

Reserve Release

Syrah 2010

93 Points

Tremendous perfume and spice thanks to whole bunch fermentation. Fantastic texture, line, length. But with green pepper and a stalky edge, does the whole bunch influence go too far?



Estate Grown

Pinot Noir 2010

95 Points

Is this the most important pace-setting Pinot in the country? With such haunting perfume, a waft of rose petal, bright red cherry and pink peppercorn palate and silky tannins, it is this year.



Chardonnay 2010

94 Points

Tightrope balance of complexity and unerring restraint with primary, crunchy lemon, grapefruit, apple and pear offset by nuances of smoked bacon. The most taut under this label yet; a high strung frame of minerality and less flesh than a gymnast.



Sauvignon 2010

94 Points

One of the standouts of a great lineage of De Bortoli Sauvignon and more deeply mineral and intense textural than ever. Beautiful aromatics of bright grapefruit blossom; clean-cut lemon carry through the palate.



Syrah 2010

92 Points

A lighter Yarra Syrah season, producing black pepper and spice with attractive perfume, ripe tannins and impressive line and length. Is the green pepper edge of whole bunch a touch too much for the elegance of the season?



Melba

Mimi 2010

94 Points

Long-term potential, gravelly tannins and savoury complexity are the themes here. It's exceedingly bright and youthful right now with primary redcurrants, capsicum, cigar box and tobacco.



Riorret

Merricks Grove 2009

94 Points

It is a great challenge to produce Pinot Noir of lifted rose petal delicacy and subtlety and at the same time a firm, textural tannin backbone. Trust the talented De Bortoli brigade to nail it again.



The Abbey 2010

94 Points

A pretty, lighter bodied take on Yarra Pinot with an air of spice, cherry kernel and anise over a core of red cherry fruits. The finish is long, vibrant, bright and accented with finely textured tannins.



Emu 2010

93 Points

The firmest, most rustic of De Bortoli's Riorret trio, this Pinot will appreciate some time to settle and soften. Its accurate black cherry fruits and savoury herb notes will mature slowly.



Gulf Station

Chardonnay 2010

94 Points

Is there a finer Chardonnay under \$20 anywhere in the world? Premium Yarra Valley fruit with years of potential in the cellar, thanks to honed minerality and precision of grapefruit and white peach.



BellaRiva

Pinot Grigio Vermentino 2010

93 Points

After flitting around Sardinia and sloshing refreshingly zesty and delightfully textural Mediterranean whites, Steve Webber and Leanne De Bortoli have contrived a sophisticated and understated rendition of their own.



Sangiovese Merlot 2009

92 Points

It took 20 bottles of Chianti, Bolgheri and Brunello for Webber and Fagan to nail this blend, or so they claim. Lifted floral notes and fine boned texture make all the hard work worthwhile.



Windy Peak

Chardonnay 2010

91 Points

Often under \$10, where else on earth can you find Chardonnay at this price with elegant minerality, pure white peaches, lemon zest, even a touch of lees complexity? You cant.



Deen Vat Series

Vat 7 Chardonnay 2010

90 Points

Everyday Chardonnay with a lift of peach blossom and a hint of butterscotch in a restrained, dry and fruit-focused style with a lingering finish and even a dash of minerality.



Vat 6 Verdelho 2010

90 Points

Murmur what you will about sub-\$15 Verdelho, but this is one fresh fruit purity, a honeydew bouquet and crunchy Nashi pear palate. It's dry, textural and exact an aperitif with Asian finger foods.

