

Brown Magpie Wines ★★☆☆☆

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WINEMAKER	Loretta Breheny, Shane Breheny, Karen Coulston (Consultant)
ESTABLISHED	2000
CASES	3500

Shane and Loretta Breheny's 20-ha property is situated predominantly on a gentle, north-facing slope, with cypress trees on the western and southern borders providing protection against the wind. Vines were planted over 2001–02, with pinot noir (5 ha) taking the lion's share, followed by pinot gris (2 ha), shiraz (1.5 ha) and 0.25 ha each of chardonnay and sauvignon blanc. Viticulture is Loretta's love; winemaking (and wine) is Shane's.

JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES



Geelong Pinot Noir 2004 Complex with a fine, elegant and supple mix of savoury and red berry fruits, finishing with fine tannins. Gold and trophy winner Geelong Wine Show '06. Screwcap. 13% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2011 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Geelong Shiraz 2007 Excellent purple-crimson; bursting with spicy/tangy fruit on the palate, which has great thrust and persistence to the spicy, peppery black fruit and licorice flavours. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2020 Release Price \$27 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geelong Shiraz 2006 Light- to medium-bodied; has a delicious array of spicy red and black fruits on a fresh and very long palate; trophy, Geelong Wine Show '07. **Rating 94 Drink 2015 Release Price \$29 Date Tasted Oct 07**

Geelong Shiraz 2004 Dense purple-red; medium-bodied, silky texture; cool black fruits and spice; good French oak balance and integration. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2012 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Nov 05**



Modewarre Mud Geelong Shiraz 2006 Bright, youthful colour; dominated by red fruits and spice, with layers of bright fruits across the palate; juicy, fresh and vibrant, with fine, silky, medium-bodied texture. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2018 Release Price \$33 Date Tasted Jan 08**

Modewarre Mud Geelong Shiraz 2008 Similar brilliant colour; overall, has greater intensity than the standard wine, but the bouquet and palate of both run along similar early-picked lines; here spice and pepper have a slightly bigger say. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2020 \$30 Date Tasted Jan 10**

Geelong Shiraz 2003 Blackberry, herb, thyme and spice; good mouthfeel and balance; fine tannins. **Rating 93 Drink 2013 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Oct 04**

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Geelong Shiraz 2005 Deep colour; abundant blackberry and licorice flavour supported by equally abundant oak and tannins. Cellaring special. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2015 Release Price \$27 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Paraparap Geelong Pinot Noir 2008 Light crimson-red; the bouquet has cherry, spicy and plum aromas leading into a smooth and supple red fruit palate that has good line, length and balance. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2015 \$27 Date Tasted Jan 10**

Paraparap Geelong Pinot Noir 2006 Has more substance and flavour than the Breheny Vineyards, with spice and black cherry/plum fruit pushing through the support of oak and tannins. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 92 Drink 2015 Release Price \$27 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Modewarre Mud Geelong Shiraz 2005 A rich wine, with layers of black fruits, licorice and spice; good extract, tannins and oak.

Rating 92 Drink 2016 Release Price \$33 Date Tasted Oct 07

Geelong Shiraz 2008 Bright, fresh crimson-red hue; an elegant light- to medium-bodied shiraz, with a fragrant bouquet of red and black fruits and a lively palate, oak and tannins appropriately restrained. Screwcap.

12.5% alc. **Rating 92 Drink 2018 \$27 Date Tasted Jan 10**

Geelong Pinot Gris 2009 Aromas and flavours of brown pear and peach skin give this pinot gris real character; indeed, it might have benefited from a touch more acidity. Screwcap.

14.5% alc. **Rating 91 Drink 2012 \$22 Date Tasted Jan 10**

Geelong Pinot Noir 2006 Dense colour; a very rich and plush wine; remarkably, not obviously extractive, though it is very ripe.

Rating 90 Drink 2012 Release Price \$24 Date Tasted Oct 07

Geelong Pinot Noir 2008 Bright light crimson; spicy plum aromas precede a palate with considerable energy and drive, savoury/forest characters coming through strongly on the finish and aftertaste. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2014 \$22 Date Tasted Jan 10**

Geelong Pinot Noir 2005 Powerful, layered dark fruits with abundant flavour. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2012 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Geelong Pinot Grigio 2008 Fresh, lively and crisp, offering pear, apple and citrus aromas and flavours; has good length; correct grigio style; the two Brown Magpie wines deserve attention. Screwcap.

12.4% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2011 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geelong Pinot Gris 2008 A serious and successful exercise in showing the difference between grigio and gris styles, even down to the shape and colour of the bottle, here in Alsace mode with rounded, mouthfilling luscious fruit. Screwcap.

14.5% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2013 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Breheny Vineyards Geelong Pinot Noir 2006 Fragrant and lively, with a mix of multi-spice and red cherry aromas which flow through into the light-bodied but long and well-balanced palate. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2012 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Dec 08**



Three Brown Magpies 2006 A rich, full-bodied chardonnay reflecting its alcohol; ripe peach, and some warmth on the finish; earlier picking might have paid dividends. Pinot Gris/Chardonnay/Sauvignon Blanc. Screwcap.

14.5% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2010 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Jan 07**

Geelong Pinot Gris 2005 Strongly varietal spice, musk and pear aromas and flavours; helped by brisk acidity and a subliminal hint of sugar. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2007 Release Price \$20 Date Tasted Dec 05**

Geelong Pinot Gris 2007 A very complex bouquet, with the suggestion of some oak somewhere in the mix; the

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palate follows suit, with a hint of sweetness, but lots of complexity.

Rating 89 Drink 2009 Release Price \$20 Date Tasted Oct 07

Blanc de Noir 2006 Pale bronze; an unexpectedly full palate, with nutty/creamy notes offset by powerful acidity.

Rating 89 Drink 2010 Release Price \$24 Date Tasted Oct 07

Pinot Gris 2005 Quite floral and fragrant blossom aromas; long palate; good acidity; just a twitch of alcohol.

Rating 89 Drink 2007 Release Price \$20 Date Tasted Oct 05

Geelong Pinot Noir 2003 Big frame, with distinctly savoury edges, possibly from some whole bunch fermentation; has considerable length.

Rating 89 Drink 2010 Release Price \$24 Date Tasted Oct 04

Geelong Late Harvest Pinot Gris 2008 Curiously, has a little more acidity and fruit freshness than the 'standard' pinot gris — confusing for the unwary. Screwcap.

13.5% alc. **Rating 88 Drink 2010 Release Price \$15 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geelong Pinot Gris 2006 Pear, musk and talc aromas and flavours; an extra touch of alcohol has worked well. Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 87 Drink 2008 Release Price \$18 Date Tasted Jan 07**



Pinot Gris 2006 Screwcap.

14% alc. **Rating 86 Release Price \$18 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Geelong Sauvignon Blanc 2008 Strongly structured and clean, but lacks positive varietal character — picked too late? Screwcap.

14.5% alc. **Rating 85 Drink 2010 Release Price \$22 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Geelong Rose 2008 Very pale salmon-pink; dry, but the pinot fruit lacks flavour. Screwcap.

12% alc. **Rating 84 Drink 2010 Release Price \$12 Date Tasted Dec 08**

Sailor's Delight Rose 2006 Screwcap.

13% alc. **Rating 84 Release Price \$15 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Geelong Pinot Grigio 2006 Screwcap.

13.5% alc. **Rating 84 Release Price \$18 Date Tasted Oct 06**

Brecheny Vineyards Geelong Pinot Noir 2004

Rating 84 Drink 2007 Release Price \$15 Date Tasted Oct 05