

Presents for Palates

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The Age Epicure

What to buy for....

Mum: Vasse Felix 2009 Heytesbury chardonnay (\$55). A super-elegant Margaret River chardonnay, spiced apple, nutty, mealy, quietly reserved.

Dad: Wirra Wirra 2009 RSW McLaren Vale shiraz (\$65). Generous, vanilla, wild spice, savoury, wrapped in fine tannins.

Brother: Shelmerdine 2008 Merindoc Vineyard shiraz (\$65). A fine ambassador for Heathcote shiraz; dark plums, chocolate, red and black fruits, firm structure.

Sister: William Downie 2010 Yarra Valley pinot noir (\$65). Heavenly scented, wild strawberry, raspberry, gentle spice, velvety tannins.

Husband: Primo Estate Joseph sparkling red (\$70). A massively complex, engaging sparkling from McLaren Vale; old-wine base material is the secret, chocolate, aniseed, allspice, blackberry, fruit cake.

Wife: Taittinger Brut Reserve Non-Vintage (\$85). Champagne of complexity and fineness; creamy, stone fruits, citrus, lantana, fresh herbs, finely textured, lingering.