



Riesling has youth on its side



PETER LEHMANN BLUE EDEN RIESLING 2001

RIESLING is a wine that, when made well, can cellar for many years. As young wines, they tend to have tight acid structures which soften over time. The Eden Valley is a region that has proven its longevity with riesling. The 2001 Blue Eden is developing beautifully. It is starting to show some yellowing in the glass, giving an indication of its age. The bouquet is still fresh with citrus and lime aromas and an underlying maturation character. On the palate there are still fresh fruit flavours with attractive acid and zest. Again there are some aged characters; a touch of toastiness and oiliness, but it is still very youthful. This wine can still be found around town.

Price: \$19.99
Cellar: 2009-2019



SELAKS PREMIUM SELECTION MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

THERE is a lot of wine coming out of New Zealand which will end up in Australia. Already we are seeing one litre bottles and a new 1.5 litre soft pack (from Constellation's new Bud Naked Wines). More of these innovative products will certainly hit the shores over the coming months as these savvy producers explore new ways to sell their wines.

If you prefer your Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc in the traditional 750ml bottle, there are still plenty of these available. Selaks is a proven favourite with loads of flavours including crisp lime, grapefruit, melon and citrus. It's nicely balanced with good length and great value at \$15.

Price: \$15
Cellar: 2009-2010



WINDOWRIE ESTATE THE MILL VERDELHO 2008

VERDELHO is a variety that is often overlooked in favour of the more fashionable sauvignon blanc and pinot gris. However, there are a number of good examples of this variety that are grown in NSW. These include Angullong, Tulloch and Windowrie. These are all sold at a very modest price which makes them a good alternative to the above varieties. The 2008, gold medal winning Windowrie Verdelho is made from grapes grown in the Central Ranges, including Cowra. It is a fresh and crisp wine with pineapple and fruit salad aromas. These follow through to the palate with further, intense citrusy flavours, held together with a tight acid structure and elegant length.

Price: \$14.99
Cellar: 2009-2011

