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| nv | Sorelle Bronca | Prosecco | Valdobbiadene, It | 60 |
| 2005 | Yarrabank | Chard/Pinot | Yarra Valley, Vic | 60 |
| nv | Ca'del Bosco | Chard/Pinot | Franciacorta, It | 95 |

Unlike prosecco, the sparkling wines of Franciacorta are made using the Champagne varietals of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. In fact, the whole winemaking process, from blending of still wines to lees contact and fermentation techniques, are the same as that of Champagne. The result? Wines that are of equal finesse and quality to the French versions yet still somehow Italian.

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| nv | Pol Roger | Chard/Pinot | Epernay, Fr | 135 |
| 2000 | Dom Perignon | Chard/Pinot | Epernay, Fr | 395 |
| 2002 | Louis Roederer 'Cristal' | Chard/Pinot | Reims, Fr | 530 |

aromatics

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|------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|----|
| 2008 | Chestnut Hill | Sauv. Blanc | Mt Burnett, Vic | 45 |
| 2008 | Neudorf | Sauv. Blanc | Nelson, NZ | 45 |
| 2009 | Stratum Estate | Sauv. Blanc | Marlborough, NZ | 50 |
| 2009 | Howard Park | Riesling | Margaret River, WA | 50 |
| 2005 | Pewsey Vale 'Contours' | Riesling | Eden Valley, SA | 55 |
| 2006 | Dr Loosen 'Cht St Michelle' | Riesling | Washington, USA | 65 |
| 2008 | Stumpy Gully | Marsanne | Mornington Pen, Vic | 45 |
| 2009 | Coriole | Fiano | McLaren Vale, SA | 50 |
| 2009 | Charles Melton 'Rose of Virginia' | Rose | Barossa Valley, SA | 50 |
| 2009 | Tellurian | Viognier | Heathcote, Vic | 45 |
| 2008 | By Farr | Viognier | Geelong, Vic | 95 |

chardonnay

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|------|----------------------------|--|------------------------|----|
| 2006 | Mount Mary 375ml | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 80 |
| 2006 | Chestnut Hill | | Mt Burnett, Vic | 50 |
| 2006 | Frogmore Creek | | Coal River Valley, Tas | 50 |
| 2007 | Tuck's Ridge | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 55 |
| 2008 | Staete Landt | | Marlborough, NZ | 60 |
| 2009 | Aamietta 'White Limestone' | | Geelong, Vic | 60 |

The vines for this Chardonnay are planted in Lethbridge on the Bellarine Peninsula in what is basically chards of limestone. The lack of actual soil on this site means that the resulting wine is like those of Chablis. Bone dry with a complex play of minerals across the palate. Some white cherry and lean stonefruits complete the mix.

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| 2006 | Eastern Peake 'Intrinsic' | | Ballarat, Vic | 70 |
| 2008 | Tomich Hill 'Reserve' | | Adelaide Hills, SA | 70 |
| 2006 | Dalwhinnie | | Moonambel, Vic | 105 |
| 2009 | Stumpy Gully 'Encore' | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 115 |
| 2008 | Wantirna Estate 'Isabella' | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 115 |

vini bianchi italiani

For those of you who are not accustomed to drinking Italian white wine, there are two major differences that you will notice. Firstly. What on earth are all these wierdly named grape varitals? Falanghina? Carricante? Pecorino? I thought that was cheese! Secondly. Most of the white wines of Italy are a lighter, aromatic style that lends itself more for drinking with food rather than alone. There are exceptions like the Carricante which is fuller bodied and not too disimilar to Chardonnay or Friulano which almost has some of the barnyard characters of Pinot Noir. It can be a minefield but that's what we are here for. Just ask and we will always be able to find something to suit your taste.

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| 2008 | Terre di Monteforte | Pinot Grigio | Veneto | 45 |
| 2009 | Piccolo Ernesto | Gavi | Veneto | 45 |
| 2007 | Anselmi 'San Vincenzo' | Garganega/Pinot Bianco | Veneto | 50 |
| 2008 | Tieffenbrunner | Pinot Grigio | Alto Adige | 50 |
| 2008 | Cantine Pra | Garganega | Soave | 55 |
| 2008 | Bruni 'Plinio' | Vermentino | Toscana | 55 |
| 2008 | Cantine Terlaner 'Classico' | Pinot Bianco/Chard/S Bl | Alto Adige | 60 |
| 2008 | Le Vaglie | Verdicchio | Le Marche | 60 |
| 2008 | Tiberio | Pecorino | Abruzzo | 60 |
| 2008 | Barone Sergio 'Alegre' | Grillo | Sicilia | 60 |
| 2007 | Primosic | Ribolla Gialla | Friuli | 60 |

Subtle aromatics of dried flowers, acacia and honey. A delicate acid structure lends itself perfectly to food.

