

## Labels do all the talking



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### Bloodwood Orange Region Big Men in Tights 2008

"About as red as Rudd at a Rio Tinto earth

summit, this economic crisis driven cohabitation of Malbec and Cabernet Franc is vital to the continued well-being of cosmos Bloodwood. An aromatic atmosphere of raspberries and cream adds premise to the alignment of flavours across the palate of this spicy lolly bag of a wine.

And it will only be a matter of time before upskilling downsizes the clear cut global response of working families going forward. Go on, pop it in a solar powered fridge, splash it in a non coal-fired glass, and remind yourself once more, until we all turn off the lights, this is but dark farce." - Big Men in Tights back label.

Couldn't have said it any better.

**Price: \$19.**

**Cellar: 2009-2011**

BLOODWOOD  
BIG MEN IN TIGHTS

### Sharpe Orange Region Chardonnay 2008

Margot and Tony Sharpe established Sharpe Wines in 1998 when they planted 4000 Cabernet Sauvignon vines on their property at Emu Swamp. They have since planted Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay, with Margot making the wines. The cellar door is located at the vineyard on the Icely Road and is open by appointment.

With the current success of Orange region Sauvignon Blanc it is easy to forget the great Chardonnays being made from our high country vines. The Sharpe 2008 Redemption Chardonnay is one worth trying. It is an elegant, cool climate style with honeydew melon, kiwifruit and grapefruit flavours, held together in a tightly structured, mouth-filling wine. It is a very linear wine with good length of flavour.

**Price: \$18**

**Cellar: 2009-2013**



### Peppertree Alluvius Hunter Valley Semillon 2009

The Hunter Valley's Peppertree has been doing some good things with Semillon. This is a variety that is often overlooked in the wine shops, due to it being unfashionable. It is not however a reflection of the quality.

The new 2009 Alluvius Semillon is a lovely wine. It is youthful, zesty and vibrant. The flavours are intense and include lemongrass, grapefruit and citrus with great texture on the palate. The acid balance is spot on and there is added lime and mineral flavours giving extra complexity. At 10.5 per cent alcohol, it is light and refreshing. It's all about the line and length - sort of like Glenn McGrath.

**Price: \$30**

**Cellar: 2009 - 2020**

