

Blend of regions suits palate

Hardys HRB | D639 Riesling 2008

THIS is a new range of wines which has just been released by Hardys. It comprises riesling, chardonnay, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. All of the wines have been developed with a view to blending regions in order to complement each characteristic and so create a better wine.

The new riesling is a blend of South Australia's Clare Valley and Tasmania.

It is intensely aromatic with lime, apples and citrus. The palate shows similar characters with a touch of chalkiness, mineral and grapefruit flavours.

It's well balanced with a fine grippy finish.

Price: \$30
Cellar: 2009-2015



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Freeman Rondo Rosé 2008

Rosé can be a bit hit and miss when you pick a bottle from your local bottle shop. Some are very simple, with cloying sweetness and not a lot in the way of fruit flavour. Others, however, offer refreshingly crisp fruit flavours that complement a meal on a warm evening.

The newly released Freeman Rondo Rosé 2008 from the Hilltops region is a beauty. It's made from the little known rondinella grape that Brian Freeman planted over 10 years ago. It is vibrant salmon bronze cerise colour, with floral, spice and cherry aromas followed by a crisp dry, lingering palate.

Price: \$20
Cellar: 2009-2010



Hardys HRB | D637 Shiraz 2006

THIS is another of the new HRD wines from Hardys.

This shiraz is made from fruit sourced from Clare Valley and Adelaide Hills.

The naming stems from Thomas Hardy's unique coding system which began with A001 back around 1865.

It is a rich and robust wine with cherry and red berry fruit aromas, spice and charry oak.

The longer it sits in the glass the more these aromas come to the fore, with white pepper really shining through.

The savoury palate shows lovely length within a tight structure and chewy tannins.

This wine needs a few years in the bottle.

Price: \$30
Cellar: 2009-2012

