

**Leylines Shiraz, McLaren Vale,
Songlines Estates, Australia
2007**

I took time to warm up to the Songlines Estates' wines owing to the astonishing spend and razzmatazz surrounding their launch.

Needless fretting, as the wines made from the finest McLaren Vale fruit are serious, limited-edition stuff. This gorgeous, creamy, spicy, blackberry, pepper and chocolate-laced 14.5 per cent whopper is another top-notch barbecue red.



Jane MacQuitty
The Times Top 100 Wines of
Summer (£12.40)

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Wines in the Press

At Private Cellar we thoroughly enjoy choosing the wines for our list, travelling the world to meet with suppliers, tasting here and at the wineries and talking with our customers to find out what you really want from your wine merchant. The end result is a selection of wines that we are very proud of - wines which we buy for our own cellars and happily serve to our friends at home.

Whilst we love all of our wines, we are always hugely encouraged to see others enjoying them too and thought we would share with you a selection of our recent Press reviews from some of the UK's top wine writers.

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**Springfontein Terroir Selection
Pinotage 2006**

Sturdy and concentrated.

*Six of the best summer sips,
Jonathan Ray in The Field (£9.95)*

**Château de Marsan Bordeaux
Blanc 2008 (£7.95)**

Crisp, zingy, citrusy dry white bordeaux blasted on to Britain's shop shelves from around the 2000 vintage on. And what a welcome change it made from the flabby, sweet, sulphury white bordeaux of yesteryear. So tuck in to this contemporary bold, grassy, green tomato-spiked, sauvignon blanc-dominant bordeaux, topped up with buttery semillon and tailor-made for summer's fishy salads.

Jane MacQuitty
The Times Top 100 Wines of
Summer

Serious Sauvignon Blanc: full with lifted citrusy fruit and a depth of flavour that would repay aging.

Steven Spurrier, Decanter
Magazine (three stars)

Bristling Sauvignon Blanc with grassy, currant-leaf flavours, a touch of spice and minerality. Now-2010.

Joanna Simon
Decanter Magazine
(three stars, 16/20)

**Rully Clos du Moulin à
Vent, Domaine Anne-
Sophie Debavelaere
2006**

Anne-Sophie Debavelaere's Rully is bound for my cellar. Honeyed, hazlenut fruit, good acidity.

Mini Meursault.
Steven Spurrier, Decanter
Magazine (£13.95)



Bylines Hunter Valley Chardonnay 2008

This is steeply priced but deservedly so. It's from a joint venture by David Fatches and John Duval, two of Australia's most highly regarded winemakers. Elegant and understated - but with classic development ahead of it in bottle - it's as far from an oaky over-the-top Oz chardy as it's possible to get.

Bob Tyrer, The Sunday Times (£17.95)

Bourgogne Pinot Noir, Frédéric Magnien 2006

Scooping up a humble bourgogne blanc, or rouge, from a good producer and a top year can add up to great value for money drinking. As a negociant, or merchant, based in the northern Côte d'Or in Morey St Denis, Frédéric Magnien is renowned for his fruit-led wines just like this delicious '06. Lap up this sweet, ripe, zesty, damson plum fruit-charged red burgundy, with a touch of leather and chocolate spice on the finish, before everyone else does.

Jane MacQuitty, The Times Top 100 Wines of Summer (£13.50)