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Drink it in: Producers Edward Tomlinson, Andy Scade, Trevor Kent and Roly Egerton-Warburton. Picture: Lincoln Baker

Top tipples at right price for leaders

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Visiting delegates and heads of state will be enjoying some of WA's finest wines when they meet in Perth later this month.

However, summit organisers are at pains to point out that the final selection of 37 wines and six beers all had to pass a rigorous "value for money test" to stave off potential criticism of wine-swilling world leaders drinking highly priced wine courtesy of the Australian taxpayer.

The wines will be offered at



the Prime Minister's dinner, the Leaders' Retreat barbecue and to those involved in the spouses' and partners' program hosted by "First Bloke" Tim Mathieson.

"The CHOGM task force was spoiled for choice," CHOGM participant and Fremantle MP Melissa Parke said.

"These are among the best wines produced in WA and they'll be a real showcase for the State's premium wines."

The wines were shortlisted by the chefs involved in cooking for the leaders and given final tick of approval by CHOGM's delegate relations team.

The wines are mostly priced at the \$20-\$40 range.

Producers to make the cut include Vasse Felix, Cape Mentelle, Cullen, Pierro, Howard Park, Fonty's Pool and Rosily, Ad Hoc, Valley Of The Giants and West By Southwest.

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