

## Epicure asked each retailer for five favourites and these were their verdicts

### SEAN O'BRIEN BARRIQUE

**Pleno Tempranillo 2008, \$16.** Bargain Spanish tempranillo.

**Donny Goodmac Chardonnay 2008, \$29.** Very tidy range of wines, but we get into the chardonnay in particular. Great label, great people.

**Mayford Tempranillo 2008, \$35.** Eleana Anderson and Bryan Nicholson make up Mayford, a white hot producer from Porepunkah.

**Shiraz, tempranillo, chardonnay** — whatever you can get your hands on. **Salo Chardonnay 2008, \$39.** Tiny volume of single vineyard Yarra Valley chardonnay made by

Steve Flamsteed and Dave McIntosh. 100% whole-bunch fermented — funky, feral — “real” chardonnay.

**The Wanderer Upper Yarra Pinot Noir 2008, \$50.**

Andrew Marks' label, cracking pinot. Worth every cent and some. He has a ripping single-site shiraz too (\$36.50).

### ROSS WILSON OLINDA CELLARS

**Yarra Ranges Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2009, Yarra Valley, \$20.** Just released from a tiny local block at the back of Monbulk.

**Dawson's Patch Chardonnay 2006, Yarra Valley, \$26.** Another local gem, and one of just a handful of vineyards actually on the mountain.

**D'angelo “Fugistro” Pinot Noir 2005, Officer, Victoria, \$24.** A lovely example of terroir and varietal characters.

**La Curio “Nubile” Grenache/Shiraz 2008, McLaren Vale, \$24.** A great wine for the season. **Russell “St Vincent” Cabernet 2006, Barossa Valley, \$28.** Barossa cab,

to me, has outshone its shiraz sibling in the '06 vintage and this one is a ripper. A great one to put away for a rainy day.

### JEREMY HONISSETT SEDDON WINE STORE

**Jamsheed anything, but particularly the Gruyere Shiraz 2008, Yarra Valley, \$42.** One of the most understated yet complex cool-climate wines we've seen in a long time.

**Kate Hill Riesling 2009, Coal River, Tasmania, \$28.**

Proves that riesling with a little sweetness is not something to be scared of. **Kennedy Shiraz 2006, Heathcote, \$22.** Because every now and then Pat and John drop off a box of herbs and vegies. Plus it's a bargain from a region that too often under-delivers in the value stakes.

**Domain Wachau Gruner Veltliner 2008, Austria, \$24.** A

fabulous introduction to a variety that we don't see a lot of. And because it sounds so good when you say it.

**Mike Press Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, Adelaide Hills, \$13.** Every vintage someone claims it to be the “bargain of the century” — and it's still only 13 bucks.

### PAUL GHAI BLACKHEARTS & SPARROWS

**Amietta Riesling 2008, Geelong, \$28.** A change from the typical intense lime bombs from SA. **Finca Hispana Treixadura 2008, Ribeiro, Spain, \$42.** An indigenous white variety likened to marsanne.

Exciting to present a Spanish wine that is so involving aromatically and on the palate.

**Domaine Jean Foillard Cote du Py 2007, Morgon, France, \$65.**

This beaujolais is a great example of the French “natural” style of wine making from a cult hero.

**Chalmers Aglianico 2005, Euston, NSW, \$27.**

From the pioneers of alternative Italian varietals that are so suited to their vineyard near the Murray.

**Chapter Shiraz 2007, Heathcote, \$30.**

First commercial wine from City Wine Shop alumnus and Bress assistant winemaker Jarad Curwood.

