



# WINE REVIEWS

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**BRESS Silver Chook Shiraz 2010**  
Heathcote, Victoria. RRP \$22

Bress is the wine with the silver chook on the front label born from winemaker Adam Marks' dedication to farming the famous chickens of France.

*IT OFFERS EXCELLENT VALUE AND WITH THE USE OF HIGH QUALITY FRUIT, RESPECTS ALL THE HALLMARKS OF MINIMAL INTERVENTION WINEMAKING.*

Left in the glass a moment this wine conjures up layers of black and blue fruits brightened by some floral violet notes. Being 2010 it is still a baby but it has already opened its gateway to a soft, pleasurable mid-palate, so can tick the box for those seeking a delicious quaffer.

**GEMBROOK HILL Mayer Pinot Noir 2008**  
Upper Yarra Valley, Victoria. RRP \$30

The wine is so called Mayer in tribute to the fruit sourced from winemaker Timo Mayer's vineyard. The 2008 harvest was their earliest to date, however the undulating hills of the Upper Yarra Valley sub-wine region experience a markedly cooler site over the valley floor. In this way, the grapes flourished in the slightly warmer conditions and still retained great natural acidity. The palate is a timely delicacy of luscious cherry fruits brushed with an earthy poise and fine tannins that ultimately complete the picture.

**BINDI Composition Pinot Noir 2010**  
Macedon Ranges, Victoria. RRP \$53

The Composition Pinot Noir is based upon declassified grapes normally assigned to their top-end premium Pinots. This one is gently worked and beguiles with a nose of fresh cherries, forest floor and an intriguing slate-like quality.

*THE YOUTHFUL TANNINS ARE GRIPPY AND THE FLAVOUR WONDERFULLY LONG.*

Expect it to only get more silky with time. Pleasure box ticked.



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