



149 TASTED  
 109 AWARDED

## CENTRAL & WESTERN NSW

One of our strongest tastings over the past few years from this cool-climate region, showing that the difficult times of three or four years ago may be over. Since the region produces enough natural tannins of its own during cool years, it is pleasing to see the heavy hand of the oak being lightened up a bit.

### SPARKLING

6 TASTED  
 4 AWARDED

Solid group of easy drinkers, with a very good example of a sparkling red.



**Moppity Vineyards Reserve Hilltops Sparkling Shiraz NV \*\*\*\***

Pretty fruit nose and very pleasant, slightly sweet, palate. Very creamy texture, with well-balanced bright fruit flavours and acid length. \$59.99

**Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Hill Tops Chardonnay Pinot 2010 \*\*\***

Smoky/cherry oak evident on the nose. Soft and flavoursome in the mouth, with great spicy/savoury depth. \$14.99

**Centennial Limited Southern Highland Blanc de Blanc NV \*\*\***

Delicate yeasty/nutty nose and quite savoury on a palate driven by the acid. \$35

**Clearview Estate Mudgee Sparkling Chardonnay NV \*\*\***

Fragrant, musky bouquet, fine bead and slightly sweet and simple fruit palate. \$22

### DRY WHITE BLENDS

4 TASTED  
 2 AWARDED

Fresh and clean but generally simple wines.

**Windowrie Estate The Mill Central Ranges Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2010 \*\*\***

Spicy/floral aromas and clean, spicy palate with crisp, slightly biting, acidity. \$16.99

**Centennial Vineyards Bong Bong Southern Highlands White 2010 \*\*\***

Simple musky/floral/perfumed nose with big mouthful of spicy stone-fruit flavours. \$19

### OTHER WHITE VARIETALS

11 TASTED  
 9 AWARDED

The judges agreed that the alternative varieties can do well in these cooler regions. Good potential here when the wines reach maturity.



**Tertini Reserve Southern Highlands Arneis 2010 \*\*\*\*1/2**

Delicate complexity to a nose showing lovely floral and apple-like aromas. Fresh, spicy, fragrant, floral intensity on the palate with hints of apple. Great structure and texture. \$35

**Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Pinot Gris 2010 \*\*\*\***

Lovely characters of honey and butterscotch evident on a nose with a pretty, spicy lift. Good varietal fruit definition on the dry, well-balanced palate. \$30

**Coolangatta Estate Southern Coast Savagnin 2010 \*\*\*\***

Lively, very well made wine with guava-like characters on both nose and palate and some lovely herbal traces. Great palate structure. \$22

**Windowrie Estate The Mill Central Ranges Verdelho 2010 \*\*\*1/2**

Long, lively wine with a powerful impression of fruit salad characters on nose and palate and balancing residual sugar. \$16.99

**Burnbrae Mudgee Viognier 2009 \*\*\***

Good varietal; lovely apricot bouquet and lively, slightly hot, palate. \$18

**Frog Rock Wine Mudgee Pinot Gris 2010 \*\*\***

Well-defined varietal with unusual lime jelly style of fruit characters. Good food wine. \$18

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Southern Highlands Pinot Grigio 2010 \*\*\***

Quite vinous on the nose, with a tight varietal palate showing lots of citrus characters. \$25

**Tertini Southern Highlands Pinot Grigio 2010 \*\*\***

Light, bright floral/candy floss nose. Fresh, clean and very spicy in the mouth. \$25

**Wild Oats Mudgee Traminer 2010 \*\*\***

Floral/musky nose and well-handled balance between floral/musky flavours and residual sugar. \$18.99

### SAUVIGNON BLANC

9 TASTED  
 3 AWARDED

The judges were very disappointed with this group. Too many wines had simple, green fruit lacking in varietal intensity. But the wines that made the grade were clean and drinkable.



