



Orange region goes blanc

Swinging Bridge Orange Region Sauvignon Blanc 2009

The Orange region is reinforcing its credentials as a producer of great sauvignon blanc. The 2009 Orange Wine Show has recently awarded 16 medals within the sauvignon blanc class with the comment "Top wines complex, racy with minerality".

The chardonnay class was also strong with a high percentage of wines winning medals. These two varieties are the heroes of the Orange wine region. One of the newest Sauvignon Blanc from Orange is the 2009 Swinging Bridge.



This wine shows varietal aromas of passionfruit and lemon meringue. The palate is round and soft with more passionfruit and citrus fruit flavours showing through. This wine was awarded a bronze medal at the recent show.

Price: \$20. Cellar: 2009-2010



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Stockman's Ridge Pinot Gris 2009

Stockman's Ridge is another new winemaker using grapes grown in the Orange region to make their wines. They have recently released a pinot gris, sauvignon blanc, shiraz and merlot, all of which are made from locally grown grapes. If you fancy yourself as a poet, then check out the Stockman's Ridge website as they are giving consumers the chance of having your bush poem published on future wines. The pinot gris has aromas of floral perfume, cut nashi pear, lemon and citrus fruit with some added spice and honey. The palate is soft and sensuous the varietal citrus and pear flavours taking centre stage. It's a dry wine with good depth of flavour and a lingering finish.

Price: \$22. Cellar: 2009-2011



Nottage Hill Shiraz Viognier 2006

Hardys Nottage Hill wines have been around for many a year. More often than not, they offer excellent value for money and a safe option when confronted with the plethora of brands in the bottle shop. The first release Nottage Hill was in 1967 to honour the contribution of Thomas Hardy Nottage, a cousin to the Hardy family. The latest release of the shiraz viognier is the 2007 vintage, however it's the 2006 that's more likely to be found around the traps. This is a peppery and spicy wine with aromas of blackberry and violets. It has very soft and approachable tannins which is perfect for this price. The extra year maturation has been good for it, integrating the oak, tannins and sweet fruit flavours.

Price: \$12.50. Cellar: 2009-2011

