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Maverick magic

When you hear things like artisanal boutique wine making, hand-picked grapes, basket pressing, terroir, old vines, very old vines and the rest, you prepare to be smacked around the heads with a hefty price.

Not so with Maverick, a new name from the Barossa starting to hit the shelves in Perth. Owner Ron Brown started the operation with the aim of selecting specific terroirs across the Barossa and taking in sub-regions such as Eden Valley and Greenock to produce strongly individual wines that reflect those regions.

As a result, Brown produces a number of outstanding individual vineyard wines. He has gradually grown the portfolio to include wines which are blends from across the terroirs and from vineyards of different ages under the Twins label. He also offers a terrific value-for-money house-style under the Breechens label for less than \$20.

Check out Chateau Guildford, Cellarbrations Jolimont, the Wembley Hotel, Re Store and De Vine.



Pick of the week

Maverick Greenock Rise Barossa Valley grenache shiraz mourvedre 2007 (\$25)

This is a beautifully perfumed wine displaying lovely scented sweet fruit. A seamless and silky smooth wine of great complexity and presence. Lovely medium weight palate and a very long finish. Great oak treatment. 95/100

Good match: Roast veal cutlet



Maverick Breechens Blend Barossa Valley shiraz grenache mourvedre 2008 (\$19)

A bold and ripe, juicy rich shiraz-dominated blend that offers a decent bang for your buck. Lots of deep dark plummy fruit with a firmish spine of solid tannin and understated oak. Tremendous value for money. 90/100

Good match: Scallopini



Maverick Twins Barossa Valley cabernet blend 2006 (\$26)

An ideal year for cabernet in the Barossa. Displays nice lifted blackcurrant and slightly minty characters. The palate is superb with its rich dark fruits supported with fine grained tannins and nice ample oak. Very long in the mouth with a juicy lushness. 92/100

Good match: Rare Scotch fillet



Maverick Paraview Barossa Valley shiraz 2007 (\$38)

Just released. This is a deliciously supple and understated wine of sublime subtle elegance. The palate is smooth and seamlessly constructed with silky fine tannins and perfectly weighted oak. It's a wine of real class from what was not considered a great year. 94/100

Good match: Osso bucco



Maverick Trial Hill Eden Valley shiraz 2006 (\$68)

Pure deluxe from the first sniff to the last slurp. Spicy vanillin notes open on the nose with masses of dark berry and subtle fruitcake. On the palate there is a rich abundance of dense and deeply concentrated fruit weight. Firm tannins support the fruit with some obvious oak evident. Great cellaring wine. 94/100

Good match: Lamb casserole