**Burnbrae Orange Sauvignon Blanc 2010 \*\*\***

Bright straw colour with pungent aromas and gooseberry and kiwi fruit flavours. \$18



**Barwang Wine Tumarumba Sauvignon Blanc 2009 ★★★**  
 Light citrus nose and pleasant, lively palate with soft, spicy notes and some residual sugar. \$19.99

**Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Central Ranges Sauvignon Blanc 2010 ★★★**  
 Gooseberry/tropical fruit nose and nice fruity sherbet characters on the palate. \$14.99

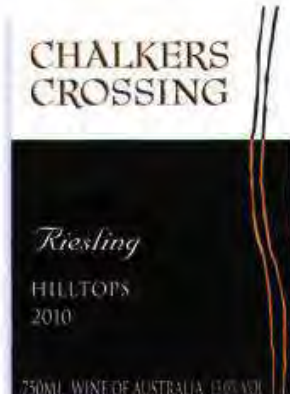
**RIESLING**

6 TASTED  
 5 AWARDED

"Why would you bother growing pinot gris when you can have nestlings like these?" asked one judge. "These were well-made wines with varying styles from those with residual sweetness to others that were bone dry."



**Tertini Southern Highlands Riesling 2008 ★★★★★**  
 Ripe and citrusy on the nose and tight and lean in the mouth with a lovely intensity of delicate orange-like flavours balanced by a crisp acid spine. \$35



**Chalkers Crossing Hilltops Riesling 2010 ★★★★★**  
 Very lifted, ripe, honeysuckle bouquet, followed by a palate exhibiting a nice balance and intensity of lemon/lime flavours. \$18

**Binbilla Wine Hilltops Riesling 2010 ★★★1/2**  
 Delicate frangipani/jasmine-like bouquet, with those characters echoed on the slightly sweet palate. \$20

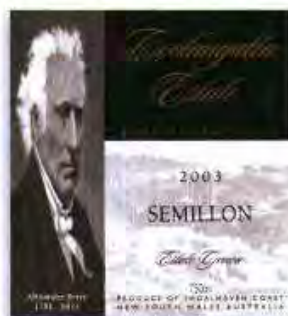
**Robert Stein Reserve Mudgee Riesling 2010 ★★★1/2**  
 Good example of style, with fresh, crisp lime aromas and smart, well-balanced citrus palate with well-handled residual sugar. \$45

**Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Hilltops Riesling 2010 ★★★**  
 Quite a lean and vinous style showing early signs of keto-like development. \$14.99

**SEMILLON**

9 TASTED  
 7 AWARDED

Almost a vertical tasting from one producer. Solid result, with one stand-out wine showing wonderful aged characters.



**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Semillon 2003 ★★★★★**  
 Great example of an aged semillon, with gorgeous honeyed/toasty development showing a hint of lanolin. Lovely palate balance and finesse with masses of smooth, ripe citrus flavours. \$27

**Chalkers Crossing Hilltops Semillon 2010 ★★★1/2**  
 Vinous nose with good depth of fruit flavours blended with barrel ferment characters on a dry palate. Great texture. \$18

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Semillon 2006 ★★★1/2**  
 Good toasty depth to the nose, and lively palate with plenty of wood integrated with citrus flavours and biting acidity. \$45

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Semillon 2010 ★★★**  
 Delicate, lifted, spicy lemon nose and pleasant palate with simple, spicy flavours and crisp acidity. \$20

**Frog Rock Mudgee Semillon 2010 ★★★**  
 Powerful young nose with bright, grassy aromas, followed by a spicy tropical fruit palate. \$18

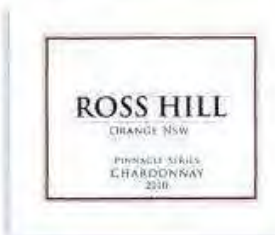
**Coolangatta Estate Wollstone Craft Shoalhaven Coast Semillon 2009 ★★★**  
 Subtle, lifted, spicy bouquet and well-balanced citrus palate with nice level of acidity. \$22

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Semillon 2008 ★★★**  
 Crisp, lively wine with hints of straw, followed by a lemon/citrus palate and touch of wood. \$35

**CHARDONNAY**

21 TASTED  
 15 AWARDED

Very strong, consistent group of chardonnays. There seems to be an effort for a stylistic shift towards finer, elegant styles which, the judges agreed, augurs well.

