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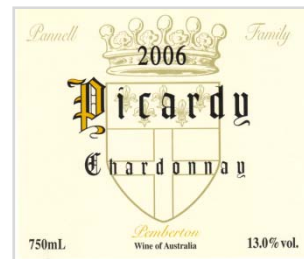
September/October Edition

***“The diversity of climate and geography in Australia’s wine regions, and its producers’ mastery of a vast range of varieties, are unmatched in the New World...”*** Josh Raynolds

**2006 Picardy Chardonnay** Pemberton

(\$33) Bright yellow. Fresh pear and peach aromas are deepened by anise and sweet butter and energized by dusty minerals. Juicy pit fruit flavors coat the palate, picking up subtle vanilla bean and honey character with air. Becomes firmer and more mineral-driven on the finish, which repeats the pear and peach notes. This should gain weight and breadth with a couple more years in the cellar. Seductive and delicious. Josh Raynolds

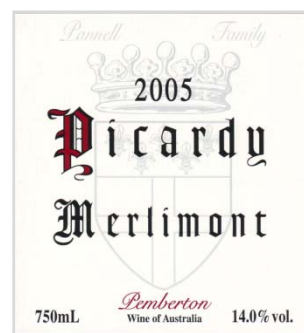
91 POINTS



**2005 Picardy Merlimont** Pemberton

(\$22; 53% merlot, 24% cabernet sauvignon and 23% cabernet franc) Deep, saturated red. Fresh cherry and plum on the nose, with subtle tobacco, herb and licorice notes adding complexity. Pliant, open-knit red fruit flavors deliver very good vivacity, with no rough edges or bitter notes. The cherry and vanilla notes repeat on the long, sappy finish of this already delicious wine. Josh Raynolds

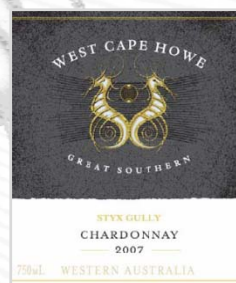
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**2007 West Cape Howe  
Styx Gully Chardonnay** Great Southern

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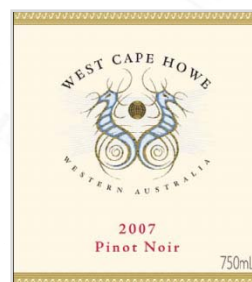
(\$22) Light, bright gold. Focused, spicy aromas of fresh lemon, pink grapefruit and green apple. Racy citrus and under ripe melon flavors deliver solid punch and back-end lift. A clean, brisk style that would work well as an aperitif. Josh Raynolds



**2007 West Cape Howe  
Pinot Noir** Western Australia

**89 POINTS**

(\$20) Raspberry and cherry aromas are spicy and focused. Fresh red fruit flavors are underscored by a pleasantly bitter cherry skin quality and energized by dusty minerality. Nervy berry and cherry flavors linger on the spicy finish of this nicely balanced wine. Josh Raynolds



**2006 West Cape Howe  
Bookends Cabernet Sauvignon** Great Southern

**89 POINTS**

(\$24) Bright ruby. Redcurrant, cherry and smoky minerals on the nose, with floral and herbal qualities adding interest. Sweet red fruit flavors are firmed by juicy acidity and pick up refreshing minerality with air. Very cabernet and very suave, with attractive finishing sweetness and sneaky persistence. This developed nicely with air, gaining floral and herbal notes to go with deeper, darker berry flavors. Josh Raynolds

