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CONGRATULATIONS to the Tasmanian Distillery, whose Sullivans Cove Bourbon Maturation 10-year-old won the 2011 World Whiskies Award for the Best Rest of the World Single Malt Whisky 12 years and under category. The awards are run by Whisky Magazine in the UK. But don't rush, because there's none left. It's all gone to Canada, says the distillery's head honcho, Patrick Maguire, proudly smiling.

A few cabernet sauvignons this week, all except the Brown Brothers and Rosnay screw-capped.





WINE	SOURCE	COMMENTS	FOOD
ROSNAY 2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$20 	Cowra, NSW	A certified organic wine. A rich mahogany colour with some browning at the edges and a touch of volatile acidity lifting the stewed plum aromas and flavours on a palate that's light, nicely balanced and, I suggest, is right at its peak now. 13.5 per cent alcohol www.rosnaywines.com.au	Like riesling and oysters, cabernet and lamb are a classic match. Or, at least, they're supposed to be. But too often in Australia, our cabernets are so richly fruity and big in alcohol that they overwhelm the delicacy of simple roast lamb and, like our shirazes, call for a hunk of char-grilled beef or rich red meat stews to handle them. Most of these are in that league. Or, if you'd like to try something different, put one of these up with a beef or mutton vindaloo and see if you think their fruit is a good cooling counter to the heat and spiciness of the dish.
XANADU 2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$32 	Margaret River, WA	Deep, dark colour with a nose and palate showing ripe plum, sweet berry fruit and cedary oak characters, rich yet nicely weighted and balanced with sweet fruit dominant again on the long, softly textured finish. 14.0 per cent www.xanaduwines.com	
LECONFIELD 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$34 	Coonawarra, SA	Young, fresh and densely coloured with savoury herbs and red berry fruit aromas and flavours, the mid-weight, smoothly textured palate at this stage nicely concentrated but fairly simple and one-dimensional with greater depth and complexity to come, finishing firmly tannic and dry. One for the cellar. 14.0 per cent www.leconfieldwines.com	
PARKER ESTATE 2006 TERRA ROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$36 	Coonawarra, SA	Deep purple black colour followed by a rich, ripe blackcurranty nose, the palate similarly intense and concentrated with black cherries, cassis and plum flavours and touches of more savoury earthiness running to a mouth-filling finish that's big but balanced. 15.0 per cent www.parkercoonawarraestate.com.au	
ROSS HILL 2009 PINNACLE SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$40 	Orange, NSW	A bright red/purple colour and equally bright and lively in the mouth with intense blackcurranty fruit and hints of mint supported by subtle oak, the palate smooth, balanced and firmly structured with good, savoury tannins drying up the finish. 14.5 per cent www.rosshillwines.com.au	
BROWN BROTHERS 2006 PATRICIA CABERNET SAUVIGNON \$56 	Multi-regional, Vic	Dense purple-black with ripe, blackcurrant-cassis fruit supported by deeper, more complex earthy characters, the full-bodied palate finely textured, richly concentrated and nicely balanced around a dry, savoury core and finish. 14.0 per cent www.brownbrothers.com.au	



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