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**93**★★★★★

**2006 Katnook Estate Sauvignon Blanc, Coonawarra, A\$26.95**

This is at the more powerful end of the sauvignon blanc spectrum, with good intensity and a touch more complexity than most. Varietal integrity, too. The palate has depth and length, and a clean, dry, lip-smacking finish. | 3



**93**★★★★★

**2006 Scarborough White Label Semillon, Hunter Valley, A\$22**

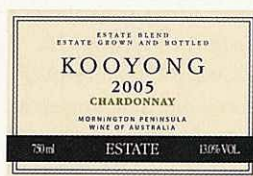
In a very fine traditional Hunter semillon style: 11 per cent alcohol with a soft, tangy, delicate palate that finishes clean and dry. Great purity of lemon and herb fruit flavours. This is a lovely dry white to drink now or cellar. | 8



**93**★★★★★

**2005 Kooyong Estate Chardonnay, Mornington Peninsula, A\$42**

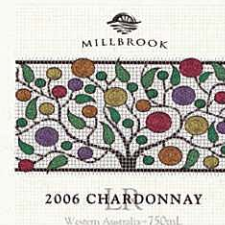
Shy, restrained aromas are tight and fruit-accented. The palate is fine and tidy, without malo character but with well-harmonised oak. This chardonnay is properly dry, compact and balanced in the mouth. It should age well. | 4



**92**★★★★

**2006 Millbrook Limited Release Chardonnay, Geographe, A\$35**

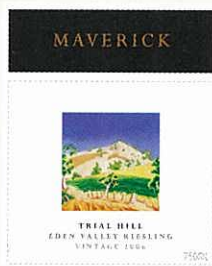
High alcohol (14.5 per cent) adds to the impact of this powerful chardy – not a wine to trifle with. Toasted nuts, butterscotch, gooseberry and grapefruit aromas are complex and show substantial oak. Concentrated with an impression of sweetness. | 2



**93**★★★★★

**2006 Maverick Trial Hill Riesling, Eden Valley, A\$25**

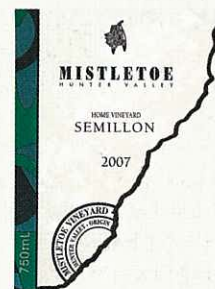
The maverick is Ron Brown, a Tokyo-based wine man of the world, now making wine from his vineyards in Eden Valley. This is a steely, dry, rapier-clean riesling with mineral and lemon/lime aromas of considerable appeal, especially with food. | 6+



**92**★★★★

**2007 Mistletoe Home Vineyard Semillon, Hunter Valley, A\$17**

At 10 per cent alcohol, you can almost drink yourself sober! Herbal and lemon aromas; searing acidity demands either food or ageing. Vital and vibrant, it's lively but also soft, and drinks deliciously now with seafood. | 6+



**93**★★★★★

**2006 Mountadam Estate Chardonnay, Eden Valley, A\$50**

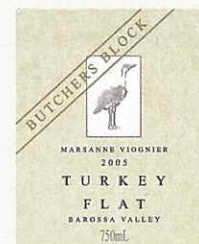
Nutty, milk-powder and toasty oak hints mingle with peachy and nectarine fruit aromas. This wine is rich yet subtle, generous and balanced, medium to full-bodied, and ends with some well-judged phenolics. | 4



**91**★★★★

**2005 Turkey Flat Butchers Block Marsanne Viognier, Barossa Valley, A\$23**

French oak shows in this generously proportioned white, with its spicy, potpourri aromas. It's dry and full, nicely textured and, again, spicy to taste, with a floral, powder-puff aftertaste. Full of interest. | 3



**93**★★★★★

**2006 Quealy Pobblebonk, Mornington Peninsula, A\$22**

This lovely wine is a pinot grigio, riesling, sav blanc and chardonnay blend. A lot of thought has gone into it. This shows in a distinctive, individual taste, a rich, spicy aroma and its flavour depth and concentration. Mineral and refined yet plump and full of interest. | 3



**90**★★★★

**2006 Foxeys Hangout Chardonnay, Mornington Peninsula, A\$27**

This Victorian chardonnay has strong malolactic characters with butter to butterscotch aromas. It has good weight and texture; complex layering of artifice and fruit flavours gives richness, depth and almost opulent flavour. | 2+

