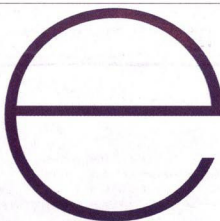


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Corkscrew

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Hunter Valley based Mount Eyre Vineyards was established in 1999. It is a joint collaboration between the Iannuzzi and Tsironis families — one Italian, the other Greek, and both with a lineage of winemaking stretching back centuries. Their Three Ponds Range of wines includes the 2011 semillon, 2011 verdelho, 2010 chardonnay, 2009 shiraz and 2010 merlot. On this occasion I bring you the Three Ponds 2011 semillon and 2011 verdelho which both retail for \$20.

The Mount Eyre 2011 semillon is bright lemon in colour with a green tinge indicating its youth. The nose offers green apple and apricot flavours with a touch of passionfruit. The palate is quite approachable for a young Hunter semillon. The wine is very appealing, the finish is crisp and refreshing with firm acidity.

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with the oldest verdelho vines in Australia just up the road at Margan Wines. The Mount Eyre 2011 verdelho is also bright lemon in colour which gives way to a nose of herbaceous apricots and light honeysuckle flavours. The palate is fruit driven with lashings of crisp acidity and a myriad of tropical fruit flavours such as pineapple, passionfruit and guava characteristics. It leaves a lasting impression in the mouth, which is dry with racy acidity on a fruit-driven finish.