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## **Tuck's Ridge Buckle Vineyard Pinot Noir 2007, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**

It is deeply coloured, and has a remarkably intense bouquet and palate, the wine surging in the mouth to the pulsating finish built on great pinot fruit and superfine tannins. Screwcap. 13.7% alc.

**Rating 97** Drink Through 2020

## **Tuck's Ridge Buckle Vineyard Pinot Noir 2006, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**

Exceptional color; a very powerful wine, with as much drive and velocity as any Central Otago pinot; satsuma plum and black cherry; very fine tannins run through the palate giving great structure; will be long-lived. 13.5° alc.

**Rating 96** Drink Through 2020

## **Tuck's Ridge Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2007, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**

Vibrant, light crimson-purple; a powerful yet elegant wine, full of spicy plum fruit, supported by savoury tannins; long finish. Screwcap. 13.6% alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2015

## **Tuck's Ridge Pinot Noir 2006, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**

Very good color; convincing texture and structure to the seductive mix of black and red berry fruits; an excellent back palate opening like the proverbial peacock's tail; long aftertaste. 13.6° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2015

## **Tuck's Ridge Chardonnay 2007, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria**

Light straw-green; quality chardonnay, unfairly put in the shade by the Buckle and Turrumurra Vineyard wines; all the inputs are in balance, the melon and stone fruit driving the wine with the aid of citrusy acidity. Screwcap. 13.7% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2014

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### Tuck's Ridge Turramurra Vineyard Chardonnay 2007, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

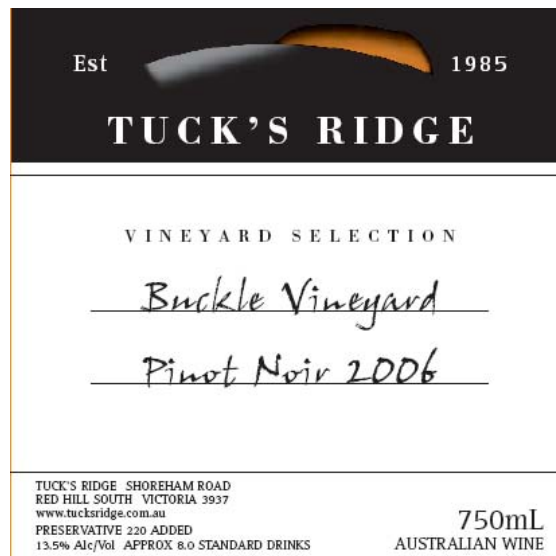
Tight, fine and elegant finely structured grapefruit and white peach flavours framed by quality oak; has very considerable length and purity. Screwcap. 13.7% alc.

**Rating 96** Drink Through 2020

### Tuck's Ridge Hurley Vineyard Pinot Noir 2005, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

Outstanding color; opulently luscious and rich, normally impossible at this alcohol; pure and vibrant red fruits, with great length. 13.3° alc. *Australia's highest rated red wine in 2008*

**Rating 97** Drink Through 2015 US General Retail Not Available: On allocation



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## **Keith Tulloch Semillon 2008 Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Vibrant colour; green nettle, lemon and straw bouquet; lemon and green apple palate; tightly wound and needs time to gain generosity and weight, and will richly repay cellaring as the '07 and '03 prove. Screwcap. 11.5% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2015

## **Keith Tulloch Semillon 2007 Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Pure Hunter, with good concentration and an abundance of tightly wound lemon fruit; will go the distance. 11° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2020

## **Keith Tulloch Semillon 2006 Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Ultra-classic and ultra-refined; the quality now is in the marvelously long finish and aftertaste, which will build on the mid-palate with age. 10.5° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2021

## **Keith Tulloch Semillon 2003 Museum Release Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Vibrant hue; expressive, classic bouquet with toast, lemon curd and a touch of straw; the palate is generous and quite fine, with focus and finesse on the generous finish. Screwcap. 11.5%

**Rating 95** Drink Through 2015

## **Keith Tulloch Chardonnay 2007 Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Tight citrus and stone fruit, with fresh racy acidity on the palate; very long and very fine. 13° alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2014

