



Winners are world-class

Orange Highland Loch Ellen Pinot Noir 2008

ORANGE Highland Wines and Gardens is one of the newest vignerons to Orange. Owned by Helen and Ross Harrison, Orange Highland has established a beautiful garden and cellar door at Nashdale. The gardens, although relatively young, are quite striking, and it is easy to imagine that they will become an Orange icon in the future.

Their wines include two ranges, the Loch Ellen and the Orange Highland. The Loch Ellen Pinot Noir 2008 is a light garnet colour. It shows



aromas of dried herbs, sour cherry, cigar box and cranberry. The palate has varietal red berry flavours with bacon and spice. The tannins are well integrated and very approachable with a long, balanced finish. This would be well partnered with a local venison dish. Bronze medal at the Orange Wine Show.

Price: \$24.00
Cellar: 2009-2013

Bloodwood Shubert Chardonnay 2005

WELL before Orange nominated Sauvignon Blanc as its hero wine variety, a few winemakers were making some pretty darn good Chardonnay. Murray Smith at Canobolas Smith and Steve and Rhonda Doyle at Bloodwood have been fine tuning Orange chardonnay for many a year and the results are world class.

The Bloodwood Shubert showcas-



es the potential of chardonnay from this cold climate, high country region. It exudes complexity with melon, citrus and lemon aromas caught up in buttery, peaches and cream.

It is a mouth-filling wine with grapefruit, honey and spice flavours and a lovely biscuity finish.

The French oak maturation is well integrated and balanced with the sublime fruit. This is an Orange flagship wine.

Price: \$35.00
Cellar: 2009-2014

Sharpe 'Lazy Rosy' Rosé 2009

YOU gotta love rosé. It's one of those easy drinking wines that are right at home with the warmth of summer. There are more and more of these pink wines gracing the shelves of the local bottle and a number of the Orange region rosés are well worth trying.



For me, Margot and Tony Sharpe's Lazy Rosy sums it up nicely. Chill it down and get lazy. The colour is a vibrant pinkish purple. This is an appealing wine - soft and rounded with lofty strawberry aromas that flow through to the palate. It's an easy drinking wine that doesn't take itself too seriously. Bronze Medal at the Orange Wine Show.

Price: \$15.00
Cellar: drink now