

Tasted

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Bargain buy



The Final Fronti 2003

95 points
12 per cent alcohol
Outlets, ph 8323 8125
\$15 (500ml)

FRONTI is archaic McLaren Vale for frontignac. It's scrumptious breakfast wine, spicy, elegant, slightly petillant, sweetly fruity-fresh, with a sexy aroma that reminds me of hot clutch.



David Franz Georgie's Walk Cabernet Sauvignon 2000

94 points
12.8 per cent alcohol
Outlets, ph 0419 807 468
\$35

DAVID Franz Lehmann, Peter and Margaret's youngest, made this lush, tarry red. Extended stewing on skins has enhanced its classic regional chocolate tones. Grand, but better with time.



Pondalowie Vineyards MT 2003

91 points
13.5 per cent alcohol
Outlets, ph (03) 5437 3332
\$22

LIKE the best tempranillos of Spain, it smells like freshly polished black leather as much as intense ripe berries, and its modest alcohol and complete lack of oak have kept clear our view of the wine's elegantly dark heart.



Sirromet Perfect Day Shiraz Mataro 2003

88 points
12.1 per cent alcohol
Outlets, ph (07) 3206 2999
\$12

GROWN and made 820m above the sea in Queensland's Granite Belt, this cheeky cheapy is blackberry and juniper in aroma, with sweet cooking chocolate hints and an easygoing palate.