

Grosset Gaia**Vintage 2006 RRP \$60.00**

NS: This 2006 Gaia comes as a 75% Cabernet, 20% Cabernet Franc and 5% Merlot blend and it's looking very approachable on release. Plenty of brambly fruits, leaves and mint. Smooth, medium weight palate and well-handled oak. A fine Clare Valley Claret!

info@grosset.com.au**Penfolds Bin 138****Grenache Mourvèdre Shiraz****Vintage 2007 RRP \$34.00**

NS: Slightly oak-dominant nose across the brambly mix of pomegranate and dark berry fruit aromas, a little earthy and resinous. The palate starts out soft, builds twangy and lifts through the middle and then finishes with a savoury tannin twist that's firm but not grippy. Needs time, best from 2013.

www.penfolds.com**Joseph Moda Cabernet Merlot****Vintage 2006 RRP \$55.00**

NS: Punchy, smoky oak characters open to deeply concentrated plums and ripe berries, nutty savoury notes at the edge, this is brimming with youthful concentration. The palate sits sturdy, ripe and juicy, with a good serve of oak. Straight to the cellar, it's a proven campaigner!

rvanruth@primoestate.com.au**OTHER REDS****Turkey Flat Mourvèdre****Vintage 2006 RRP \$35.00**

NS: A terrific expression of the happy marriage of Mourvèdre and the Barossa Valley. Sanguine earthy savoury notes with dark fruits and pepper. The palate is a real powerhouse, making a concentrated impression with toasty oak throughout. Sturdy dark plum finish.

info@turkeyflat.com.au**Xanadu Dragon Cabernet Sauvignon****Vintage 2007 RRP \$16.00**

TS: Check out the price. No, the score is not a misprint. With flavours of capsicum, blackcurrant leaf and mint, there's no question that you're drinking Margaret River Cabernet. Nicely handled oak contributes fine tannins and an attractive structure to a persistent finish.

sales@xanaduwines.com**Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo DOC Perbacco****Vintage 2006 RRP \$50.00**

NS: The quality of this wine frankly puts many a Barolo to shame. Exuberant musk, cherries, tar, roses, star anise—a complete array of Neb aromas. The brightness is remarkable. Fine lacy tannins that carry deceptively deep and long, lively acid spring and a trail of juicy savoury cherry flavour on a sturdy mineral base.

smcgill@casama.com.au**GRENACHE AND BLENDS****Magpie Estate Fakir Grenache****Vintage 2006 RRP \$22.00**

NS: There's plenty of red fruit, leather and savoury older barrel character here in this rustic Grenache with loads of charm. The innate suppleness and approachable tannins are delivered with some rustic Barossa clout. This is a good honest regional wine that's made for BBQs.

rolf@rolfbinder.com**Shays Flat Wild Child Sangiovese****Vintage 2006 RRP \$18.00**

NS: One of the newer, smarter Pyrenees labels, this Sangiovese shows plenty of regional and varietal character. The nose is a rustic mix of cherry fruit, herbs and spice, leading to a palate with fine sinewy tannins and a distinctly savoury wrap through the finish.

enquiries@shaysflat.com**Turkey Flat Grenache****Vintage 2006 RRP \$28.00**

NS: Grenache is a grape that's dear to the hearts of the folks at Turkey Flat. Quite rustic in style, with deep, dark berry fruits, savoury oak, spice and earth. The palate flows with attractive flavour and easy-drinking appeal with some savoury Barossa tannin to close.

info@turkeyflat.com.au**SWEET AND FORTIFIED WINES****Brown Brothers Patricia Noble Riesling****Vintage 2006 RRP \$35/375mL**

TS: I have been eagerly awaiting the release of this wine since I first tasted it a year ago. Since then, it has opened up to an incredible concentration of dried fruits, citrus rind, spice and honey, maintaining its primary grape-flavoured freshness. Driving, mineral acidity keeps it all in balance.

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