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Reserve de Sours Sparkling Rose: CHATEAU de Sours is an historic winery in St Emilion in Bordeaux and, considering some of the prices from wines of that region, this represents excellent value. It is instantly appealing and ideal for the Australian summer. A salmon pink colour, it is zesty in the mouth, with ripe berry flavours, good balance and delicious persistence. A great starter, it also has enough sophistication for a celebratory occasion. Lovely. Cost: \$28.

Xanadu Cabernet Merlot, 2009: MARGARET River and quality cabernet go hand-in-hand. This is a top winery and the 2009 vintage is highly regarded - so everything was in place for a top wine. For me, they've delivered. In this case they've added some plummy merlot to fill out the mid-palate and add depth and softness to the ripe black fruit flavours. It's good drinking now with terrific fruit sweetness, but can safely be put away for mediumterm cellaring. Cost: \$30.

Tempus Two Verdelho,
2011: THE semillon takes all the
accolades for white in the Hunter,
followed by chardonnay - but this
fruity white hits the mark with a huge
number of casual drinkers. And why
shouldn't it? It's easy drinking, cheap,
and brimful of tropical fruit freshness.
This has stonefruit and pineapple,
cleansing acid, and heaps of appeal.
Serve it cold and enjoy it's ease of
drinking. Cost: \$15.