

# IWFS OAKVILLE

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## OUR ANNUAL SAILING EVENT



### TONIGHT'S WINES

reviews and information

#### SEAVIEW BRUT METHODE CHAMPENOISE



"A household name in Australia respected for its sparkling wines. Seavie's origins date back to the 1850's when George Manning established 'Hope Farm' in McLaren Vale. The winery was renamed Seaview in 1952 by its new owners, Edwards and Chaffey. The fruit for the wines comes from many regions in South Eastern Australia. Seaview today exclusively specialises in sparkling wines and has

become the brand synonymous with celebrating."

source: [theglass.com.au](http://theglass.com.au)

"This Australian Sparkling is always a good-to-go, good price-quality and easy-to-get one for us. The yeast is quite present this time, in the first pour (aromas) and in the finish (mouthfeel). The nose seems quite sour as well. After breathing, things readjust. Sweet grape nose, well-balanced between the sweetness and sourness for taste and a nice mild dry finish with a little yeast lingering on the tongue. This version does seem a bit off, compared to previous years had, with notes of hazelnuts and coffee and a bit too much yeast remaining. Still, a decent value for the price with Jackson-Triggs Sparkling being the only one that beats this one in this category."

source: [the divine gulp](#)

## COORALOOK PINOT GRIS 2008



Pinot Gris

Australia

\$12.20 (212712)

David Lawrason

Both light Italian-inspired pinot grigio and rich Alsatian-styled pinot gris are hot in Australia right now, especially in cooler Victoria. From the latter camp this rich, ripe and complex (one-third aged in neutral oak for added texture) with ripe pineapple-apricot, honey and wildflowers. It's full bodied, warm, very spicy with excellent length. Quite impressive, from a producer and region that are

specializing in pinot gris. Last tasted April 2011.

Sara d'Amato

From the cooler region in Victoria comes this Alsatian-inspired Pinot Gris with terrific length and body. The colour is amber-gold with pink hues, characteristic of the pink Pinot Gris grape skin. Nose shows salty minerality and delicate floral notes. The palate is quite rich and fat showing ripe pear, honeysuckle and apricot along with savory soy sauce. Excellent length and complexity at a terrific price point. Tasted March 2011.

Steve Thurlow

There is definitely an onion skin tinge to this wine which is common for wines made from this pink skinned grape when there has been extensive skin contact, as I suspect here. The nose is very elegant with baked pineapple and apricot fruit supported by wild flower honey and mild spice. The palate is rich and very smooth, dry with plenty of flavour and very good length with some savoury tones on the finish. Try with roast poultry. Tasted April 2011.

## ST. HALLETT SEMILLON 2005, BAROSSA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Semillon

Australia

\$14.75 (658005)

David Lawrason

This is a classic, squeaky clean Aussie semillon, with a billowing nose of semillon's unique candle wax, fresh fig and lime aromas. Also some interesting clove spice lurking the background. It's medium-full bodied, initially soft then firm and dry on the palate, with a sense of minerality as well. Excellent length. Tasted June 2010.

John Szabo, MS

Once you are accustomed to the curious taste profile of classic Aussie semillon, you'll undoubtedly become a fan. This 2005 is just beginning to open up and reveal some interesting candied lemon-lime nuances. The palate is typically lean and tight, with low alcohol (11.5%, not at all uncommon for the grape) and surprising depth and length for such a slight body - quite deceptive. This will continue to age gracefully for another half dozen years or more. Great table companion. Tasted May 2010. Value Rating: \*\*\*

## DEVIL'S LAIR FIFTH LEG SHIRAZ MERLOT CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2010, MARGARET RIVER



Red Blend  
Australia  
\$16.00 (212605)

Steve Thurlow

Margaret River is a cooler part of Australia, ideal for producing more elegant softer wines. This is a stately Bordeaux blend with enticing red berry fruit aromas with truffle and cocoa notes. It is midweight well balanced with a long fruity finish with just enough tannin grip.

Very well done and great value. Try with roast meats. Best 2012 to 2017. Tasted April 2012.

### Winemaker's Note

Where does Fifth Leg come from? Fifth Leg was born from the Devil's Lair cave - a famous archaeological site not far from the Devil's Lair winery - where fossilised remains of a Tasmanian tiger were found, together with a mysterious extra leg. Seriously. True story.

Introducing the Fifth Leg Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot, which provides serious wine in a fun package.

Shiraz provides the backbone to this wine with plenty of plum, pepper and spice. Cabernet Sauvignon delivers dark cherry and blackberry fruit, with nice grippy tannins, while Merlot fills out the mid-palate with plenty of juicy, fleshy red fruits.

Colour - Deep red with a solid core.

