



Logan wines find the right balance



Houghton Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

THIS is a new range of wines from Houghton, made solely from Margaret River grapes. The range includes the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009 Sauvignon Blanc and 2009 Chardonnay; all varieties that grow well in the region.

The Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine with lovely regional aromas including aniseed, cherry and some herbaceousness and spice.

The flavours include chocolate, red berries such as raspberry and cherry, olives and vanillin oak. It is a medium-bodied wine with integrated, dusty tannins. Sweet fruit lingers on the finish.

Price: \$19.95
Cellar: 2010-2013



Logan Orange Region Cabernet Merlot 2007

I'VE reviewed most of the Logan wines over the past 18 months, and for good reason. They are very well made wines, with excellent varietal definition, loads of flavour and well priced. The Logan wines offer a good balance of the Orange region, Mudgee and a combination of both (known as Central Ranges).

The 2007 Logan Cabernet Merlot is rich and inviting with chocolate, coffee, toffee, herbs and dark berry aromas. These flow through on the palate with a lovely earthiness adding interest and character. The tannins are finely grained and well balanced with the rich, ripe flavours.

Price: \$25
Cellar: 2010-2015





Tyrrell's Old Winery Pinot Grigio

ACCORDING to Tyrrell's Pinot Grigio/Gris is the fastest growing wine segment, growing at a rate of 52 per cent year on year up to November 2009. This is quite an achievement for a variety that most people didn't know existed a decade ago. This growth must be coming at the expense of another variety – quite possibly (and unfortunately) Chardonnay.

It is due to this growth that more and more wineries are making a Pinot Grigio and Tyrrell's is no exception. The new 2009 Old Winery Pinot Grigio is a pretty good example for the price. It shows varietal floral, pear and melon aromas and is a soft and flavoursome wine. It has a slight oiliness on the palate with a crisp finish.

Price: \$12.99
Cellar: 2010-2011