## **Keith Tulloch Chardonnay 2006 Hunter Valley, New South Wales**

Pale, bright green-straw; a typical elegant and refined style; long nectarine and melon palate, the oak perfectly integrated. 13° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2012

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### Keith Tulloch Botrytis Semillon 2006 Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Cleverly crafted, with good levels of botrytis showing as crème brulee and hints of fresh apricots; quite sweet, but well-balanced acidity. 11.5° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2016

### Keith Tulloch Botrytis Semillon 2005 Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Golden yellow; some cumquat and mandarin complexity; subtle oak, and good overall balance. 12.5° alc.

**Rating 91** Drink Through 2010

### Keith Tulloch Museum Release Semillon 2005, Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Quite intense mineral and lime flavours; good length and intensity. Will build from here. Screwcap.

**Rating 90** Drink Through 2015



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**TarraWarra Estate Chardonnay 2008, Yarra Valley, Victoria**  
**(This range formerly called TarraWarra Tin Cows)**

Bright green-straw; immaculately structured and balanced, at once complex yet elegant, with melon and white peach fruit, a touch of hazelnut and cream seamlessly woven with French oak. Screwcap. 13.5% alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2016

**TarraWarra Estate Tin Cows Chardonnay 2005, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

A pure wine; a lighter version of the Reserve, with melon and citrus in distinctive regional parameters, the length of palate being its major strength. Great value. 13.8° alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2011

**TarraWarra Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2006, Yarra Valley, Victoria**  
**(This range formerly called TarraWarra Estate Chardonnay)**

Bright green-yellow; an elegant wine marries finesse with complexity; has all the hallmark length of Yarra Valley, with a tangy/savoury finish and aftertaste. Screwcap. 13.5% alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2016

**TarraWarra Estate Chardonnay 2004, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

An elegant wine, seamlessly weaving fruit, oak and lees influences through the melon fruit and creamy cashew flavors. (The word 'Reserve' is on the label from the '05 vintage.) Screwcap. 13.8° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2012



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### **TarraWarra Estate MDB Chardonnay 2006, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

An unusually complex and textured wine with elements of top Margaret River chardonnays in its makeup; stone fruit, melon and fig flavours within a gentle swathe of French oak run through the long palate. Screwcap. 13.8% alc.

**Rating 95** Drink Through 2016

### **TarraWarra Estate Pinot Noir 2008, Yarra Valley, Victoria (This range formally called Tarra Warra Tin Cows)**

Bright, but light, colour; a big brother to the Rose, with marked texture and structure to the plum, spice and briar flavours of the long palate. Priced low in a tough market. Screwcap. 14% alc.

**Rating 92** Drink Through 2014

### **TarraWarra Estate Tin Cows Pinot Noir 2006, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

Bright colour; has an overall savoury/forestry cast, which is not a fault, but which takes the wine out of the flavour and texture profile expected at this price point. Screwcap. 13.8% alc.

**Rating 90** Drink Through 2012

### **TarraWarra Estate Reserve Pinot Noir 2006, Yarra Valley, Victoria (This range formerly called TarraWarra Estate Pinot Noir)**

Slightly hazy colour; a very intense palate with great thrust and drive to the savoury-nuanced black cherry and plum fruit running through to the finish and lingering aftertaste. Screwcap. 14% alc.

**Rating 95** Drink Through 2015

### **TarraWarra Estate Pinot Noir 2004, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

A complex, powerful wine in flavor, textural and structural terms; dark fruits; forest will develop, although the cork throws in an element of uncertainty. (The word 'Reserve' is on the label from the '05 vintage.) 13.8% alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2012

### **TarraWarra Estate MDB Pinot Noir 2006, Yarra Valley, Victoria**

Less than 100 dozen bottles made from two small selections of the oldest vines on the vineyard, and matured in two French puncheons. A spectacular pinot with exceptional drive and, above all, length and persistence of flavour. Screwcap. 13.8% alc.

