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Hardys HRB | D636 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006



**Cellar
Press**

David Cumming

THIS newish wine is part of Hardys' multi-regional collection. The wines are numbered according to a system that founder Thomas Hardy established years ago. This inaugural cabernet sauvignon is made from grapes grown in the Coonawarra and Margaret River regions. Considering these regions are over 3300km apart by road, it's no small feat just making the wine. It's a varietal cabernet with dry herbs, tobacco leaf, mint, chocolate and blackcurrant aromas. The palate is fresh and well balanced with fine, yet grippy, mouth coating tannins. A few more years in the bottle will help.

Price: \$30

Cellar: 2010-2016



Mount Pleasant Hunter Valley Philip Shiraz 2006

THIS shiraz is usually one of the best value reds on the market. Year after year it offers exceptional quality for a reasonable price and is often discounted close to \$10 a bottle. This is a great regional Hunter Valley wine and at this price should have a spot in any cellar. This vintage is a medium bodied wine with lovely dark berry, cherry, plum and fruitcake aromas. The palate offers similar characteristics with some earthy, spice, liquorice and vanillin. The fine grained tannins are well balanced and will continue to soften with age.

Price: \$17

Cellar: 2009-2013



Taylors Clare Valley Riesling 2008

THERE'S been talk of the great riesling revival for many years. I think that it's missed the boat. However, riesling will always hold a special place in the wine world, given its ability to age and to be made into such a variety of styles. The Taylors riesling 2008 shows intense lime and lemon aromas with a touch of floral and musk notes. The palate is crisp and refreshing with invigorating acidity ensuring good length of flavour. It's quite textural in the mouth which adds extra complexity. This is a wine that should develop nicely in the bottle over the next few years.

Price: \$18

Cellar: 2009-2015

