

**Babich**  
**The Patriarch**  
**Hawke's Bay**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**Merlot Malbec**  
**2010 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Some excellent, rich, ripe, mulberry aromas layered with powerful, cedary oak. Has a very nice palate, too! Flavours of young varietal fruits the length of the palate. **3-5 \$60 NZ**

**Penfolds Bin 389**  
**Cabernet Shiraz**  
**2009 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Simple but very good wine. Intense, blackberry-like, varietal fruit and some super oak. Quite oaky on the nose but berry fruit peeks through. Superb palate. **5+ \$59.99**

**Houghton**  
**Gladstones**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2008 ★★★★★1/2**  
 A great drink now; will be even better in five years. Aromas are a delicate mix of sweet scented fruit and oak. Soft and warm in the mouth with sweet, fruit flavours. \$69.99

**Feathertop**  
**Alluvium Reserve**  
**Alpine Valleys**  
**Cabernet Blend**  
**2006 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Complex aromas; substantial amount of charry oak that sits on top of nice, sweet fruit. Oak characters carry through to the palate with fruit holding up well. Good sweetness. High alcohol. \$70

**Reynella**  
**Basket Pressed**  
**McLaren Vale**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2007 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Attractive blackberry and plum aromas perfectly matched with sweet oak. Palate has complexity and maturity with very good fruit depth, nice tannins and a long finish. Drink now. \$51.99

**Capel Vale**  
**The Scholar**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 Very fresh, sweet varietal fruit and cigar box oak aromas. Lovely, dense, slightly tannic, palate with intense varietal fruit flavours. **2-3 \$74.95**

**Buller Wines**  
**Langdon King**  
**Valley Cabernet**  
**Merlot Petit Verdot**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 Interesting nose - tarry, complex and slightly perfumed; hints of violets. Huge tannins on the palate, "but sort of appropriate," said one judge. \$50

**Windance Reserve**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 A complexity of cigar box oak and blackcurrant aromas, and quite a lovely, alert, oaky palate that has plenty of length and lovely structure. **2-3 \$50**

**Wise Eagle Bay**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 A full-bodied cabernet with complex, cigar box, blackcurrant aromas. Tight but powerful palate showing lovely richness of flavour. **2-3 \$50**

**Penley Estate**  
**Chertsey**  
**Coonawarra**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 A big, rich, juicy, fruit style. Nice nose of fresh berries. Warm, full-bodied palate showing very good length and some lovely tannins. **3-5 \$50.50**

**Penfolds Bin 407**  
**South Australia**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 A very elegant and perfectly integrated style of cabernet with lovely, jubey, sweet varietal fruit, fresh oak and firm tannins. \$60



**Peter Lehmann**  
**VSV Ruediger**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 Subtle, tomato, jam-like bouquet with some leafiness. Flavours of green beans with a significant amount of oak and firm acid. \$60

**Voyager Estate**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**Merlot 2008 ★★★★★**  
 A medium-bodied cabernet with very good balance; attractive mature berry fruit, complex cedary oak and plenty of fresh acidity. \$60

**Forester Estate**  
**Yelverton Reserve**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2007 ★★★★★**  
 Nutty, chocolaty nose with a nice, sweet, cherry element. The palate is stylish but simple with good length of sweet varietal fruit and oak. **3-5 \$59.99**

**Chateau**  
**Musar Gaston**  
**Hochar Bekaa**  
**Valley Lebanon**  
**2000 ★★★★★**  
 A soft, simple, old-fashioned wine. Cedary nose showing lots of leathery development. Still has some sweet fruit on the leathery palate. Drink now. \$72.99

**cabernet & blends**  
**\$75 - \$200**

**Bird In Hand Nest**  
**Egg Adelaide Hills**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 A full-bodied cabernet with a rich complexity of minty berry aromas and a very generous palate with a silky smooth texture, powerful sweet fruit flavours and high in alcohol. \$85

