Oz bargains from Majestic

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This month is likely to see pretty aggressive discounts by the major UK wine retailers – perhaps to make up volumes while a large proportion of regular customers have taken cheap flights elsewhere. Hold on for more news from the supermarkets but Majestic is currently offering 30% off all the Australian wines they stock so long as you buy at last two bottles of Australian among your minimum 12-bottle order. It has to be said that Majestic's Australian offering is rather lazily dominated by brands from a handful of big companies but the following are my strong personal recommendations:

Knappstein Hand Picked Riesling 2006 Clare Valley

Down from £6.99 to £4.89

Ridiculous price for this herbal, lime-scented bone dry serious wine made by Paul T Smith.

Thorn Clarke, Terra Barossa Pinot Gris 2005 Eden Valley

Down from £6.99 to £4.89

Excellent small producer, promising region, fashionable grape variety.

Yalumba Y Series Viognier 2006 South Australia

Down from £6.99 to £4.89

Even at full price this is a bargain from Australia's kings of Viognier. Not the important difference between South Australia and South Eastern Australia.

Yering Frog Chardonnay 2005 Yarra Valley

Down from £6.99 to £4.89

See my recent article about winemaker Tom Carson etc at In praise of the Yarra Valley.

See also **Yering Frog Shiraz Viognier 2005 Yarra Valley** and **Yering Frog Pinot Noir 2006 Yarra Valley** at the same price.

Yering Station Chardonnay 2005 Yarra Valley

Down from £9.99 to £6.99

See my enthusiastic tasting note.

. This promotion runs until 3 Sep, when all those holidaymakers will have returned.

You might also like to try cherry picking from their fine Australian wine selection at www.majestic.co.uk/finewine