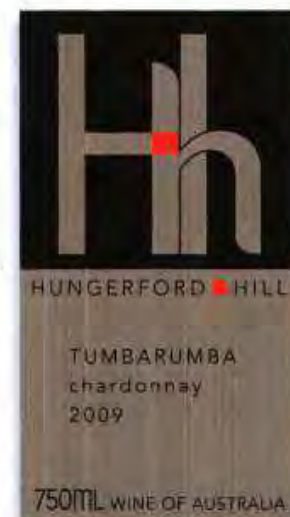


**Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Chardonnay 2010 ★★★★★**  
 Lovely big, buttery chardonnay with well-defined melon/oak aromas and great varietal fruit flavours seamlessly balanced with acid and wood. \$30

**Robert Oatley Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★★★**  
 Old-fashioned style with good varietal nose of melons and peaches and lovely rich palate with seamless balance between fruit and oak. \$25.99



**Queens Pinch Vineyard Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★★★**  
 Nose opens up to lovely spicy/honeyed characters, followed by fresh and lively varietal fruit flavours on a well-structured palate. \$15



**Hungerford Hill Tumarumba Chardonnay 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Nose not giving much away, but opens up to a well-constructed palate with excellent balance and great savoury elements mixed with stone-fruit. \$28

**Wild Oats Mudgee Chardonnay 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Lightly perfumed nose with a spicy lift. Very appealing fig, cashew and stone-fruit characters on the palate and just the right amount of oak. \$18.99

**Coolangatta Estate Alexander Berry Shoalhaven Coast Chardonnay 2009 ★★★1/2**  
 Citrus on the nose with floral overtones. Palate a tad lean and green - fruit-wise - but very good quality. \$22



**Hungerford Hill Fishcage Tumarumba Chardonnay 2009 ★★★1/2**

Very rich, sweet wine - a good commercial style projecting loads of lively melon and stone-fruit characters. \$17.99

**Moppity Vineyards Tumarumba Chardonnay 2010 ★★★**

Delicate, pretty nose - yet quite complex, with the acid prominent on the palate. \$24.99

**Frog Rock Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★**

Light melon bouquet and flavoursome fruit palate. Good simple, commercial style. \$15

**Montrose Stoney Creek Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★**

Subtle spicy lift to the nose, and sweet melon characters on the rich palate. \$23.99

**Windowrie Estate The Mill Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★**

Spicy/herbal nose with slight funky notes. Lively in the mouth, with complex, savoury flavours. \$16.99

**Prince Hill Mudgee Chardonnay 2010 ★★★**

Delicate melon aromas and bright, sweet and lively palate with slightly tart acidity. \$19

**Brangayne of Orange Isalde Orange Chardonnay 2009 ★★★**

Cashews, spices and melons on the nose, then a perfumed lift and plenty of ripe fruit in the mouth. \$30

**Clearview Estate Church Creek Mudgee Chardonnay 2009 ★★★**

Smells of sweet honeydew melons and exhibits delicate varietal flavours. \$17

**Robert Oatley Craigmoor ACI Mudgee Chardonnay 2009 ★★★**

Big, heavy, old-fashioned style of chardonnay. A lot of oak matched by the lifted, lively fruit. \$28.99

**ROSÉ**

7 TASTED  
 3 AWARDED

"Some nice dry, savoury tendencies here," said one judge, "while others were ripe and jammy, with raisined sweetness."



**Frog Rock Mudgee Rosé 2010 ★★★1/2**

Pretty, tea rose-like bouquet which follows through to the soft, fresh palate. Sweet but balanced with nice acidity. \$15

**Tertini Southern Highlands Rosé 2010 ★★★1/2**

Nose has a slight cherry cough mixture type of character, leading to a nice savoury palate. Good food wine. \$25

**Clearview Estate Rocky Waterhole Mudgee Rosé 2009 ★★★**

Light, spicy, fragrant nose and very sweet raspberry palate well matched with acidity. \$17

**PINOT NOIR**

7 TASTED  
 2 AWARDED

A disappointment for the judges, "Too many wines with non-varietal confectionery flavours," they concluded.

**Centennial Vineyards Woodside Southern Highland Pinot Noir 2009 ★★★**

Bright, light and peppery on the nose, with a well-structured, jammy berry palate. \$25

**Tertini Southern Highland Pinot Noir 2007 ★★★**

Beautiful plum nose with nice floral notes, and a soft berry fruit palate. \$30

**OTHER RED BLENDS**

7 TASTED  
 6 AWARDED

Solid class with good-quality fruit and well-handled oak. Definite improvement over what was presented a few years ago.

