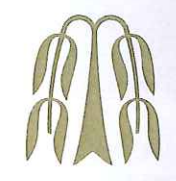


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red berry fruit. Accessible and soft with balance, it has varietal honesty and a restrained finish.

Howard Park Scotsdale 2007 Shiraz, \$40
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.8)
Perfumed and attractive, this wine is fresh and immediate with strength of fruit and a textural mouth-feel. The fruit shows purity and coolness with generosity, structure and lingering flavour.

Alkoomi 2007 Shiraz Viognier, \$20
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.6)
This wine is immediately aromatic and inviting. It has juicy fruit with a sense of opulence, without being broad, yet still has good depth and silky breadth. There is a lovely feel to this calming wine.

Plantagenet 2007 Shiraz, \$40
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.6)
This is a wine of substance and definition with fruit opulence, generosity and hints of dark berry fruit and charry oak. The oak and tannin keeps the wine a little clenched, but it will open early and offer lush drinking for years to come.

Ferngrove 2007 Cabernet Merlot, \$16
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.6)
Nicely polished with black fruit and a gentle herbal edge, the wine is medium-bodied with softness and a cool-climate grace that adds to the

attractiveness. Accessible and succulent drinking.

Capel Vale Regional Series 2007 Shiraz, \$24
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.3)
This wine shows fresh lively fruit with lifted red and black berries. While the wine is vibrant and ripe, it avoids being too broad or "fat". There are fine tannins and some gentle background oak.

Ironwood Estate 2006 Cabernet Merlot, \$20
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.3)
This wine is generous and ripe, yet retains the cool-climate purity and fruit clarity synonymous with this region. It is an honest expression with rotund fruit, fine tannins and integrated oak.

Xabregas 2005 Cabernet Merlot, \$15
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.2)
With attractive oak and prettiness, this wine is affable and confident with generous fruit, lovely balance and a sense of tightness. There's plenty of length and substance here.

Ferngrove 2007 Estate Shiraz, \$16
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.2)
Forthright and ripe with fresh berry characters, the palate is lavish and provides a sense of thickness and warmth. The oak will continue to integrate and offer attractive drinking over coming years.

Xabregas 2007 Shiraz, \$15
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.2)
Fresh, pure and energetic, this wine has medium-bodied fruit with softness and flesh that provides accessible early drinking pleasure. There is some strength of structure, which supports, rather than dominates, the expression.

Shepherd's Hut 2005 Shiraz, \$20
Awarded: **Bronze** (16.2)
Perfumed with a slight herbal edge, this wine shows gentle development but is still fresh and balanced. Honest fruit expression provides satisfying drinking. There is some warmth on the finish and some lingering varietal expression.

PICK OF THE REGION

Capel Vale Single Vineyard
Whispering Hill 2007 Shiraz, \$55
Awarded: **Gold** (18)
Multi-layered with roasted black fruits, spice and cedary oak, this wine has substance and definition, without being broad-shouldered. It has classic varietal character and the depth of quality wine with youthful vivacity and noble, sturdy tannins. It will continue to improve with further time.