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|------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|----|
| 2008 | Tenuta Cavalier Pepe | Fiano | Campania | 65 |
| 2008 | Pighin | Sauvignon Blanc | Friuli | 65 |
| 2008 | Gulfi | Carricante | Sicilia | 65 |
| 2008 | Castello di Nieve | Arneis | Langhe | 65 |
| 2006 | La Cappucina 'San Brizio' | Garganega | Soave | 70 |
| 2008 | Taburno | Falanghina | Campania | 70 |
| 2007 | Primosic | Friulano | Friuli | 70 |
| 2007 | Lis Neris 'Fiori di Campo | Friulano/Riesling/S.Bl | Friuli | 75 |

The Lis Neris estate is in San Lorenzo, a village on a small plateau that forms a part of the Isonzo DOC. The limestone and gravel soils of this region make it ideal for growing the white grapes that have made Friuli famous. This blend allows for the roundness and savoury notes of Friulano to come through (I'm told that the winemakers of the region generally export Pinot Grigio and keep the Friulano to themselves!) while the Sauvignon and Riesling give the wine some lifted citrus aromatics and provide the structure. A fantastically complex wine.

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| 2007 | Venica E Venica | Pinot Grigio | Friuli | 95 |
| 2008 | Livio Felluga | Pinot Grigio | Friuli | 95 |
| 2008 | Planeta 'Cometa' | Fiano | Sicilia | 120 |

Straw yellow with a slight green blush. This wine is known for it's amazingly complex nose of white flowers, thyme, chamomile, mint perhaps, and tangerine. Voluptuous yet still elegant, there is a vibrant acidity and great mineral expression of the terrior.



vini rossi italiani

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|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----|
| 2007 | Tiberio | Mont. d'Abruzzo | Abruzzo | 55 |
| 2004 | Marramiero 'Inferi' | Mont. d'Abruzzo | Abruzzo | 95 |
| 2008 | Hofstatter | Pinot Nero | Alto Adige | 110 |
| 2005 | Cantine del Taburno | Aglianico | Campania | 55 |
| 2007 | Tenuta Cavalier Pepe | Aglianico | Campania | 60 |
| 2007 | Prunotto | Barbera d'Alba | Piemonte | 45 |
| 2007 | Sordo | Barbera d'Alba | Piemonte | 55 |
| 2007 | Enzo Boglietti | Barbera d'Alba | Piemonte | 70 |
| 2006 | Castello di Nieve 'Santa Stefano' | Barbera d'Alba | Piemonte | 90 |
| 2004 | Castello di Cigognola | Barbera | Piemonte | 135 |

When you have a great producer and a great vintage, special wines happen. A medium bodied wine with bright, red fruit tones, there are hints of earth, violets and plums which create great complexity and length.

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| 2007 | Sordo | Dolcetto | Piemonte | 55 |
| 2009 | Renato Ratti 'Colombe' | Dolcetto | Piemonte | 70 |
| 2003 | San Fereolo | Dolcetto | Piemonte | 80 |
| 2008 | Fontanafredda | Langhe Nebbiolo | Piemonte | 50 |
| 2008 | G D Vaira | Langhe Rosso | Piemonte | 60 |
| 2005 | Proprieta Sperino 'Uvaggio' | Nebbiolo/Vespolina | Piemonte | 95 |
| 2003 | Castello di Neive 'Riserva' | Barbaresco | Piemonte | 220 |
| 2003 | Fontanafredda | Barolo | Piemonte | 140 |
| 2003 | Gaja 'Dagromis' | Barolo | Piemonte | 215 |
| 2004 | Azelia 'San Rocco' | Barolo | Piemonte | 260 |
| 2004 | Enzo Boglietti 'Arione' | Barolo | Piemonte | 290 |
| 2003 | Pio Cesare 'Ornato' | Barolo | Piemonte | 295 |

The Wines of La Spinetta

A little over a decade ago, Giorgio Rivetti bought up some of the best parcels of real estate in the areas of Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera and Langhe. Some of these vineyards had vines that are 60 to 100 years old however they had been somewhat neglected. Tending the land back to it's former glory and using pristine winemaking techniques, he is now producing some of the best wines in the area and is also leading what he calls a farmer's revolution based on the philosophy that if you do everything right in the vineyard, then the process of making great wine from those grapes is very simple. I have managed to procure some of his Barbera and a little of each of his two Barbaresco's, (there is also a Sangiovese listed in the Tuscany section) all of which are intense and savoury and do wonders for warming the soul during these colder months. If it's a special occasion or you just feel like splashing out, they are definitely worth it.

