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### WINE JOHN LEWIS



Clare Valley rieslings are a revelation but, as two members of this trio show, the reds can also be most rewarding.

#### Tim Adams

##### 2007 Shiraz, \$28.50

Tim Adams's flagship Aberfeldys are among my favourite shiraz reds and this smart, more modestly priced wine is partly made from Aberfeldy vineyard grapes. It is garnet-hued and has bramble jelly scents. Intense blackcurrant flavour rolls onto the front of the palate and peppermint chocolate, spice and malt fruit characters integrate with nutty oak on the middle palate. Persistent berry fruit and flinty tannins marry at the finish.



#### Knapstein

##### 2009 Auckland Watervale Riesling, \$33

What a beautiful pure, elegant wine this is! It is light gold with green tints and has citrus and honeysuckle aromas. Pristine lime flavour zings onto the front of the palate and mineral, green apple and quince paste and toast characters join in on the middle palate. Steely acid refreshes at the finish. Knapstein is part of the Lion Nathan group, now owned by Japan's Kirin Holdings.



#### Koonowla

##### 2007 The Ringmaster Cabernet Sauvignon, \$20

This red, from Auburn at the southern end of Clare Valley, is terrific value at \$20. It is brick red and displays sweet raspberry scents. Smooth, ripe mulberry flavour comes through on the front palate and fruit elements of spearmint, black cherries and licorice meld with coconutty oak on the middle palate. Soft earthy tannin features at the finish. Koonowla's wines are made by gifted contract winemakers David O'Leary and Nick Walker.