**Rating 96** Drink Through 2017

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### **TarraWarra Estate Pinot Noir Rose 2008, Heathcote/Yarra Valley, Victoria**

Serious, bone-dry rose with texture ex barrel ferment as well as cherry/spicy/strawberry fruits; long finish. Screwcap.

**Rating 91** Drink Through 2010

### **TarraWarra Estate Tin Cow Shiraz 2006, Heathcote/Yarra Valley, Victoria**

An elegant and bright medium-bodied wine, with lively spicy red fruits supported by fine tannins and subtle oak; an exercise in winemaking restraint paying big dividends. Screwcap. 14.5% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2016

### **TarraWarra Estate Tin Cows Shiraz 2004, Heathcote/Yarra Valley, Victoria**

Fresh, spicy and vibrant black fruits are supported by supple tannins; a really enjoyable wine. 14.3% alc.

**Rating 92** Drink Through 2019

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## **Moorilla Estate Muse Riesling 2007, Tasmania**

Some herb and flower blossom aromas, tight palate, fine, long, reserved; dry finish. Time to go. Screwcap. 13% alc.

**Rating 90** Drink Through 2016

## **Moorilla Estate Riesling 2006, Tasmania**

Lime blossom aromas; has considerable power, length and drive; apple, citrus and even peach offset against a minerally backbone. 12° alc.

**Rating 94** Drink Through 2016

## **Moorilla Estate Praxis Pinot Noir 2008, Tasmania**

Has a quite silky, sappy texture; attractive red fruits and spices; very good thrust and length. Screwcap. 14.6% alc.

**Rating 90** Drink Through 2014

## **Moorilla Estate Pinot Noir 2006, Tasmania**

Generous plum and cherry fruit; supple and smooth; as yet, not especially complex, but should develop complexity. 14° alc.

**Rating 90** Drink Through 2012

*The Moorilla Winery sits on its own peninsula on the Derwent River, just west of Hobart, Tasmania*



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Sally's  Paddock

## **Sally's Paddock 2006, Pyrenees, Victoria**

Attractive, clean, medium-bodied wine, with red and black fruits supported by a web of fine, savoury tannins and balanced oak; not effusive, but shows its pedigree. Diam. 13.5% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2020

## **Sally's Paddock 2005, Pyrenees, Victoria**

Fragrant and lighter-bodied than Sally's Hill; lively earthy tones to the Bordeaux blend of this wine; rough edges on the finish need to settle down. 13.5% alc.

**Rating 91** Drink Through 2015

## **Sally's Paddock 2004, Pyrenees, Victoria**

Similar color to the Cabernet; an elegant wine with cassis, blackcurrant and spice backed by lingering, fine, savory tannins; good oak. 13.5% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink Through 2015

## **Sally's Paddock 2002, Pyrenees, Victoria**

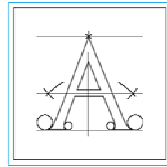
Very powerful and tightly structured; full-bodied black fruits, spice, cedar and earth; long, lingering finish; ripe tannins. Quality cork.

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ADJENDA

## Adjenda Reserve Shiraz 2005, Langhorne Creek

A rich, succulent and seductive marriage of Langhorne Creek shiraz and 18 months in new French oak; those lovely soft tannins of Langhorne Creek bring the wine to a harmonious close. Cork. 14.5% alc.

**Rating 90** Drink through 2015

## Adjenda Shiraz-Cabernet-Malbec 2005, Langhorne Creek

Good colour; both the bouquet and palate are generously endowed with ripe black fruits, plum and chocolate; the tannins fine and soft, the positive oak contribution perfectly poised. Screwcap.

**Rating 93** Drink through 2018

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HEDONIST

## The Hedonist McLaren Vale Shiraz 2006

A rich, full-flavoured, medium – to full-bodied wine with a supple texture and mouth feel to the mix of blackberry, dark chocolate and vanilla oak, the tannins ripe and soft. Screwcap. 14% alc.

**Rating 93** Drink through 2021