

THE BEST WINES IN AUSTRALIA UNDER \$15 PETER FORRESTAL

BLOODY GOOD

Long Row Riesling 2010 - Bloody Good

Winner: Best White Wine Under \$10

"What a delicious riesling! It has a beautifully perfumed nose with talc and floral aromas, has positive lemony flavours with a hint of lime, is fresh, vibrant and juicy, finishing crisp and zesty. Although all the rieslings given the Bloody Good rating are incredible value for money, at its price, this is the bargain."

Nine Vines Rose 2010 - Bloody Good

Winner: Pink Wine Of The Year

"This is well up there with Australia's finest rosés and is rated Bloody Good for the fourth year in a row. This is restrained, fresh, pristine and vibrant, with intense ripe red cherry and red plum flavours, smooth texture, and a long, dryish finish that is crisp and refreshing. I expect it to pick up some savoury, earthy, gravelly complexity over the next six months."

Organic Shiraz Cabernet 2008 - Bloody Good

Shortlist: 'Wagyu Burger' Red Wine of the Year Award

"I thought this was sensationally good. Angove is a family company that has been in Denmark for 99 years and has never performed better than it does at present. I loved the floral perfumes of the 2008 Organic Shiraz Cabernet, its attractive ripe, sweet redcurrant and blackberry flavours, hint of brambles and cedary oak and silky smooth texture. The tannins are noticeable, but the finish is still attractive and the wine supple and approachable. Quaff on!"

Zibibbo - Bloody Good - Bloody Good

"The Angove Zibibbo is lightly fizzy and fresh, with vibrant sweet grapey characters and good balance before a crisp, clean finish of considerable length. There's only 8% alcohol, which makes this a great refreshing afternoon drink (I'm thinking of the weekends). At 75 grams of residual sugar per litre it is sweet, but there's plenty of acidity to provide balance, so it doesn't appear overly sweet or cloying. It has an attractive mouthfeel and delicious flavour. At the price, it's a steal!"

Butterfly Ridge Chardonnay 2009 - Bloody Good

"This cheapie from Angove is a surprise packet. It is bright, fresh and splashy, with pristine peach and melony flavours that are rich and ripe. Although light of body, it has terrific intensity and fairly zings. Great value."

Angove Fortified Shiraz 2005 - Bloody Good

"Over the top, jammy, reminiscent of Ribena, full throttle, but it does have some delicious ripe concentrated plummy, licorice and dark chocolate flavours. It has fleshy, velvety texture and a seductively sweet finish. This is the Aussie classic vintage port that we've known and loved. It's almost your patriotic duty to gulp it down. If Sam Kekovich were promoting it you wouldn't be able to get enough of it. You know it makes sense!"

GREAT VALUE RED WINES OVER \$15

Vineyard Select Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

"This Coonawarra cabernet shows that, not only can Angove produce bloody good quality wines, when they push the boundaries of price, they can make classy premium wines too. There are lifted ripe, sweet fruit aromas, soft smooth texture, redcurrant jube and cassis flavours, tight structure and a firm dry finish."

Vineyard Select Shiraz 2008

"Single vineyard shiraz from McLaren Vale, it has ripe, sweet blackberry and bramble flavours, velvety texture, well-integrated oak, and a clean, balanced finish, which makes it approachable now."

GOOD

Red Belly Black Chardonnay 2009 - Good

"This has powerful cedary notes are intense melony flavours, so it forces you to stand up and notice it. May will love the oaky style."

Vineyard Select Chardonnay 2009 - Good

"Here is a complex, worked chardonnay with attractive cedary oak, lees and butterscotch flavours. Again, it's a style that many will find enormously attractive."

Vineyard Select Riesling 2010 - Good

"This has intense lemon juice flavours that are clean, fresh and floral before a crisp, dry finish that lingers."

Nine Vines Pinot Grigio 2010 - Bloody Good

"This is a powerful and fresh, clean, vibrant and intensely savoury, finishing with some minerally notes."

Butterfly Ridge Riesling Gewurztraminer 2010 - Good

"There's certainly a bright youthfulness about this blend at present. It exudes floral aromatics, has a lively sweetness on the mid-palate, with the distinctive grapey flavours of gewurztraminer finishing crisp and zesty."

Nine Vines Tempranillo Shiraz 2007 - Good

"This was reviewed last year and is still available. It will appeal to those who like robust, oaky reds made to please the crowd: dense redcurrant, black plum and vanillin oak flavours, velvety smooth texture and substantial tannins."

Long Row Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 - Good

"This is a good year for the 'Long Row' range: this cabernet fits the mould as it's an approachable medium-bodied red that has lively ripe dark berry fruit, gentle vanillin oak, supple fleshy texture and neatly balanced tannins. Good drinking now."

Red Belly Black Shiraz 2008 - Good

"This has ripe sweet plummy flavours, smooth texture and a gentle fruity finish. A decent wine at a fair price."

PRETTY GOOD

Big Blokes Red Shiraz 2008 - Pretty Good

"Judging by the reaction at my place, it's not only the Big Blokes who will enjoy this. It does need a good swirl to open it up, but there's lively fruit and smooth texture."

Nine Vines Sauvignon Blanc 2010 - Pretty Good

"A pleasant, straightforward sauvignon that has lively, attractive flavours."

Long Row Shiraz 2008 - Pretty Good

"A Riverland favourite that is soft, round and fleshy, with some firmness to finish."

Butterfly Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2009 - Pretty Good

"A fruity Riverland red that has attractive ripe sweet redcurrant flavours and a slight grip."

Angove Fortified Shiraz 2007 - Pretty Good

"Similar to the 2005 but not in the same class. It's over-the-top, jammy, with lush Ribena flavours and a gentle grip to finish. Many will love it."