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Unfiltered Southern Highlands Cabernet Merlot 2008 ★★★1/2**

Spicy oak dominates the nose, which shows traces of licorice. Lovely big, rich palate - quite complex, with good fruity impression, nice firm tannins and interesting savoury elements. 3-5 \$30

**Windowrie Estate The Mill Hilltops Cabernet Merlot 2010 ★★★1/2**

Nice blend with good purple hues and a pleasant oak/mint/ berry bouquet. Palate surprisingly soft, with good fruit impact and powerful tannins that build to the finish. 3-5 \$16.99



**Cumulus Wines Rolling Central Ranges Cabernet Merlot 2008 ★★★1/2**

Good style with spicy/earthy bouquet showing a hint of licorice and some berry fruits. Big, solid, cranberry-like palate that has balance, weight and length. Drinking well now. \$17.99

**Brangayne of Orange Tristan Orange Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2009 ★★★**

Nose rich with vanilla, fruit and some earthy/chocolatey nuances. Soft, appealing fruit flavours with smoky overtones and warming alcohol. 3-5 \$30

**De Beaurepaire Captain Starlight Series Mudgee Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot 2008 ★★★**

Quite a complex nose - oaky and earthy with a touch of fruit. Simple palate with a hot finish. 3-5 \$19

**JUDGES**



Lynnette Haszard  
 Wine buyer for Woollahra and Bellevue Hotels and Bistro Moncur restaurant. Dux of Roseworthy Wine production course. Regular Winestate NSW judge.



Julia Conchie  
 Winemaker and vineyard manager for di Lusso Wines in Mudgee. Has also worked a vintage at Poet's Corner Wines. Associate judge at the Mudgee wine show.



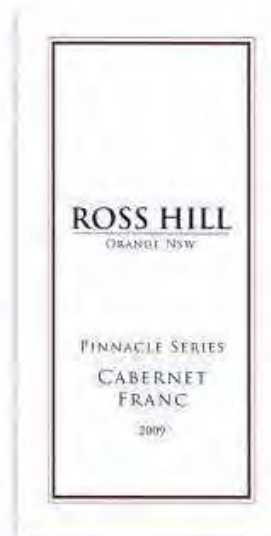
**Freeman Vineyards Hilltops Rondinella Corvina 2007 ★★★**

Subdued, cedary aromas and a 'bitey' palate with closed fruit flavours. Will soften with more age. **5+** \$30

**OTHER RED VARIETALS**

10 TASTED  
 8 AWARDED

Very solid class of unusual varieties. "Clearly a lot of potential for these different wines," said the judges.



**Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Cabernet Franc 2009 ★★★★★1/2**

Excellent varietal expression on the nose; lifted raspberries with minty/eucalypt touches. Much the same happening on a palate with great length of drying tannins. Good cellaring potential. **5+** \$35

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Tannat 2009 ★★★★★**

Attractive purple/violet hues with low-key but complex aromas. Palate very austere but lots of fruit lurks beneath and will show up with age. **5+** \$35

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Tempranillo 2009 ★★★★★**

Attractive oaky aromas with some pomegranate elements. Palate projects excellent varietal fruit flavours and finishes long and firm. \$35

**Centennial Vineyards Southern Highlands Sangiovese 2008 ★★★1/2**

Smoky/earthy berry fruit aromas and a firm palate with plenty of lean fruit, crisp acid and fine tannins. \$30

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Southern Highlands Tempranillo 2009 ★★★1/2**

Very young, savoury style that needs years of cellaring. Nice balance between spicy oak and soft fruit. \$30

**Prince Hill Mudgee Sangiovese 2009 ★★★**

Very appealing varietal characteristics on the nose, and with nice grippy tannins carrying the fruit. \$19

**Burnbrae Mudgee Sangiovese 2009 ★★★**

Subdued red fruit bouquet and light palate with simple fruit characters. \$18

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Barbera 2009 ★★★**

Toasty fruit aromas with earthy undertones, and robust fruit flavours. "Needs pizza or pasta!" \$30

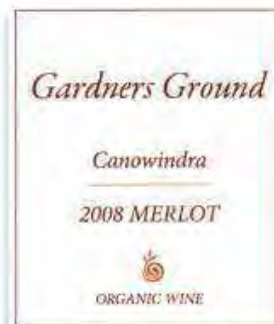
**MERLOT**

7 TASTED  
 5 AWARDED

The judges were pleasantly surprised at the quality of the merlots, with good consistent winemaking.

