



**Gainey Vineyard Chardonnay 2006 Santa Rita Hills**

Medium rich, full bodied, and very fruity in style (pineapple, apple, lime), with the modest oakiness and a very long finish.

**4 Stars**

**Scott Family Estate Chardonnay 2006 Dijon Clone, Monterey**

Fleshy, full bodied, very ripely flavored; a full, fairly rich wine, with a long smooth finish. It tastes of pineapple, peach, lemon, honey, toast, and roasted nut. Long aftertaste. Terrific value.

**4+ Stars**

**Stuhlmuller Vineyards Chardonnay 2006 Estate, Alexander Valley**

Round and full bodied, this is a fruity, somewhat aromatic Chardonnay (orange blossom, pineapple roasted nut, vanilla), with a good balance and a very long finish. Excellent value.

**4 Stars**

**Tablas Creek Vineyard Esprit De Beaucastel Blanc 2006, Paso Robles**

Very complex in style and full bodied, yet with restrained intensity. It is supple and long on the palate, with a very long aftertaste, with aromas/flavors reminiscent of green apple, almond paste, roasted nut, toast, lemon, and subtle oak. Excellent.

**4 Stars**

**Girard Cabernet Sauvignon Artistry 2005 Napa Valley**

A supple, complex blend, that is full bodied, lightly oaky, and long on the palate, with a persistent finish, tasting of blackberry, toast, caramel, black currant, and spicy oak. Excellent quality.

**4 Stars**

**Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 Napa Valley**

Fleshy and ripe in style, this is a fine Cabernet, with intense blackberry, plum, toast, and spicy oak aromas/flavors. Long, moderately tannic finish.

**4 Stars**

**Gundlach Bundschu Merlot Mountain Cuvee 2004 Rhinefarm Vineyard, Sonoma Valley**

A supple, complex Merlot blend, that is full bodied, moderately rich, and well balanced, with a long finish, tasting of plum, toast, black currant, and spicy oak.

**4 Stars**

**Morgan Pinot Noir Twelve Clones 2006 Santa Lucia Highlands**

Delicious, well balanced Pinot Noir, in a medium full style. It is fragrant, distinct, and long on the palate, with a persistent finish, tasting of red currant, pomegranate, toast, plum, and spicy oak.

**4+ Stars**

**Ponzi Vineyards Pinot Noir Tavola 2006 Willamette Valley, OR**

Best version yet of this wine; supple, very fruity and quite distinct in flavor (raspberry, plum, cherry, nutmeg), with modest oak, and excellent balance. Long finish. Delicious.

**4+ Stars**

**Clos Pegase Pinot Noir Mitsuko's Vineyard 2006 Carneros, Napa Valley**

Generously flavored, full bodied, and lightly oaky in style; a wine with intense fruitiness (plum, red currant, strawberry), with toasty, spicy overtones. Long finish. Excellent.

**4 Stars**

**Paul Hobbs Pinot Noir 2006 Russian River Valley**

A supple, full bodied, lightly oaked Pinot Noir, with ripe fruit character (plum, kola nut, cherry), and overtones of clove, spicy oak, and toast. Long finish.

**4 Stars**

**Ponzi Vineyards Pinot Noir 2006 Willamette Valley, OR**

Finely flavored, full bodied & very well balanced; an excellent Pinot Noir, with clove, plum, toast, cherry, and nutmeg aromas/flavors, and a long finish.

**4 Stars**

**Bramare Malbec Lujan De Cuyo 2005**

Full bodied, fleshy, and quite oaky in flavor, this wine nevertheless has rich fruitiness, but even more oak.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Chardonnay Unwooded 2007 South Australia**

The Y Series is a full bodied, fruity Chardonnay with no oak character; it is crisp and long on the palate, and tastes of peach, pineapple, lemon peel, and pear. Long finish.

**4+ Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Sauvignon Blanc 2007 South Australia**

Fruity and herbal in style, this is an excellent wine at the price. It is full bodied, nearly dry, and medium long on the finish, tasting of lime, fig, and grapefruit.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Riesling 2007 South Australia**

Round, medium full bodied, and dry; a Riesling with distinct character and medium length, tasting of peach, honeysuckle, fig, and grapefruit. Very good value.

