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Australian wine producers had built an enviable reputation in South Korea up to the mid 2000s, but then the Global Financial Crisis and a series of trade agreements combined to price Australians out of the market. But, as Denis Gastin reports, the playing field has been levelled and Australian reds in particular are again finding favour.

### 30 GOING NATIVE

Austrian grape growers are eyeing native varieties as they continue to rebuild the nation's international reputation for producing fine wines, reports Dan Traucki. It's a long road back from the mid-1980s for the industry after a major wine scandal crippled production, but as Winestate's comprehensive tasting of Austrian wines shows, they are making remarkable progress.

### 34 GROWING GREEN

Adopting a "natural" approach to growing grapes and producing fine wines has set Rosnay Wines apart in the viticultural regions around Cowra and Orange, says Dan Traucki. Nestled away in nearby Canowindra in the New South Wales central ranges, Rosnay has taken organic farming to new levels and is reaping rewards after taking the bold decision in 1998 to seek organic certification.





### 38 DEMAND SPIKES FOR EKHIDNA

It might be on the smaller side of South Australian wine producers, but Ekhidna Wines is building a big reputation in the McLaren Vale region. Dan Traucki writes that Ekhidna owners Matt and Katy Rechner continue to build on their enviable reputation with an expansive portfolio of sparklings, whites and reds after winning Best Australia Shiraz for their 2004 Linchpin Shiraz.



## 42 SOUTHERN STARS DELIVER ON STYLE

Dwarfed by their giant neighbour Marlborough, New Zealand's South Island duo Nelson and Canterbury produce distinctive cool-climate wines, writes Michael Cooper.

Tucked away in the northern sector of the South Island, the two regions deliver some of the island's finest pinot noir and in the white collection sauvignon blanc dominates followed by riesling in Canterbury and pinot gris in Nelson.

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