



# Head to the hills for a shiraz

## Barwang Hilltops Shiraz 2008

Barwang is owned by McWilliam's and is a brand that calls the hill-tops region home. This region is situated in the Murray Darling basin, around the towns of Young, Harden and Boorowa.

The altitude is around 400 to 600 metres and they have been producing grapes since the 1860s when Croatian immigrants planted vines to produce wine for the local gold fossickers.

The 2008 shiraz has fantastic depth of colour. The aromas are abundant with fruit-cake, dark berry and plums.

The oak maturation adds complexity without fighting the fruit flavours and the tannins are soft and integrated. Decant for a couple of hours before drinking as it really shines.

**Cellar:**  
 2010-2015



## Windowrie The Mill Verdelho 2009

The Cowra wine region is known for its chardonnay and many of the region's wine-makers are making good, modern versions with less oak, and more focus on the fruit. Another variety that does well in the Cowra and Canowindra region is verdelho.

Windowrie has been growing Verdelho since 1994 and it has proven to be one of the most consistent performers in the region.

The 2009 is a crisp, juicy and clean wine which has a veritable tropical fruit salad of flavours.

It is all about the lively fruit which it certainly delivers in spades. The acidity provides balance and it has a pleasant dry finish.

Next time you're looking for a fruit driven white wine go for a verdelho for a change.  
**Price: \$17**  
**Cellar:**  
 drink now



## Thomas Hyland Chardonnay 2009

The Thomas Hyland Chardonnay has "Cool Climate" on the front label, however it's a bit difficult to track down the exact region. Penfolds list Adelaide, so I'm guessing that there is a fair bit of Adelaide Hills grapes in the wine.

It is a real peaches and cream chardonnay with flavoursome citrus, stone fruit, green pea and a touch of white chocolate.

It is relatively crisp, without the natural acidity that you may find in really cool climate wines.

It is very well balanced and offers plenty of flavour.

**Price: \$22**  
**Cellar:**  
 2010-2013

