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At Westend we are ecstatic to announce the release of Peter Forrestal's 2010 edition of "Quaff - The Best Wines in Australia under \$15." Westend received stand out reviews, from the *Poker Face* label, *Westend Cool Climate Series*, *Three Bridges* range and the consistent reliable - *Richland Range*.

WHITE WINE REVIEWS

WESTEND COOL CLIMATE RIESLING – WHITE WINE OF THE YEAR AWARD SHORTLISTED

Westend continue to think beyond the square and refuse to being constrained in what they do. This impressive Riesling shows what Canberra is capable of. There's so much energy exuding from Westend these days, its hard to keep up. Here is s stunner from their new 'Cool Climate' range – it certainly extends the Westend range admirably. The Westend Riesling has exuberant limey aromatics, squashy, intense lemon and lime flavours, lovely mouthfeel, finesse, delicacy and impeccably balanced, natural acidity.



POKER FACE CHARDONNAY - BLOODY GOOD

The team at Westend are full of surprises and their wines seem to get better from year to year. Look at the quality of this Riverina chardonnay. Look at the price. This delightfully floral, maybe with a hint of lavender, has bright powerful stone fruit flavours with some t tropical notes and a fresh, vibrant finish.



RICHLAND SAUVIGNON BLANC - THE RELIABLE (CONSISTENT QUALITY WINES, YEAR IN, YEAR OUT)

The Westend Richland is one of the Reliables, having been reviewed in each addition of Quaff. Its stunning performance as most of the other Riverina, or indeed warm area, sauvignons lack intensity and concentration of flavours. Better still, this is an outstanding vintage for the Richland Sauvignon Blanc, possibly the best ever! This is one of the reliables, in many ways the most remarkable of them because it has defied belief for ten years. How does Westend make such a good sauvignon blanc so consistently in such warm area? At least part of the secret must be in early picking. This is gently aromatic, vibrant and juicy with ripe tropical flavours, a hint of grassiness and zesty, tangy acidity to finish. Just a hint of passionfruit lingers in the memory.



RED WINE REVIEWS

RICHLAND CABERNET SAUVIGNON - PRETTY GOOD

I prefer other from the Westend stable, finding this a bit too firm. Still, there are juicy redcurrent flavours and smooth ripe texture to suggest that it would be fine with a big steak!



RICHLAND MERLOT - PRETTY GOOD

This Riverina merlot is soft, round and easy drinking, has red berry flavours and a pretty grippy finish.



POKER FACE SHIRAZ - BLOODY GOOD

There's no holding back the folks from Westend in the Riverina and they love performing well in the Quaff tastings. Okay, I'm always delighted when this friendly family winery does well, usually because it offers such great value. This is delightfully fragrant, succulent and fleshy with vibrant redcurrent and dark plum flavours, finishing with balanced moderate tannins. Quaff on!



WESTEND COOL CLIMATE SHIRAZ - GOOD

This is part of the 'Cool Climate' range from Westend, which sources fruit from nearby regions that are cooler than the Riverina. This is in the lighter spectrum of tempranillo and quite delicious. Its soft, round and easy drinking, with vibrant macerated red cherry flavours. Delightfully approachable.



3 BRIDGES DURIF - GREAT VALUE WINES OVER \$15

Here is a big, robust Riverina red that is richly concentrated, with ripe, sweet blackcurrent pastille, velvety texture and balance.