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| 2005 | La Spinetta 'Bionzo' | Barbera d'Asti Superiore | Piemonte | 150 |
| 2005 | La Spinetta 'Staderi' | Barbaresco | Piemonte | 370 |
| 2005 | La Spinetta 'Gallina' | Barbaresco | Piemonte | 370 |

vini rossi italiani

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| 2006 | Podere Castorani 'Scia' | Sangiovese | Puglia | 40 |
| 2007 | L'Astore Masseria | Primitivo | Puglia | 50 |
| 2005 | Tenuta Pozzopalo 'Giravolta' | Primitivo | Puglia | 55 |
| 2002 | Donna Lisa Riserva | Salice Salentino | Puglia | 105 |
| 2007 | Gostolai 'Nepente di Oliena' | Cannonau di Sardenga | Sardenga | 60 |
| 2008 | Gulfi 'Rossojbleo' | Nero d'Avola | Sicilia | 60 |
| 2004 | Donnafugata 'Mille e una Notte' | Nero d'Avola | Sicilia | 210 |
| 2006 | Col d'Orcia 'Gineprone' | Chianti Montalcino | Toscana | 50 |
| 2007 | Marchesi di Frescobaldi | Chianti | Toscana | 55 |
| 2006 | Giacomo Mori | Chianti Classico | Toscana | 60 |
| 2007 | La Spinetta 'Il Nero di Casanova' | Sangiovese | Toscana | 70 |
| 2004 | Giacomo Mori Riserva | Chianti Classico | Toscana | 100 |
| 2005 | Piaggia 'Il sasso' | Carmignano | Toscana | 130 |
| 2004 | Col D'Orcia | Brunello di Montalcino | Toscana | 150 |
| 2001 | Pian delle Vigne | Brunello di Montalcino | Toscana | 165 |
| 2001 | Podere 'Il Poggiolo' | Brunello di Montalcino | Toscana | 185 |
| 2006 | Insoglio del Cinghiale | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 80 |
| <p><i>What is a Super Tuscan? Born out of the frustration of local winemakers believing that they could make superior wines from Cabernet blends rather than the dictated Sangiovese. Unable to attach the regional DOC and DOCG ratings to these wines, they snubbed the government by taking the inferior IGT rating and using the term to create a point of difference. Ironically, these inferior' rated wines are some of the best in the region.</i></p> | | | | |
| 2004 | Argiano 'Solengo' | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 195 |
| 2006 | Tignanello | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 210 |
| 2004 | Tignanello | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 225 |
| 2003 | Castello Banfi 'Excelsus' | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 210 |
| 2003 | Sassicaia | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 295 |
| 2002 | Sassicaia | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 280 |
| 2002 | Ornellaia | Super Tuscan | Toscana | 295 |
| 2007 | Valentina Cubi 'Iperico' | Valpolicella | Verona | 50 |
| 2004 | Pasqua 'Sagramosa' Ripassa | Valpolicella | Verona | 65 |
| 2006 | Zenato 'Ripassa' | Valpolicella | Verona | 100 |
| 2004 | Roberto Mazzi | Amarone | Verona | 190 |

