



McLaren Vale Icon



At the ripe age of 33, Peter Fraser has made wine in Australia, Spain, France and the U.S.... Peter has been with Yangarra since the inaugural harvest in 2000. At Yangarra, the focus is primarily on Rhône varieties—Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Roussanne and Viognier—which seem to thrive in this cooler part of McLaren Vale. It's difficult to believe that a winery this young has already become an icon in the region.

I sat down with Peter several weeks ago and tasted through some recent offerings from Yangarra. In classic Aussie form, the wines show enormous depth of fruit, with a masterful style developed by the hand of a master winemaker. During the tasting, I managed to reconfirm my ongoing love affair with Grenache: the Yangarra Old Vines Grenache is stunning, and the High Sands version is absolutely killer. These wines are not to be missed.



90 Yangarra 2007 Roussanne, Single Vineyard, McLaren Vale (\$19)
Fresh and citrusy with white peach and minerals; bright, long and complex with lovely balance and nerve.



91 Yangarra 2006 Shiraz, Single Vineyard, McLaren Vale (\$25)
Fragrant, spicy and dense with meaty blackberry fruit and power; ripe and long; showing elegant complexity.



92 Yangarra 2006 Cadenzia, Single Vineyard, McLaren Vale (\$25)
Richly fragrant, smooth and luscious with velvety texture, ripe blackberry fruit and hints of new oak; 68% Grenache, 27% Shiraz, 5% Mourvèdre.



93 Yangarra 2006 Grenache, Old Vines, McLaren Vale (\$25)
Stunning; bursting with black raspberry and cassis; racy, intense, long and delightful.



95 Yangarra 2005 Grenache, High Sands, McLaren Vale (\$80)
An extraordinary wine; silky and rich with racy, jammy, spicy blackberry and blueberry fruit; pure, intense acidity and elegant flavors.