

WINE JOHN LEWIS



Here are three Orange reds that show how the region is creating new and diverse choices for the wine drinker.

Angullong 2009 Cabernet Merlot, \$17

Jon Reynolds was a pioneer of Orange winemaking and his skills are evident in this cabernet sauvignon-merlot blend. It is brick red with sweet cherry scents. The front palate brings forth mulberry and mint; blueberry and caper characters integrate with coconutty oak on the middle palate. The finish exhibits smooth dusty tannins. Available on angullong.com.au.



Ross Hill 2009 Cabernet Franc, \$40

We rarely see straight cabernet franc wines and this comes from the Ross Hill operation founded by Greg and Kim Jones in 1994. It is ruby-hued, has cranberry and gumleaf aromas and shows spiced black cherry flavour on the front palate. Peppermint, blackberry and licorice fruit characters integrate with toasty oak on the middle palate and ferric tannins feature at the finish. Buy it on rosshillwines.com.au.



Philip Shaw 2008 No 89 Shiraz, \$50

The 89 on the label relates to the year Philip Shaw planted shiraz vines on Koomooloo vineyard. The wine is vivid purple, has fruitcake scents and zings onto the front of the palate with intense blood plum flavour. Dark chocolate, rhubarb and black pepper fruit characters marry with spicy oak on the middle palate and pepperminty tannins come through at the finish. Get it on philipshaw.com.au.

