

Philip White



**Wilson Vineyard
DJW Clare Valley
Riesling 2005**

92 points
12.5 per cent
alcohol
Screw cap
\$22

Riesling from the Polish Valley side of the Clare ranges tends to be more softly aromatic than the more austere versions from the slate over the ridge. This one smells gorgeous: freesia perfume and tropical fruit sailed well about the glass. The limes hit once you're drinking it: delicate and gentle at first, then gathering force for a good spell in the cellar. Try it with snapper poached with saffron.

www.wilsonvineyard.com.au



**Juniper Estate
Margaret River
Semillon 2004**

91 points
12.5 per cent
alcohol
Screw cap
\$22

Start with unimigated 25-year-old vines. Make various batches with different tricks: feral yeast, barrel and tank, new and old oak, retained solids; and blend up this soothing, moody diversion. It's more lemon buttery than the crunchy new locals and watery Hunters, with meaty tannins following that creamy palate. Try it with osso coko from Marino's (Gouger St), parmigiana and artichoke hearts.

Outlets: www.juniperestate.com.au



**Cullen Margaret
River Sauvignon
Blanc Semillon
2004**

92 points
14 per cent alcohol
Screw cap
\$35

Starfruit, honeydew melon, mango, and oak that smells like crystallised ginger simmer away in this moody tropical brew. It's bigger than many reds in weight and intensity. Biodynamic viticulture and organic winemaking tend to give flavours so real they're formidable. Its staunch rhubarb-like acid is lost in all that slurpy tropical slush. Great with goose, possum, witchetties, prawns or sea slug.

Outlets: www.cullenwines.com.au



**David Franz Old
Redemption
Exceptionally Old
Tawny**

96 points
19.9 per cent
alcohol
Cork
\$80 for 500ml

Here's a fair-dinkum, high-alcohol Barossa that you can drink more easily than many of the Valley's party shiraz monsters. It probably has as much white as red in it. Using base wines that were old 50 years ago, with a little pert freshening, David Franz Lehmann has raided his dad's tractor shed with great effect. Raspberry, cherries, nuts – whatever you want, it's here in abundance. Absolutely stunning.

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