**Te Mata Estate**  
**Coleraine Hawkes**  
**Bay Cabernet**  
**Sauvignon Merlot**  
**Cabernet Franc**  
**2008 ★★★★★**  
 "A beautiful stylish and luxurious wine," said one judge. Nose of black berries and struck matches - smells fresh and clean. Obvious quality fruit on the palate with toasty oak and firm acid. \$87.99

**Gralyn Estate**  
**Reserve**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2008 ★★★★★**  
 Mature colour and aromas. Smells of cedar and berries. Huge, dense palate - excellent depth of varietal fruit flavours wrapped in some pretty good tannins. Drink now or cellar further. \$110

**La Réserve de**  
**Leoville Barton**  
**Appellation Saint-Julien**  
**Controlée**  
**2006 ★★★★★**  
 Mature nose with the typical Hessian bag, European character. Nice palate, very fresh and elegant but also intense. Very good balance, excellent length, lovely tannins and alert acid. \$79.99

**Clio Jumilla Spain**  
**2005 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Dense graphite and tar-like nose, hints of berry fruit. Palate intense but elegant with a high level of acid, nice strength of fruit flavours and warming alcohol. \$104.99

**Bird In Hand Nest**  
**Egg Adelaide Hills**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2010 ★★★★★1/2**  
 Very good, young wine with big, beautifully lifted, cabernet fruit; blackberries and cassis. Powerful aromas lift off the nose and the huge palate has balance, weight and length. **3-5 \$85**

**Sacred Hill**  
**Helmsman Hawkes**  
**Bay Cabernet**  
**Sauvignon**  
**Cabernet Franc**  
**Merlot 2009 ★★★★★**  
 Big purple wine - huge aromas of sweet oak and plum jam. Slightly warm in the mouth; pleasant varietal fruit flavours with sweet oak behind. Drinking well now or cellar it. **5+ \$84.99**

**Songlines Estates**  
**McLaren Vale**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2009 ★★★★★**  
 Mature, baked fruit nose with layers of oak. Powerful and complex palate with rich, berry fruit flavours and soft, creamy oak to balance. High acid. \$110

**Sandalford**  
**Prendiville Reserve**  
**Margaret River**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2008 ★★★★★**  
 Developed wine for drinking soon. Musty, cedary aromas on the nose and a powerful, varietal fruit palate. Quite French-like in style. \$90

**Willespie Old**  
**School Reserve**  
**Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**2007 ★★★★★**  
 Very advanced aromas. Some earthiness mixing with boiled lolly-like fruit. Similar things happening on the palate. Good level of tannins. \$75

**cabernet & blends**  
**\$200+**

**Chateau**  
**Haut-Briou Premier**  
**Grand Cru Classé**  
**Pessac Leognan**  
**2007 ★★★★★**  
 A big, ripe wine with very good depth of elegant, blackcurrant-like fruit not overly oaky. Great powdery tannins, excellent sweet oak. "The complete package, according to one judge. \$866.63

**Grand Vin De**  
**Chateau Latour**  
**Premier Grand Cru**  
**Classé Pauillac**  
**2007 ★★★★★**  
 An excellent massive, full bodied style but it shows lovely subtlety. Lovely lift of sweet blackberry fruit and light touch of oak. Silky in the mouth with plenty of acidity. \$1139.72

**Château Ducru**  
**Beaucaillou Saint-Julien**  
**2008 ★★★★★**  
 No mistaking this is a cabernet! Obvious leafy cedary aromas and long, elegant palate with intense concentration of cool fruit and toasty oak. Great structure. Long-term cellaring proposition. **5+ \$322.42**

**Château Mouton**  
**Rothschild Premier**  
**Cru Classé Pauillac**  
**2007 ★★★★★**  
 Superb, classy wine - perfectly complete with its beautiful cedar, cigar box, violet and blackberry characters. Tight and tannic palate structure. Some excellent winemaking skills. \$718

**Tenuta dell'Ornellaia**  
**Bolgheri**  
**2006 ★★★★★**  
 "Middle-age" aromas - leathery and cedar-like with a dash of berry fruits. Incredible length to the generous palate and packed with massive tannins and plenty of acid. Needs more time. \$239.99