

Long Flat shiraz viognier offers plenty of bang for your buck

Long Flat Shiraz Viognier 2008

THE story of Long Flat goes back to Tyrrell's in the Hunter Valley where it was first conceived and reached great success across Australia.

A number of years ago, the brand was sold to Cheviot Bridge whereby it dropped the Tyrrell's name and stood alone as "Long Flat".

The shiraz viognier 2008 was a real surprise. It offers a fantastic amount of flavour for 10 bucks.



Price: \$9.99
Cellar: 2009-2011



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It is perfumed and lifted with luscious blackberry aromas and a slight apricot viognier character.

On the palate there is spice, smoky bacon and rich, intense berry flavours. It is soft and round with the only issue being a hint of alcohol in the finish. Great value!

McWilliam's Mount Pleasant Florence Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

MOUNT Pleasant is one of the most awarded brands in Australia's winemaking history.

The winery was established in the Hunter Valley by the legendary Maurice O'Shea and has become an icon of the Australia wine industry, particularly the Hunter Valley semillons and shiraz.

A new wine to the range is the Florence semillon sauvignon blanc. Eighty-seven per cent of the blend



is Hunter semillon which shows the wine's great pedigree.

Varietal semillon and sauvignon blanc grassiness and citrus aromas promise the fresh fruit flavours that follow. Passionfruit, snow pea, citrus, lime and a touch of asparagus meld together on the palate which is crisp and long. It is a wine with lovely intensity and

character and is a suitable partner for the Elizabeth semillon.

Price: \$17.99
Cellar: 2009-2012

Stoney Rise Riesling 2008

STONEY Rise is a small, boutique winemaker in Tasmania, situated in the picturesque Tamar Valley.

It is owned and operated by husband and wife team, Joe and

Lou Holyman and was named after a surf break in the Little Dip Conservation Park behind Robe in South Australia - a place where Joe probably spent a fair bit of time.

The 2008 Tasmania riesling is a good food

wine that opens up and looks better with time in the glass. It's an

interesting wine with kafir lime leaf, tea tree and citrus scents bounding from the glass.

The

palate is rich with lime, lemon, grapefruit and a mineral chalkiness. There is some mouth-puckering acid, however it is balanced and shows good length.

Price: \$25
Cellar: 2009-2012



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