

2006 WATER WHEEL MEMSIE WHITE

RATING: 88 POINTS

DRINK: 2007-2009

The 2006 Memsie White is an intriguing blend of Sauvignon Blanc (40%), Semillon (30%), Roussanne (21%), and Chardonnay (9%). Light straw-colored, it has a complex bouquet of mineral, spring flowers, honey, and candle wax. Medium-bodied, well-balanced, and flavorful, this attractive wine will go well with seafood and white meats over the next 12-18 months.

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2005 WATER WHEEL SHIRAZ

RATING: 91 POINTS

The opaque purple 2005 Shiraz was aged for 9-12 months in a mix of new and used American hogsheads. It offers a multi-dimensional perfume of cedar, tobacco, plum, anise, blueberry, and blackberry. Full-bodied, stacked and packed, this mouth-filling Shiraz has enough structure to evolve for several years but delaying gratification will prove difficult. A barrel sample of the 2006 (which should be in the bottle prior to publication) appears to be equally good.

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2005 WATER WHEEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON

RATING: 90 POINTS

DRINK: 2007-2014

The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon was aged for 12 months in a mix of new and used American oak hogsheads. Purple colored, it has a lovely perfume of cedar, spice box, cassis, and black currants. This is followed by a full-bodied wine with a big mouth-feel, lots of flavor, and a long, pure finish. Drink this value-priced Cabernet over the next 5-7 years.

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2006 WATER WHEEL MEMSIE PROPRIETARY RED

RATING: 90 POINTS

DRINK: 2007-2013

The purple-colored 2006 Memsie Red is composed of 87% Shiraz, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 6% Malbec, the wine was aged for 6 to 9 months in used American hogsheads. The aromatics are unusually expressive for a wine in this price category. Aromas of cinnamon, allspice, plum, blueberry and black currant lead to a medium to full-bodied wine with a plush texture, ripe sweet fruit, and a sense of elegance. This tasty wine will provide pleasure over the next 4-6 years.

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