



In the mood for cool climate shiraz



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Moody's Orange Region Shiraz 2009

Moody's Wines has a rich and interesting history, which is well documented on their website moodyswines.com.au. Tony Moody hails from a long line of wine merchants, his great grandfather having established Moody's Wines in England in 1902.

Tony concentrates his efforts on Shiraz with a small dalliance with Sauvignon Blanc. The 2009 Shiraz shows a range of dark berry fruit flavours with added spice, mint and pepper. There is a balanced amount of vanillin oak sitting in the background and the tannins are soft and integrated. This is a wine that benefits from decanting, or enjoying over a couple of nights.

Price: \$20
Cellar: 2010-2014



Ninth Island Tasmania Pinot Grigio 2009

Pinot Grigio performs well when grown in cooler climates such as Tasmania. Other regions such as Orange, King Valley and Geelong in Victoria and Adelaide Hills in South Australia are also producing excellent interpretations of this variety.

Pinot Grigio, as wine guru Jancis Robinson describes, "often makes pretty dreary drinking". It is a nice surprise to come across refreshing and flavour-some examples. The Ninth Island has a pleasant aroma of tropical fruits, pears, lavender and rose petals. The palate is mouth filling and luscious without being bland or oily. The acid is soft, but balanced.

Price: \$21.50
Cellar: 2010-2011



Tyrrell's Lost Block Hunter Valley Semillon 2009

Semillon continues to lose ground to Sauvignon Blanc, particularly the stuff from New Zealand. In competition, Tyrrell's have added an extra label to their 2009 Lost Block Semillon declaring "Light, Refreshing, Unoaked, Australian". This will hopefully gain them a few new customers, who tend to look toward Sauvignon Blanc for just these reasons.

The 2009 Lost Block Semillon is full of citrus, kiwi fruit and lemon sorbet flavours. It's a great, unoaked, fresh style of wine, with a lower alcohol level than many wines. Semillon is a wine that should not be overlooked when you're browsing the bottleshops. Many are like this one; fresh and crisp, with more complexity than the usual Sauvignon Blanc.

Price: \$18.99
Cellar: 2010-2014

