



wine

with Jeff Collerson

Rosé



Brown Brothers 2008 moscato rosa (\$16)

FAVOURITE wine styles with younger drinkers are moscato and rosé, so winemakers at Brown Brothers have produced the best attributes of both in this newie. Medium dry but with fruity, sherbet-like characters and a touch of spritz on the tongue, this is a winemaking triumph. Utterly delicious and sure to be a huge crowd pleaser. Widely available.

Red



Penley Estate 2006 Condor shiraz/cabernet (\$18)

MADE from roughly equal amounts of Australia's best known grape varieties, this has a spicy, peppery complexity and a touch of blackcurrants on the nose. Round, soft and creamy in the mouth, with a sweet mid palate showing lots of blackberries evident. Each variety's flavours are seamlessly integrated with oak and tannins. Stockists 9363 4845.

top drop

Red



Patina 2005 Orange pinot noir (\$27)

THIS is the best pinot I've tasted from Orange, the most exciting NSW region for this variety. Has good structure with deep gamy aromas and a tight, firm palate revealing supple tannins and good length. Better value than most pinots; I have encountered many \$40-plus examples which are not as good. Stockists 0429 457 575.

White



Tim Adams 2008 pinot gris (\$22)

CLARE Valley's Tim Adams is committed to using only water from his own supplies. This, his best, is Adams' fifth pinot gris. Adams aims for the rich Alsace style rather than the leaner Italian model, but although full-flavoured this retains a racy, zesty mouth-feel courtesy of fine acid. Stockists 08 8842 2429.