Nose - Very inviting - bright and fresh. It's lifted and full of berries - raspberries, blueberries, cherries and spice. Further complexity comes from spicy French oak.

Palate - The palate shows soft and lush flavours with persistent red and blueberry characters supported by a fine tannin structure. The finish displays lovely length and a harmonious fruit and oak balance.

## STONE DWELLERS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Type Red  
Variety Cabernet Sauvignon  
Vintage 2009  
Winery Plunkett Fowles  
Region Strathbogie Ranges

Vintage Rating

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John Szabo, MS

Very ripe, minty, dark fruit and oak-scented cabernet here, with slightly sweet impression on the palate. There's palpable saltiness, and rather modest depth and length, especially at this price,

making this a very average commercial offering. Tasted December 2011.

Steve Thurlow

The 2009 vintage is very similar to the delicious 2008. This is another beautiful cabernet sauvignon with a perfumed nose of blackberry and black cherry fruit with juniper, menthol and oak spice tones. It is full bodied but lively with good to very good length. Try with a steak. Best 2012 to 2016. Last tasted April 2012.

David Lawrason

From the granite soils of the Strathbogie Ranges in Central Victoria, this is very "cabby" with classic aromas of tobacco, earth, dried mint, lead pencil and cassis. Definitely a cooler climate style within Australia's context. It's medium-full bodied, a bit loosely structured and sweet but also has some riveting tart acidity. The finish is very juicy blackcurrant with tea-like tannin, heat and graphite. Very good to excellent length. Last tasted July 2013

Gord Stimmell

Not nearly as profound as the 2008 vintage, which was world class. Plump black cherry, plum, vanilla and cedar aromas lead into violets accented fairly intense black cherry flavours. A tad green on the palate. The finish shows power in its black fruit length. Rating: 89+

## MCWILLIAM'S MOSCATO



Type	White
Variety	Moscato
Vintage	NV
Winery	McWilliam's Wines
Region	Riverina

Intense floral and tropical aromas, with citrus and lemon characters. Some subtle undertones of apple blossom and lime are also prevalent.

A rich, fresh and round palate full of tropical fruit juice is balanced by clean acidity which provides length and balance to this style.

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Sara d'Amato

A light frizzante style with low alcohol and plenty of appeal. Deliciously juicy fruit on the palate with plenty of opulent, honeyed fruit such as apricot, peach, mango, guava and starfruit. Ripe and quite sweet without much of an acidic backbone. Fun and luscious. Serve well-chilled either as an aperitif with soft cheeses and cured meats or as a palate cleanser between courses or even with a light summer dessert such as a peach tart. Tasted April 2011.

Steve Thurlow

This moscato is built like the northern Italian version from Asti with its vibrant acidity, slight spritz, low alcohol (6%), floral aromatics and sweet palate. What is there not to like here; a great starter wine for neophytes to wine. The nose shows ripe tropical fruit, banana and floral citrus; its very enticing. The palate is midweight fresh and pure with decent length and a clean lemony finish. A great summer sipper on the patio. Tasted April 2011.

David Lawrason

Too bad this is not in a bottle/package that catches its light, fun spirit. It's a light, off-dry, slightly spritzzy young moscato, very much in the style of moscato d'asti, with only 6% alcohol. The aromas are nicely fragrant with green banana, lavender and honey dew melon. Good focus on the finish as well, with some green tea/chai notes as well. Good length. Keep it well chilled. Tasted April 2011.

Evan Saviolidis

Here is an Aussie rendering of a Moscato d'Asti. Slightly frothy, the perfume of peaches, flowers and marmalade pulls the taster into its aura. It is sweet, with added nuances of honey and spice on the palate. Light bodied and refreshing, it is tailor made as a late evening summer sipper, or a lovely addition to homemade fruit salad. Serve well chilled.

## HELLYERS ROAD ORIGINAL SINGLE MALT WHISKY

LCBO 274464 | 700 mL bottle



Made in: Tasmania, Australia  
By: Whisky Tasmania

Spirits, Whisky/Whiskey, Single Malt Scotch  
46.0% Alcohol/Vol.

Taste Profile: Medium & Herbal

Hellyers Road is Australia's largest single malt distillery. Their Original expression comes without an age statement at 46.2% and is made entirely of Tasmanian malt. The wine bottle which contains this

whisky comes complete with a screw top, and the back label describes "tenacity and vision," notably lacking any mention of the whisky's character.

Nose: Despite clear indications on the label, grain alcohol features prominently on the nose. Too much oak, grassy, a hint of smoke, something reminiscent of sea salt, a touch of black licorice. The nose is unrefined and lacks any significant depth.

Palate: The plum note and mint undertone is a nice but cheap cocoa packed with heat and uncomfortable spice are sure to trigger an involuntary grimace.