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100 TOP NEW RELEASE WINES



Australian wines reviewed by *WINE* contributing editor **HUON HOOKE**.
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Gourmet Traveller WINE's 100 Top New Release Wines
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Cellaring Guide

[] Good drinking now [] Good drinking now or in the next seven years [] 7-9 Cellar from seven to a maximum of nine years]

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93*****

2010 Cherubino Sauvignon Blanc, Pemberton, A\$35

Passionfruit and gooseberry aromas underlined by a subtle trace of barrel. Seamless and refined in the mouth with superior length. Intense flavour and more character than most. The palate is harmonious, with pleasing texture. **3**

CHERUBINO

SAUVIGNON BLANC

90****

2009 Evans & Tate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River, A\$23

A crisp, fruit-style sauvignon blend in classical Margaret River style. Fresh-cut radish and green-herb aromas. A trace of sweetness but tangy, vital and long-lasting on the palate. Good acidity holds it all together. Will have many fans. **2**



93*****

2009 Fraser Gallop Estate Parterre, Margaret River, A\$35

This is the more complex, worked and Bordelais of Nigel Gallop's two semillon sauvignon blancs. It has nutty, honeyed, toasty and slightly wild barrel and winemaking complexities, but retains its varietal cues. It's rich and full of interest. **5**



90****

2009 Two Rivers Reserve Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, A\$25

Signs of liberal oak treatment linger in this rich, long-flavoured wine. It has toasty and grilled-nut aromas, and the finish has a drying quality from the oak. A very savoury style of chardonnay. **4**



93*****

2009 James Estate Reserve Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, A\$20

An excellent wine out of left-field from this dark-horse Hunter winery. Intense lemony fruit aromas and gentle oak lead into a clean, well-made wine with a very long carry. It should age well. **5**



90****

2009 Willow Bridge Estate Wild Ferment Reserve Sauvignon Blanc, Pemberton, A\$22

Tingling lime aromas and a trace of capsicum, then a delicate, racy palate which has fine structure and a clean, dry and very refreshing finish. Also better length than most of its kind. **2**



92****

2008 De Bortoli Estate Grown Sauvignon, Yarra Valley, A\$24

Nutty and slight reductive aromas introduce a savoury element to this wine, which is more complex than most of its ilk. It's light in the mouth and fresh for its age; also fleshy and gentle, balanced, with a touch of richness. **4**



89****

2010 Ad Hoc Straw Man Sauvignon Blanc Semillon, Margaret River, A\$21

Larry Cherubino's entry-level blend is a fresh, pale, youthfully zesty wine which is light-bodied and beautifully proportioned. Tangy in the mouth as well as juicy without being sweet, it should have wide appeal. **2**



92****

2009 Oakridge Fumé, Yarra Valley, A\$32

Smoky, nutty, cashew aromas with lots of lees and a kiss of oak, taking this into a higher realm than most simple, fruity savvies. Good balance; subtle, delicate and lingering, and just 11.5 per cent alcohol. **4**

OAKRIDGE

FUMÉ

2009

89****

2010 Medhurst Sauvignon Blanc, Yarra Valley, A\$25

This youngster has a sulfur-like pong when first poured, which clears to reveal a passionfruit varietal aroma. It carries more palate weight than expected. The finish is long and complete. It could do with a few months' rest, to settle down. **2**

