

Harvey Steiman's Recommended Australian Whites

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
LEEWIN Chardonnay Margaret River Art Series 2005 Round, generous and amazingly fresh, with a juicy hint of grapefruit playing against spicy pear, green guava and mint aromas and flavors that persist on the expressive finish.	95	\$89
PENFOLDS Chardonnay Adelaide Hills Yattarna 2005 An elegant, refined style. Starts with a lovely range of delicately honeyed pear and apple flavors, riding smoothly on a silky texture and enough acidity to keep it fresh.	94	\$72
PETALUMA Chardonnay Piccadilly Valley Tiers 2003 Polished, with creamy, toasty overtones to the tangerine-scented pear and dried fig flavors, finishing long and refined. Has elegance and a deft balance.	94	\$70
BINDI Chardonnay Australia Quartz 2006 This has impressive subtlety, offering a racy style that layers its compact pear, quince and cream flavors into a tidy array.	93	\$75
CULLEN Chardonnay Margaret River Kevin John 2006 Smooth, round, open-textured and generous with its pear flavors. Hints of cream and spice waft around the edges.	93	\$75
GROSSET Riesling Clare Valley Polish Hill 2007 Seductively aromatic and steely in structure, displaying layers of lemon, lime, mineral and floral notes.	93	\$46
SHAW & SMITH Chardonnay Adelaide Hills M3 2007 Polished and focused, with a minerally edge to the earthy pear and pineapple flavors. Reminiscent of Puligny wines.	93	\$41
TAPANAPPA Chardonnay Piccadilly Valley Tiers Vineyard 2007 Smooth and elegant, this is generous with its peach, pear, nectarine and spice flavors, riding on the polished texture.	93	\$83
BETTS & SCHOLL Riesling Eden Valley 2008 Light, crisp and beautifully focused, with cantaloupe, papaya and lime flavors that bounce easily across the palate.	92	\$29
DEVIL'S LAIR Chardonnay Margaret River 2006 Lithe, focused and appealing for its beautifully formed fruit character, offering pear, nectarine and a hint of gooseberry.	92	\$25
PEWSEY VALE Riesling Eden Valley The Contours Museum Reserve 2003 Dry and fragrant, with a tart edge to the gooseberry and green apple flavors, weaving in delicate floral notes.	92	\$28
YALUMBA Viognier Eden Valley The Virgilius 2007 Effusive but harmonious, this has the sunny character of Viognier, yet corrals into a nice level of intensity and focus.	92	\$40

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LEASINGHAM Riesling Clare Valley Magnus 2007 Impressive for its harmony and seamless structure, offering a joyous mouthful of lemon curd, quince and lime.	91	\$12
YALUMBA Viognier South Australia Organic 2007 Smooth and silky, this is generous with its pear, lemon curd and floral aromas and flavors, coursing through the finish.	91	\$15

TOP VALUES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MCWILLIAM'S Chardonnay South Eastern Australia Hanwood Estate 2006 This is crisp in texture and generous with its pear, melon and grapefruit aromas and flavors, lingering on the finish.	89	\$12
WOLF BLASS Chardonnay South Australia Yellow Label 2006 Light and spicy, with clove and pepper overtones to the lime and green apple flavors, persisting on the lively finish.	88	\$13
JACOB'S CREEK Riesling South Australia Reserve 2007 Bright and lively, with juicy pear and lemon flavors that pick up a green edge as they linger on the clean, dry finish.	88	\$12
MCWILLIAM'S Riesling South Eastern Australia Hanwood Estate 2006 Fresh, lively and relatively delicate, with pretty pine, lime and apple aromas and flavors that linger gently.	88	\$12
GREG NORMAN ESTATES Chardonnay Eden Valley 2007 Polished, with a spicy edge to the pear and grapefruit flavors.	88	\$13
OXFORD LANDING Viognier South Australia 2007 Round and generous, offering a juicy mouthful of pleasurable apricot, pear, floral and spice flavors.	88	\$10
SHOOFLY Chardonnay Adelaide Hills Chook Raffle 2007 Light and inviting for its grapefruit-accented pear and honeydew flavors, lingering on the refreshing finish.	88	\$14
D'ARENBERG The Stump Jump White Adelaide 2007 This fragrant Riesling blend is soft in texture, with pretty green apple and floral aromas and flavors.	87	\$11
PETER LEHMANN Chardonnay Barossa 2006 Light, tangy and appealing for its grapefruit and pear fruit.	87	\$11
OXFORD LANDING Sauvignon Blanc South Australia 2008 Fresh and lively, offering a juicy mouthful of pear and citrus.	87	\$10
ROSEMOUNT Traminer-Riesling South Eastern Australia Diamond Label 2007 Soft and fragrant, with lovely floral and spice overtones to the pear and citrus flavors, lingering gently.	87	\$10
PETER LEHMANN Sémillon Barossa 2006 Has fresh-cut grass and hay aromas and grapefruit peel flavors.	86	\$11
BANROCK STATION Chardonnay South Eastern Australia 2007 Pear and spice flavors linger in this fresh, fragrant white.	85	\$7
THE LITTLE PENGUIN Chardonnay South Eastern Australia 2007 Soft and spicy, with a toasty edge to its apricot flavors.	85	\$7
THE LITTLE PENGUIN Pinot Grigio South Eastern Australia 2007 Offering pretty pear and melon fruit, this is light and fragrant.	85	\$7
ALICE WHITE Riesling South Eastern Australia 2007 Light, soft and a tad sweet, with lime and pear flavors.	85	\$7