



A cracking wine into the bargain



Peter Lehmann Classic Riesling 2009

THERE are come absolute bargains to be had at the moment and this is certainly one of them. Peter Lehmann has made a name for himself with his rieslings (amongst other wines), and this continues with the release of the 2009 wines. This vintage includes a printed scale on the back label that indicates the level of sweetness, taking the guesswork out of it. It is a wine with ample aroma of honeysuckle, rose petal and varietal citrus. The sweetness is certainly not obvious, as it is well balanced with a taut acid, making it a lovely wine to match with a wide range of spicy foods. At \$12 a bottle it is hard to go past.

Price: \$12. Cellar: 2010-2013



Robert Stein Third Generation Chardonnay 2010

EACH new vintage is an opportunity for the winemaker to look at how they wish to make a particular style of wine. For Robert Stein Wines in Mudgee, the 2010 vintage has seen the introduction of their new Third Generation Chardonnay. The third generation winemaker is Jacob Stein who has returned to his Mudgee home having spent many years working with other winemakers in Australia and overseas. The new chardonnay is a modern style with restraint and tightness. The ripe grapefruit citrusy flavours are held within a complex, lean and mineral structure. There is a pleasant grip on the finish. A great food wine which will reward a few years in the cellar.

Price: \$20. Cellar: 2010-2014



Swinging Bridge Rosé 2010

WITH the pipes freezing and ice on the windscreen, it may be a bit cold to be looking out for a crisp rosé at the moment. However, it will be warm before you know it and this cool climate, fresh style will work perfectly. Swinging Bridge is a winery located in Canowindra that makes wine from their vineyards as well as from grapes grown for them in the higher Orange region. This rosé is from Orange and shows a beautiful, vibrant light ruby colour with some purple youthfulness. The floral aromas include red berries and a touch of Iced Vo Vo. It is a crisp and refreshing wine with a soft mouth feel and a tight, cleansing finish.

Price: \$17. Cellar: 2010-2012

