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## TOP DROPS

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### **2009 Castelli Cerca Cabernet Merlot, \$18**

This Denmark producer sources cabernet from Frankland River and merlot from Pemberton for this rich, fleshy, red blend. It's delightfully approachable and vibrant, with fresh blackcurrant flavours. Easy drinking.

### **2009 Hay Shed Hill Cabernet Merlot, \$20**

Cheap by Margaret River standards, but excellent quality by any standards. It's rich, concentrated and silky smooth, with wild-berry aromas, brambles and blackcurrant flavours, and long, lingering tannins. Approachable now.

### **2009 Ad Hoc Etcetera Cabernet Merlot, \$22**

This Larry Cherubino cheapie is good value. It's coal-black, dense, powerful, rich and tannic, with weight and depth of concentrated cassis flavour to balance the oak and the tannin. It will improve with time in the bottle or drink now with robust, slow-cooked lamb shanks.

