



CUMULUS ORANGE CHARDONNAY 2008

BEHIND Orange's well-known Rolling and Climbing brands is the Cumulus winery. Cumulus, located at Cudal, has recently released an Orange Region Chardonnay under the Cumulus brand. Whilst Orange is busily promoting Sauvignon Blanc, the region's Chardonnay is fast gaining industry attention. A few years ago, Penfolds released a super premium Orange Chardonnay which added further weight to the region's Chardonnay.



The new Cumulus Chardonnay is a lovely wine with heady aromas of almond, peach, citrus, spice and lemon. It is a very flavoursome wine with plenty of complex fruit characters and a luscious, mouth-filling texture. The oak is well used and nicely balanced. It's a great food wine.

Price: \$29.00
Cellar: 2009-2012

KINGSTON ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2008

OVER the past few years family-owned Kingston Estate has been focusing on developing varietal, South Australian wines that offer great value. The Moularadellis family have been busy sourcing grapes from some of SA's better wine regions that complement the characteristics of each



region. The latest release chardonnay hits the mark nicely. It is made from grapes grown at Mount Benson and Adelaide Hills and comes together nicely.

The aromas are of melon, lemon, white peach and white chocolate. The palate is quite elegant with citrus fruit, cashew and a pleasant butteriness. At \$12.99 it's one of the bargains in the chardonnay department.

Price: \$12.99
Cellar: 2009-2011

ROBERT STEIN MUDGEE RIESLING 2009

ROBERT Stein Wines can trace their winemaking history back to 1838, when the Macarthur family brought Johann Stein to Australia with the country's first cuttings of Rhine Riesling. 138 years later, in 1976, Robert 'Bob' Stein purchased 75 acres in Mudgee and renewed the Stein passion for viti-



culture. The 2009 Riesling is a pearler. The harsh conditions of the vineyard have made the vines struggle and subsequently they have infused the grapes with loads of flavour. It is a racy wine with floral, rose petal and lime aromas. The palate has abundant juicy flavours of varietal lemon and lime that continue on and on. The acid is great, finishing clean and crisp.

Price: \$25.00
Cellar: 2009-2015