



FULL BOTTLE
GREG DUNCAN POWELL

QUAFFING

Haselgrove Sovereign Series Shiraz 2006, \$10
 At 14.5 per cent alcohol, this is quite a hefty quaffer. It's generously flavoured, too. There's plenty of sweet, lush, plummy shiraz fruit and a relatively long alcohol-fuelled finish. It's suited to big-red lovers.



DINING



Tulloch Hunter River White 2008, \$22
 It would be easy to dismiss this as yet another white blend but it's different. There's a smidgen of chardonnay and some verdelho aromatics but it's the lean, clean Hunter semillon that dominates and gives spine, structure, elegance and food versatility.



TRYING

Alana Estate Martinborough Riesling 2008, \$38
 This is not as sweet as most Kiwi rieslings and is very nicely balanced. Pristine lime juice aromas and passionfruit are countered with delicious, zesty, chalky acidity. It's an interesting drink on its own or with delicate – and not too salty – canapes.



INDULGING

Balnaves Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2006, \$95
 This sumptuous red demonstrates why Coonawarra has such a reputation. It features lovely aromatics, great texture, excellent depth and a lengthy finish. It deserves high-quality lamb.