**Moppity Vineyards Hilltops Merlot 2009 ★★★★★**

Big, powerful, ripe merlot - very tannic at the moment. "Give it 10 years," suggested one judge. Lovely mix of berry fruit and oak characters. \$24.99



**Gardners Ground Organic Canowindra Merlot 2008 ★★★★★**

Loads of fruit all the way from beginning to end, with oak evident but well-integrated, creating a pleasing effect. "Good now - will get even better." **5+** \$19.99

**Windowrie Estate The Mill Central Ranges Merlot 2010 ★★★1/2**

Great nose - smells of jam on toast! Firm, tight and a little lean in the mouth, with a pleasant and lively finish. \$16.99

**Cumulus Wines Climbing Orange Merlot 2009 ★★★**

Subdued aromas with light cedar/fruit notes, and a simple, straightforward, lightweight palate. \$21.99

**Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Hilltops Merlot 2009 ★★★**

Deep purple wine with reasonable varietal fruit. Warm in the mouth. Firm finish. **3-5** \$14.99

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

15 TASTED  
 11 AWARDED

Excellent examples of good reds rather than varietal cabernets. The older wines really shone here and show the potential for even further ageing. Some of the '09s were overly tannic.



**De Beaurepaire Victor Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 ★★★★★1/2**

Tight, clean and slightly subdued nose with some nice aged characters developing. Palate still amazingly youthful, with long, well-balanced, licorice-like flavours. Give it another 4-6 years! \$28

**JUDGES**



**Stephen Knight**  
 20 years' experience in the wine and hospitality industries ranging from hands-on involvement in wineries, experience as a state sales manager, managing wine retail stores, and setting up and running restaurants. He is at present a freelance wine consultant, wine educator, writer and presenter both in Australia and overseas.



**Stephen Doyle**  
 Winemaker/proprietor for Bloodwood wines. Associate judge for NSW shows. Topped wine appreciation course at Australian Wine Research Institute in 2002. Has conducted 26 vintages around Australia.



**Denis Gastin**  
 Senior wine writer and author and former Australian trade official in China and Japan, who has written extensively about the Asian wine industry. He writes for wine and liquor industry publications in Japan and South Korea and for the official Australia Wine Japanese language website.



**Shaw Vineyard Estate Reserve Merriman Canberra District Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Good purple hues, appealing minty varietal fruit and some nice chocolaty notes with vanillin oak. Smells inviting. "Would be great with lamb," suggested one judge. \$45

**Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Eucalypt-dominated nose and warm palate with powerful varietal flavours and good oak interest. "Would be great with beef," thought one judge. 5+ \$35

**Queens Pinch Vineyard Select Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★**  
 Very well made wine dominated by some lovely varietal fruit and should age well. Minty/cassis nose and soft, well-balanced palate. 5+ \$24

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Southern Highlands Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★**  
 Savoury style with good oak characters on the nose and a tight and complex palate showing more fruit than the nose suggests. 3-5 \$35

**Prince Of Orange Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 ★★★★★**  
 Soft, well-aged cabernet with appealing Violet Crumble-like aromas and a medium-bodied, fruity palate with a nice tannic grip. 3-5 \$22

**Burnbrae Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Cassis and mint aromas, plus some licorice. Loads of rich flavours with complex elements showing through. All good! 5+ \$28

**Coolangatta Estate Shoalhaven Coast Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Minty cabernet aromas with a tinge of vanilla, and very pleasant, ripe fruit with an oaky framework. \$22

**Cumulus Wines Climbing Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Attractive fruit and oak on the nose, and quite a 'severe' palate with a tannic ending. \$21.99

**Robert Stein Reserve Mudgee Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Hints of mint and blueberries on the nose. Relatively soft palate with some impressive fruit. \$40

**Spring Ridge Wines Cowra Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 ★★★★★**  
 Solid, 'meaty' nose and slightly aged, well-balanced, savoury palate. Needs food. \$19

