**94** ★★★★★  
2007 Trevor Jones  
Boots Riesling, Eden Valley,  
A\$17.50

A green-tinged, youthful, vibrant colour leads into a wine of great vitality and concentration. Deliciously herbal and lemony aromas are classic Eden Valley. The mouth-watering taste is soft and dry and almost painfully intense. | 8+



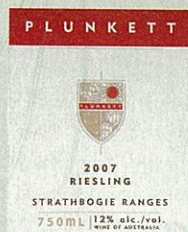
**91** ★★★★★  
2007 Petaluma Hanlin  
Hill Riesling, Clare Valley,  
A\$29/NZ\$25

Hanlin Hill is a rich, full wine this year with a faintly floral and straw-scented nose, and a rich, full palate that is more about generosity than subtlety. A good rather than great vintage in Clare, this will give pleasure in the shorter term. | 5



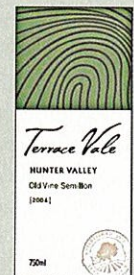
**93** ★★★★★  
2007 Plunkett Riesling,  
Strathbogie Ranges, A\$19

A very mineral, cool-climate customer with intense flavour, high acidity and great delicacy. Flowery and lightly herbal notes as well. Lighter bodied and with a touch of austerity, which makes it a great fish wine. | 7



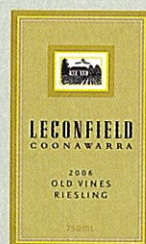
**91** ★★★★★  
2006 Terrace Vale  
Old Vine Semillon,  
Hunter Valley, A\$19.95

Straw and lanolin aromas introduce an old-fashioned style of Hunter semillon. Good intensity and length of flavour. It is already starting to show some beginnings of bottle-age toastiness, and it should continue to age well in the long term. | 7+



**92** ★★★★★  
2006 Leconfield  
Old Vines Riesling, Coonawarra,  
A\$19.95

There are some baked lemon pudding notes in the aroma, and the palate is light, lean and almost a touch austere, with a quite firm, dry finish and good length. A hint of toast is starting to appear on the nose. A lovely drink. | 5



**90** ★★★★★  
2006 Cape Mentelle  
Marsanne Roussanne,  
Margaret River, A\$28

This is a restrained but subtly complex white from a superbly cool vintage. Fresh stone fruit aromas; a clean, dry finish with a gentle tinge of barrel. It has delicacy and subtlety, which can be rare with these varieties. | 5+

