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Ad Hoc "Hen and Chicken" Chardonnay 2007

When we set out to tackle the three-and-a-half thousand wines that we short-list for this book, there is no need for us to fulfil the duty of ticking every regional box in Australia. But no sooner did we find a beautiful Frankland Chardonnay than a Pemberton one turned up as well! Well done WA, for making great Chardonnay outside of the stronghold of Margaret River. The flavour profiles that we enjoy from these diverse regions allow so many more recipes to come into play, rather than the same old style of wines being made everywhere. Keep 'em coming - we'll never get thirsty when we have these wines to hand. Thanks Larry!

Pemberton

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\$18 Ad Hoc Wall Flower Riesling 2008

A wall flower Larry Cherubino is certainly not, preferring to be centre of attention or otherwise nearest the bar. Ad hoc he is, because you never know what is coming next from his winery. This is a very precise Riesling for this money, with fine apple fruit and a seamlessly integrated palate.

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The Yard Channybearup Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2008

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Pemberton

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Channybearup is illegal in most countries and we don't want to involve the WWF in any way, shape or form, but so long as it's kept in Larry's Yard, well away from everybody, we'll all be fine. There is great, fine, minerally texture to this wine. It's tightly honed and fresh and more about river pebble texture than it is about fruit, and all the better for it. Really elegant, toned and honed, with all of Sauvignon's usual sticky-outy bits polished clean off. Ouch!

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