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## New horizons

The best resorts to recharge the  
body and soothe the soul





**2014 Jasper Hill Georgia's  
Paddock Shiraz**  
Heathcote, Vic, \$88

Ron Laughton is a biodynamic pioneer but doesn't broadcast it. His message is in the bottle: potent blackberry and dark-plum aromas lead to a rich, layered palate with sinewy tannins in support. Best in five to 10 years.

**2014 Gemtree Luna  
Roja Tempranillo**  
McLaren Vale, SA, \$25

The Buttery family has taken to biodynamics and organics with spectacular results. Tempranillo has never looked better, with dark-cherry and aniseed aromas, an intensely flavoured palate and mild-mannered tannins.

**2015 Lowe Tinja  
Preservative Free  
Mudgee Organic Shiraz**  
Mudgee, NSW, \$22

Made without sulphur dioxide, this lively red oozes raspberry and red-cherry flavours, its gentle tannins unencumbered by excessive oak. It's slurpable (12 per cent alcohol) and perfect with margherita pizza.



WINE SNOB

**TAL THORNE**

Restaurant and bar manager, Monster Kitchen and Bar, Hotel Hotel, ACT



**You've got \$20 to spend.**

**What wine would you buy?**

The 2013 Half Moon Rosé from Braidwood. It's a well-balanced, beautiful rosé made with shiraz grapes.

**And if you had \$50?**

Ravenworth's 2014 Hilltops Nebbiolo – intense flavour and great ageing potential.

**When it comes to wine, what's your personal favourite?**

A cabernet franc from Anjou [in the Loire Valley]; that area is my favourite.

**What's the best wine in Australia right now?**

The 2014 Clonackilla Shiraz Viognier.

**What's your cellaring philosophy?**

Try hard not to drink them!

**What five wines would you put away for 10 years?**

Lark Hill Shiraz Viognier, Canberra; Petaluma Harlin Hill Riesling, Clare Valley; Mossolino Langhe DOC Nebbiolo, Piedmont; Tyrrell's Vat 1 Hunter Semillon, Hunter Valley; Maxime Graillet Domaine des Lises Crozes-Hermitage, Rhône.

**What do you drink when no-one's watching?**

Something hipster, like an orange wine with a heap of skin contact.

**What's your hangover cure?** Beer!