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■ Wyndham Estate George Wyndham shiraz, 2005

George Wyndham planted Australia's first commercial shiraz vineyard in 1830 and this is their tribute to him. Wyndham's flagship red is the mass-selling Bin 555 shiraz, invariably super value. This is a step up, selected from their finest fruit, and it delivers, with dense, dark-berry flavours. \$19.

■ GLENPARA grenache shiraz mataro, 2006

Made by Kevin Mitchell from Kilikanoon, a master – especially with wonderful old Barossa vines at his disposal. Juicy, earthy, mixed berry flavours, wonderfully smooth, gentle tannins. It will cover just about any occasion in style. \$25.

■ Houghton chardonnay verdelho, 2008

An appealing combination, opening with melon and peach chardonnay characters, picking up the tropical fruit of the verdelho and finishing with a touch of citrus. Fresh and lively. Roast chicken anyone? \$14.