



Pinot noir puts fire in the belly



Bay of Fires Pinot Noir 2008

It is generally agreed that Pinot Noir is a tough grape to grow well and is suited to cooler climates. In Australia, the better regions for Pinot Noir have proven to be in places such as the Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula, Geelong and Tasmania.

Orange is starting to make some good examples and further time will determine whether these wines can match Australia's best.

The Bay of Fires Pinot Noir comes from vineyards that are only seven years old; relatively young. It is a wine that shows plum, dark cherry, spice and earthiness. The flavours are supple and complex with good structure and a touch of tannin grip.

Price: \$38
Cellar: 2010-2017



Logan Apple Tree Flat Rosé 2009

Logan Apple Tree Flat Rosé is made from a blend of Shiraz, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grown in the Central Ranges of NSW. Once the grapes were taken to the winery, they were crushed and left on their skins for 12 hours.

It is during this relatively short time that the reddish pink colour from the skin is infused in the juice.

The juice was then fermented, filtered and bottled. The result is a lovely crimson pink wine, eminently suited to these warm summer days. The wine is fresh and crisp, showing attractive raspberry and blueberry flavours, which linger delightfully.

Price: \$11
Cellar: 2010-2011





Moppity Hilltops Rosé 2009

Moppity owners Alecia and Jason Brown have been making some pretty handy wines lately. Their vineyards are situated 12km south east of the township of Young in the Hilltops wine growing region.

Some blocks of the vineyard were planted in 1973, making them some of the oldest in the region.

These gnarly old vines produce only small amounts of grapes, however, these berries are rich and concentrated.

Whilst probably not from these older vines, the Moppity Rosé has loads of character. Violet and raspberry aromas are followed by juicy red berry and spice flavours. It is a refreshing wine with a clean, crisp finish.

Price: \$19.95
Cellar: 2010-2011