pinot noir

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|------|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----|
| 2004 | Mount Mary | 375ml | Yarra Valley, Vic | 125 |
| 2009 | Stumpy Gully | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 50 |
| 2006 | Chestnut Hill | | Mt Burnett, Vic | 55 |
| 2007 | MacArthur Ridge 'Southern Tor' | | Central Otago, NZ | 60 |
| 2008 | Tuck's Ridge | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 65 |
| 2007 | Prancing Horse Estate | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 70 |
| 2006 | Medhurst | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 70 |
| 2006 | Poole's Rock 'Cockfighter's Ghost' | | Tamar Valley, Tas | 75 |
| 2006 | Neudorf 'Tom's Block' | | Nelson, NZ | 80 |
| 2007 | MacArthur Ridge 'Estate' | | Central Otago, NZ | 80 |
| 2006 | Labyrinth 'Bien Nacido' | | Santa Barbera, CA | 95 |
| 2006 | Prophet's Rock | | Central Otago, NZ | 100 |
| 2008 | William Downie | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 105 |
| 2005 | Diamond Valley 'White Label' | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 105 |
| 2006 | Stumpy Gully 'Zanvoort Reserve' | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 110 |
| 2008 | By Farr 'Sangreal' | | Geelong, Vic | 115 |
| 2008 | Wantirna Estate 'Amelia' | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 115 |
| 2003 | Bannockburn 'Stuart' | | Geelong, Vic | 120 |
| 2008 | By Farr 'Tout Pres' | | Geelong, Vic | 160 |
| 2005 | Mount Mary | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 220 |
| 2001 | Giaconda | | Beechworth, Vic | 230 |
| 1997 | Giaconda | | Beechworth, Vic | 265 |

varietals

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| 2006 | Knots 'Top Knot' | Sangiovese | Heathcote, Vic | 115 |
| <i>Knot's Estate 'Top Knot' wines are only made with exceptional fruit and in minute quantities. Only 2 barrells were made of the 2006 Sangiovese. An amazingly complex nose of chocolate, cherries, coffee and dried fruits preceeds a palate of tremendous length. Comparable to many a Brunello di Montalcino and half the price.</i> | | | | |
| 2005 | Chestnut Hill | Nebbiolo | Mt Burnett, Vic | 50 |
| 2007 | Coriole | Nebbiolo | McLaren Vale, SA | 65 |
| 2005 | Pizzini 'Il Barone' | Nebbiolo / Cabernet | King Valley, Vic | 70 |
| 2003 | Pizzini 'Il Barone' | Nebbiolo / Cabernet | King Valley, Vic | 85 |
| 2007 | S C Panel | Nebbiolo | Adelaide Hills, SA | 90 |
| 2008 | Samuel's Gorge | Grenache | McLaren Vale, SA | 80 |
| 2002 | Russell Wines 'Augusta' Museum | Grenache | Barossa Valley, SA | 145 |
| 2006 | Glen Eldon | Merlot | Barossa Valley, SA | 40 |
| 2008 | Plunkett Fowles 'Stonedwellers' | Merlot | Strathbogie Ranges, Vic | 45 |
| 2004 | Munari | Merlot | Heathcote, Vic | 65 |
| 2004 | Domaine A | Merlot | Campania, Tas | 130 |



cabernet and blends

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|------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|----|
| 2004 | Craggy Range 'Sophia' 375ml | Cabernet/Merlot | Hawkes Bay, NZ | 40 |
| 2002 | Wolf Blass 'Black Label' 375ml/9 | Cab/Shiraz/Malbec | Barossa Valley, SA | 85 |
| 2004 | Rookery Red | Cabernet/Petit Verdot | Kangaroo Island, SA | 40 |
| 2007 | West Cape Howe 'Book Ends' | Cabernet Sauvignon | Denmark, WA | 45 |
| 2006 | Rymill | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 55 |
| 2004 | Granite Hills | Cabernet Sauvignon | Macedon Ranges, Vic | 55 |
| 2008 | Bowen Estate | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 60 |
| 2006 | Patrick of Coonawarra | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 60 |
| 2007 | Taltarni | Cabernet Sauvignon | Pyrenees, Vic | 65 |
| 2005 | Medhurst | Cabernet Sauvignon | Yarra Valley, Vic | 65 |

The Medhurst vineyard and winery is nestled between Coldstream Hills and Yarra Yering in the Yarra Valley. The wines are made by Dominique Portet in a very food friendly style and are released after a little bottle age to ensure the public drink them only when they are ready and not when is economically convenient.

