



PRESS REVIEW—Ray Jordan
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TOP 100 Winter Reds—\$20 - \$25

Overview

“A couple of exceptional recent vintages—2004 and 2005—have resulted in some stunning wines in this price range, with representation from some of Australia’s best wine regions. I was particularly impressed with the cabernets, which this year have made a big comeback, after a few lean years that saw the variety dominated by blends with shiraz in particular.

The good thing here is that a lot of these wines will be discounted and when you consider how good they are breeding you can get some terrific cellaring wine for a song.

In the main these are more concentrated, power wines with better structure and more grunt. But balance remains a key to the best of them and I think less reliance on new oak, and a desire to keep the alcohol, albeit still a little high, below the high octane levels we have seen in some years. Such was the competition for the top wines that I agonised over the final selection. It means that the six near misses are well worth checking out and might just as easily have been included in the top dozen.”



TOP 100 Winter Wines

Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

“The wines from this Margaret River producer have now achieved greater consistency across the board and this one is a beauty.

Typical Margaret River cabernet with blackcurrant black olive and some cabernet leafiness. A little for the chocoholics in there, too.”

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