**SHIRAZ BLENDS**  
 4 TASTED  
 4 AWARDED

**Centennial Vineyards Reserve Southern Highlands Shiraz Viognier 2007 ★★★★★**  
 Riper style but still youthful, with a few years left in it yet. The nose shouts of raspberries with slight smoky overtones and the palate offers loads of flavour, great texture and plenty of length. \$30

**De Beaurepaire Leopold Mudgee Shiraz Viognier 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Pleasant, savoury bouquet with a tinge of viognier/apricot fruit, and chocolaty shiraz flavours nicely supported by the viognier. Good light red style. \$28

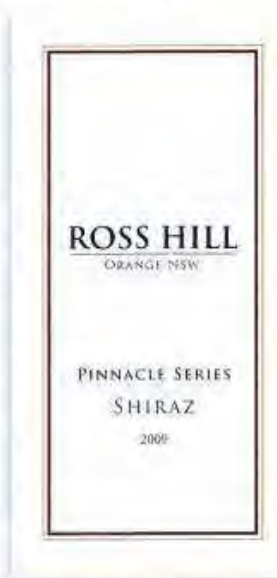
**Prince of Orange Orange Shiraz Viognier 2008 ★★★★★**  
 Savoury nose has spiciness building with some air. Shiraz obvious on a palate with good use of oak. All it needs is another 3-5 years! \$22

**Burnbrae Mudgee Shiraz Viognier 2009 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Nice touch of apricot characters on the nose, and very pleasant, soft, fruity palate with some shiraz fruit nuances. \$25

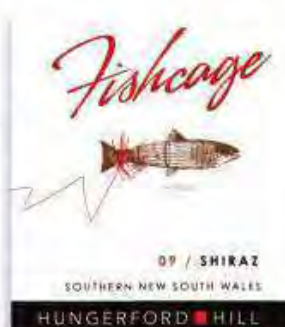
**SHIRAZ**  
 22 TASTED  
 22 AWARDED

At their best the wines from this region approach the best wines of the Rhone Valley. Amazing consistency of styles ranging from fruit-driven cool-climate wine to savoury, developed wines. Most of these trended towards restrained rather than heavy styles.

**Binbilla Wines Good Friday Hilltops Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Crimson wine with velvety berry and chocolate bouquet with slight savoury notes. Great, rich varietal fruit expression on a palate carried by some lovely tannins. "Good all-round drink," said one judge. \$25



**Ross Hill Pinnacle Series Orange Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Reeks of raspberries and has subtle oaky notes. Very rich and long shiraz fruit flavours that finish firm and tannic with heat from the alcohol. Age needed but you can drink now and enjoy. 5+ \$35



**Hungerford Hill Fishcage Southern New South Wales Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Colour and nose show promise and substance. Smells of plums, cherries and oak. Loads of complexity on a palate that's rich with fruit flavours. Will age beautifully but is also good now! 5+ \$17.99

**Pig in the House Wines Cowra Shiraz 2010 ★★★★★**  
 A consumers' wine that's all fruit. Rich, lifted raspberry aromas with smoky overtones and a palate that's open and fresh, with surprisingly good length and firm, grippy tannins. 3-5 \$25



**Robert Stein Reserve Mudgee Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Subtle wine with elegant intensity of fruit showing a slight green edge and some lovely chocolaty elements. The oak is quite evident but it has the fruit to carry it. 3-5 \$40



**Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Mudgee Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Oaky nose but with subtle raspberry fruit underneath and also raspberry flavours with a spicy lift. Tight, firm and youthful palate. \$14.99

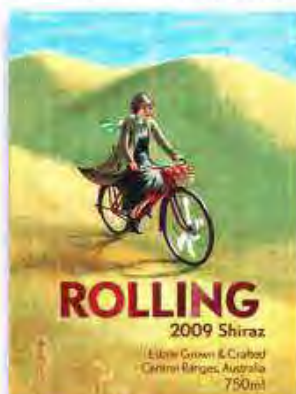


**Swinging Bridge  
 Central Ranges Shiraz  
 2009 ★★★★★1/2**

Vibrant, rich-red tones tending to purple, with ripe red berry aromas and loads of varietal expression on the palate. Good use of oak. Well-balanced and well-made wine. 3-5 \$19.95

