



SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2008

The Long Flat name usually guarantees wine of distinction and quality at a very reasonable price. Once an everyday label from Tyrrell's Hunter Valley winery, these days it is based in Victoria, but grape sources are spread throughout the country. Consistent, easy drinking is the aim, and this blend of 92 per cent shiraz and 8 per cent viognier delivers. It opens with the smooth complexity of plum, spice, liquorice and earthy aromas. There's plenty of interest on the nose, and the meaty, intense palate doesn't disappoint, with good texture and concentration, and attractively soft tannins at the end. A modern, savoury style, but still ripe and satisfying. A great buy for everyday sipping.

Ageing? No.

Food ideas Pizza; lamb cutlets, barbecued sausages and steak.

Rating: ★★★★★ \$\$\$

Ralph Kyte-Powell, The Age - Epicure
Wine of the week, September 15, 2009

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