



WINE with DAVID ELLIS

Latest cask wine no vin ordinaire

BEELGARA has created a great new version of the ubiquitous cask – a budget-friendly job that holds three litres (four bottles) of premium bottle-quality wine rather than vin ordinaire.

And it's cube-shaped, to save on fridge space.

The so-called sq3 casks are sure to not only please those looking for vintage wines at a budget price but greenies, too.

Beelgara says the casks reduce carbon production in the manufacturing process by up to 80 per cent through the use of cardboard and a foil bladder rather than glass.

The current range includes a premium 2006 cabernet merlot, a 2006 semillon sauvignon blanc, a 2006 chardonnay and a 2007 rose.

Each cask costs \$24.95 – the equivalent of \$6.25 a bottle – at select liquor stores.

One for lunch

BIDGEEBONG Wines winemaking director Andrew Birks called on school teachers-turned-farmers Robert and Heather Johansen for fruit for his more-ish 2006 Tumbarumba sauvignon blanc.

The Johansens' Mountain View Vineyard is just out of Tumbarumba and the fruit enabled Birks to create a wine with nice, zesty lime and lemon flavours coupled with fragrant passionfruit and herbaceous aromas.

Pay \$20 and enjoy with stir-fried chicken, lemon grass and Asian greens topped with sliced avocado, lime juice and coriander.

Buy of the week

THE wallet will appreciate you sharing that next Sunday roast chicken with De Bortoli's Montage 2006 chardonnay semillon. Lovely creamy texture and under \$10.



FOUR BOTTLES:
Beelgara cask.



GREAT WITH CHICKEN:
2006 sauvignon blanc.