



Wine with an altitude

Frog Rock Mudgee Pinot Gris 2008

MUDGEE is not a very likely region to be producing quality pinot gris. This is a variety that is known more for its cool climate origins. However, that said, there are some very high altitude vineyards in the Mudgee region. These vineyards are up around the 900 metres and produce some wonderful, intensely flavoured, cool climate grapes.

The Frog Rock pinot gris is from one of these vineyards located in the mountains around Rylstone. The 2008 pinot gris is almost verdelho-ish with loads of fruit salad aromas and flavours including cut apple, pear and citrus. It's a zippy, refreshing wine and finishes crisp and dry.

Price: \$25
Cellar: 2009 - 2010



Starvedog Lane Adelaide Hills Shiraz Viognier 2007

STARVEDOG Lane is a winemaker based in the Adelaide Hills in South Australia. They have been making some great wines over the years and the 2007 shiraz viognier is no exception. This wine has won gold medals at Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne wine shows; an impressive achievement.

The wine shows lifted floral, blackberry, plum, dark fruits, liquorice and violets on the aroma. There is a lot going on with a complex array of flavours and texture. Leave this wine sitting in the glass for a while, and more aromas and flavours appear. It's not an in your face wine, but rather an elegant and restrained one. The tannins are soft and balanced, and the finish is long and appealing.

Price: \$26
Cellar: 2009-2015



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Xabregas Great Southern Riesling 2008

THE Great Southern Region of Western Australia produces some fantastic rieslings. This region is one of the largest (in area) of all the wine regions in Australia and produces 37 per cent of Western Australia's wine grapes. There are a number of sub regions within Great Southern, with this riesling coming from the Mount Barker region.

The 2008 Xabregas riesling displays great varietal flavours of lime, slate, mineral and talc. It is a mouth-filling wine with a long finish and excellent crisp acidity. This is not widely available, however it's worth tracking down.

Price: \$16.99
Cellar: 2009-2012