**3+ Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Pinot Grigio 2007 South Australia**

Full bodied, softly textured, dry, and delicately flavored; a Pinot Gris with distinctive pear, almond, lemon grass, and mint aromas/flavors. Medium long finish.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Viognier 2007 South Australia**

The Y Series Viognier is aromatic, nearly dry, and full bodied; a wine with excellent character and a long finish, tasting of peach, jasmine, and grapefruit.

**5 Stars**

**Yalumba The Virgilius Viognier 2006 Eden Valley**

Best version yet of this wine: full bodied, intensely fruity, supple, and long on the finish, tasting of peach, grapefruit, pear, and apple, with overtones of orange blossom and apricot. Excellent.

**4+ Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Cabernet Sauvignon South Australia**

Supple and nearly grapey character, this is an excellent Cabernet at the price, tasting of loganberry, olive, black currant, and herbs. Well balanced, with a hint of oaky complexity.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 Coonawarra**

The Menzies is fleshy and complex; a moderately rich, full bodied Cabernet, with a good balance and a long finish, tasting of cedar, blueberry, plum, aniseed, and spicy oak. A sleek, complex style.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2001 Barossa Valley**

Supple and medium rich, this is a fine old vine blend, with intense fruit character (blackberry, boysenberry), evident oakiness (toast, oak, cedar), and spicy overtones (pepper, black licorice, vanilla). Very long finish.

**4+ Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Merlot 2004 South Australia**

Delicious Merlot; supple, full bodied, ripely flavored, and well balanced, with a medium long finish, tasting of plum, loganberry, baked cherry, and slight oakiness.

**4+ Stars**

**Final Cut Shiraz Montage 2006 South Australia**

Supple and full bodied, this is a luscious Shiraz, with toasty-oaky overtones. Long finish. Great value.

**4 Stars**

**Yalumba Y Series Shiraz Viognier 2006 South Australia**

The Y Series is supple and full bodied; a fruity and nearly crisp wine, with loganberry, plum, and peppery fruitiness, with orange zest overtones. Long finish.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Shiraz Viognier 2005 Barossa**

The Shiraz Viognier is ripe and moderately rich; a smoothly textured, intensely flavored wine (blackberry, pepper, orange zest, cedar, and spicy oak), with a very long finish. Well balanced.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Hand Picked Shiraz Viognier 2005 Barossa**

Richly flavored without being heavy, this is a full bodied Shiraz, with excellent depth and balance. It is lightly tannic, and very persistent on the finish, tasting of blackberry, toast, cedar, black licorice, and cooked meat. Delicious

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Hand Picked MGS 2005 Barossa**

The MGS is full-bodied, velvety in texture, and intense and complex in character, with a very long finish, tasting of blueberry, black licorice, loganberry, and spicy oak.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Hand Picked TGV 2005 Barossa**

It is a fine Tempranillo blend: ripely flavored, complex in character, moderately crisp, and a very long on the finish, tasting of blueberry, cedar, toast, black tea, spicy oak, and plum. Delicious.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Bush Vine Grenache 2006 Barossa**

Superb value: intensely fruity, supple, and long on the palate, with modest oakiness, and a persistent finish, tasting of strawberry, clove, loganberry, toast, and pepper.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Hand Picked Botrytis Viognier 2006 Wrattenbully**

Extraordinary late harvest Viognier, tasting of peach, honey apricot. Moderately sweet, medium bodied, and very long on the finish. Extremely rare.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Antique Tawny NV Barossa**

Combines fruit and complexity, and youth and age. It is medium rich, complex in flavor, and smooth and very long on the palate, tasting of dried plum, roasted nut, caramel, and maple.

**5 Stars**

### **Yalumba Museum Reserve Muscat NV South Eastern Australia**

The Muscat is terrific: rich and sweet, with extremely intense, complex character (orange peel, caramel, raisin, maple), and powerful, long, spicy finish (hinting of ginger).

**4+ Stars**

### **Yalumba Antique Tawny 21 Years Old NV**

Extraordinarily rich and fleshy; a complex, mouthfilling tawny; with more character than sweetness, and a terrific concentration. It has a very long persistent finish, tasting of maple, toffee, toast, caramel, and candied orange.

**5 Stars**