



*2009 Scarborough Blue Ribbon  
Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, A\$19*

This is the style of chardonnay that could woo the deserters back to the chardonnay ship: it's light but intense in the mouth with understated complexity and great drinkability, all at an affordable price. The bouquet is quite regional with its straw, savoury characters and a whiff of friar's balsam; the mouthfeel is a nice compromise between richness and drinkability, with genuine depth but also refreshing acidity that provides backbone and lengthens the finish. The final impression is of harmony. HH