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| 2008 | Xanadu | Cabernet Sauvignon | Margaret River, WA | 65 |
| 2008 | Majella | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 70 |
| 2003 | Geoff Merrill Reserve | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 70 |
| 2007 | Frankland Estate 'Olmo's Reward' | Cabernet /Merlot | Frankland River, WA | 75 |
| 2005 | Parker 'Terra Rossa' | Cabernet Sauvignon | Coonawarra, SA | 75 |
| 2007 | Coriole 'Mary Kathleen' | Cabernet/Merlot | McLaren Vale, SA | 85 |
| 2006 | Petaluma | Cabernets | Coonawarra, SA | 105 |
| 2003 | Domaine A | Cabernets | Campania, Tas | 115 |
| 2002 | Yalumba 'Signature' | Cabernet/Shiraz | Barossa Valley, SA | 110 |
| 2004 | Voyager Estate | Cabernet/Merlot | Margaret River, WA | 120 |
| 2001 | Sally's Paddock | Cabernets | Pyrenees, Vic | 135 |
| 2004 | Lakes Folly | Cabernet/Petit Verdot | Hunter Valley, NSW | 140 |
| 2004 | Howard Park | Cabernet/Merlot | Margaret River, WA | 165 |
| 1999 | Parker 'Terra Rossa' First Growth' | Cabernets | Coonawarra, SA | 195 |
| 1998 | Chateau Ferriere Grand Cru | Cabernets | Margaux, Fr | 205 |



shiraz

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| 2001 | Henschke 'Keyneton Estate' 375ml | Shiraz/Cabernet | Barossa Valley, SA | 65 |
| 2004 | Penfolds St Henri 375ml | Shiraz | Multi Regional, SA | 110 |
| 2006 | Passing Clouds 'Zonnebeke' | | Bendigo, Vic | 45 |
| 2006 | Knots 'Sheepshank' | | Bendigo, Vic | 55 |
| 2007 | Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch | | Strathbogie Ranges, Vic | 55 |
| 2005 | Medhurst | | Yarra Valley, Vic | 55 |
| 2004 | Granite Hills | | Macedon Ranges, Vic | 60 |
| 2007 | Aamietta Vineyard | Shiraz/Lagrein | Geelong, Vic | 60 |
| 2008 | Tellurian | | Heathcote, Vic | 65 |
| 2008 | Majella | | Coonawarra, SA | 65 |
| 2007 | Terlato & Chapoutier 'lieu dit Malakoff' | | Pyrenees, Vic | 70 |
| 2007 | Izway 'Bruce' | | Barossa Valley, SA | 75 |
| 2006 | Samuel's Gorge | | McLaren Vale, SA | 80 |
| 2006 | Dowie Doole Reserve | | McLaren Vale, SA | 80 |
| 2006 | Glaetzer 'Anaperenna' | Shiraz/Cabernet | Barossa Valley, SA | 85 |
| 2005 | Bannockburn | | Geelong, Vic | 90 |
| 2001 | Bowen Estate | | Coonawarra, SA | 90 |
| 2005 | Lethbridge 'Indra' | | Geelong, Vic | 95 |
| 2005 | The Bridge Vineyard | | Heathcote, Vic | 95 |

A little gem that I discovered last year. Anyone who has tasted Jasper Hill 'Georgia's Paddock' will appreciate the fact that this vineyard shares a common border and enjoys a lot of the same blessed terrior of the more famous paddock. The wines are made with minimal interference to the point of being hand basket pressed allowing the classic mocha notes of Heathcote to shine through with rich, dark fruits.

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| 2004 | Mitchelton 'Print' | | Nagambie, Vic | 105 |
| 2006 | Smidge 'S' | | Barossa Valley, SA | 110 |
| 2005 | Dalwhinnie | | Pyrenees, Vic | 115 |
| 2002 | Dalwhinnie | | Pyrenees, Vic | 135 |
| 2006 | Mt Langi Ghiran | | Pyrenees, Vic | 115 |
| 2003 | Mt Langi Ghiran | | Pyrenees, Vic | 130 |
| 2003 | Paringa Estate Reserve | | Mornington Pen, Vic | 130 |
| 1998 | Orlando 'Lawson's' | | Padthaway, SA | 155 |
| 2002 | Bannockburn 'Serre' | | Geelong, Vic | 160 |
| 2003 | Wolf Blass 'Platinum Label' | | Barossa Valley, SA | 180 |
| 2001 | Penfold's 'St Henri' | | Multi Regional, SA | 200 |
| 2001 | Henschke 'Mt Edelstone' | | Eden Valley, SA | 215 |
| 2004 | Penfolds RWT | | Multi Regional, SA | 270 |
| 2003 | Penfolds 'Grange' | | Multi Regional, SA | 640 |

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|------|-------------------------|--|--------------------|-----|
| 2006 | Penfolds Bin 28 | | Multi Regional, SA | 130 |
| 2003 | Warrenmang 'Black Puma' | | Pyrenees, Vic | 230 |