**Moppity Vineyards  
 Reserve Hilltops Shiraz  
 2009 ★★★★★**

Solid, dark, chocolaty shiraz with good firm tannin support. Nice fresh berry aromas and crispness on the palate. \$59.99



**Cumulus Wines  
 Rolling Central Ranges  
 Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**

Nose has oak sitting on top of ripe berry fruits. Seamless balance and satisfying length of fruit/oak flavours. "A prosciutto wine," suggested one judge. \$17.99

**Montrose Mudgee Black  
 Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**

Lovely mix of red fruit aromas with subtle oaky notes. Youthful palate - plenty of berry fruit flavours and appropriate use of oak. Tannic end. 3-5 \$28.99

**Centennial Vineyards  
 Woodside Orange Shiraz  
 2009 ★★★★★**

Deep crimson wine with confectionery fruit nose and big, ripe, fruit palate. A bit of heat coming from the alcohol. One for lovers of blockbuster! 5+ \$23



**Clearview Estate Mudgee  
 Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**

Clean, fresh, lifted berry bouquet with good dollop of oak, and up-front shiraz fruit on a long, well-balanced palate. Made for early drinking. \$20

**Gardners Ground  
 Organic Canowindra  
 Shiraz 2008 ★★★★★**

Nose still quite closed but some attractive fruit just starting to peek through. Dark and chocolaty on the palate, with some alcohol heat on the finish. \$19.99

**Moppity Vineyards  
 Reserve Hilltops Shiraz  
 2008 ★★★★★**

Surprisingly minty nose with smoky/earthy overtones. Lots of soft fruit flavours on a palate with warming alcohol and a firm finish. 5+ \$59.99



**Burnbrae Mudgee Shiraz  
 2007 ★★★★★**

Earthy/tobacco bouquet and a palate that's firming up nicely with age and showing good length and intensity of rich fruit with subtle oak. 5+ \$28

**Hungerford Hill  
 Tumberumba Shiraz  
 2009 ★★★★★1/2**

Shy young fruit aromas on the nose but deceptively powerful fruit on the palate. Alcohol heat dominates the finish. 5+ \$35

**Frog Rock Wines Old  
 Vines Mudgee Shiraz  
 2006 ★★★★★1/2**

Unusual shiraz style. Soft berry aromas with a medicinal/menthol lift and more of the menthol characters on the soft palate. 3-5 \$20

**Cumulus Wines Climbing  
 Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★1/2**

Fuller, warmer-climate style - very chocolaty, with plum-like fruit underpinned by some really lovely oak. 5+ \$21.99



**Gardners Ground  
 (NAP) Canowindra  
 Shiraz 2010 ★★★★★**

Raw berry aromas and an assertive, tannic palate with greener fruit and high alcohol. Needs time. 5+ \$19.99

**Moppity Vineyards  
 Hilltops Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**

Tight fruit nose and very young, tight palate with reasonable varietal fruit presence. 3-5 \$24.99

**Willy Wagtail Mudgee  
 Shiraz 2009 ★★★★★**

Developed, earthy nose with nice berry notes, and lovely fruit impact on a soft palate with a firm finish. \$20

**Barwang Wines Hilltops  
 Shiraz 2008 ★★★★★**

Subdued, confectionery-sweet nose and a lean, sharp palate with nice fruit and hot alcohol. 5+ \$19.99

**SWEET WHITE  
 & FORTIFIED**

4 TASTED  
 3 AWARDED

Some lovely examples here that should please most consumers!



**Burnbrae Mudgee  
 Tawny NV ★★★★★**

Lovely rich rancio notes on the nose, and a velvety-smooth, well-integrated, sweet raisined palate. Has length and body. \$25

**Burnbrae Mudgee Liqueur  
 Muscat NV ★★★★★1/2**

Nose a tad 'quiet' but some good age depth. Rich and port-like in the mouth, with a lifted, spicy backbone. \$25

**Coolangatta Estate  
 Shoalhaven Coast  
 Fortified Verdelho  
 1998 (375ml) ★★★★★**

Ripe, honeyed nose with big, spicity lift, and a palate that resembles madeira. \$35