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## The Stand Out Wines

**Montrose Mudgee Black Shiraz 1998 - \$19.** Deep colour and concentrated nose with generous fruit and plenty of depth. Richness and balance with concentrated spicy berry characters. "Gorgeous," said Kay

**Magleri McLaren Vale Shiraz 1999 - \$19.** Colin found bags of soft, generous round tannins. A ripe, juicy and complex wine which is rich, sweet and mouthfilling. Kay's second choice of the testing.

**Mamre Brook Shiraz 1999 - \$21.** Delicious complex herbal nose with good concentration and texture with lovely "pruny" fruit. Tim commented on good depth and balance and classic pepper characters.

**Orlando Lawsons Padthaway Shiraz 1994 - \$60.** Powerful aromas and still youthful with American oak. Rich and complex without overt

fruit characters. Classic premium Shiraz, rich without being cloying. Some mummy characters and a lovely structure.

**Orlando Centenary Hill Berossa Valley Shiraz 1994 - \$60.** Took a little time to open up. Complex spicy and plum nose. Very smooth, powerful and complex with great finish. Marvellous concentration.

"Savu eavata ravitica" - *Waimanapa* Colin

**Schubert Wines Syrah 1999 - \$45.** A great young wine with possibilities for good development. Spicy and savoury with a gorgeous texture and great fruit characters. Fresh and juicy. Showing depth and complexity. "A stand out bit of acid on the finish leads you to the next mouthful," says Colin.

### Schubert Wines Syrah 1999 - \$45

**Wine details:** Hand picked fruit from Gimblett Gravels area in Hawke's Bay and Martinborough - aged in 100% new French oak for 19 months.

**Winemaker's comment:** Complex and tightly knit wine - blackberry and blackcurrant fruit - spicy notes of liquorice, clove and pepper.



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Michael Cooper

As a Schubertian (in the usual sense), I was a sucker from the start for **Schubert Hawke's Bay Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 (★★★★, \$45)**. Made by two Wairarapa-based Germans, Kai Schubert and his partner, Marion Deimling, it was grown in Gimblett Road and matured for two years in all-new French oak barriques. A stunning red, dark and rich, it shows exciting flavour concentration and the structure to mature well for a decade (phone 06 306-8505.)

MONTES

"Dear Kai,

..... Your Syrah we tasted at the winery, in Curicó, from the sample bottle also tasted by Aurelio and his boys. They liked it immensely and so did I. Later Aurelio told me he found it nearer our Syrah-to-come (Montes Folly) than our MONTES ALPHA Syrah and a great Syrah indeed.

Your Cabernet Franc I tasted with my family last Sunday and everyone heartily approved. They ranked it above than several Pomerols (Grand Cru level) that we also tasted. So far, your wines are doing great and there is a parallel with our Montes wines from Apalta. Yours are first vintage and should not be as good as they are. Ours are from young vines and should not taste as good as they do but they do. Great future for the Schuberts and for the Montes wines!!! The Cabernet Sauvignon I am keeping to taste this coming weekend. ....

Best Regards,  
Douglas Murray"



Douglas Murray is Director of MONTES in Chile and was selected by VINO THEQUE, oldest wine magazine in Japan, as one of the six world wine personalities most influential in Japan in the last 20 years.