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Tulloch Hunter Valley Pokolbin Dry Red Shiraz 2005, \$20-\$25

Petite Verdot 2006, \$17.60-\$22, Viognier 2007, \$16-\$20, Marsanne, \$16.20

With the Tulloch family back in control after 30-odd years in the corporate wilderness, the old firm is a must-visit if you're in the Hunter. The semillons and shirazes are classic lower Hunter styles made with the self-assurance of people who know what the area does best. I'll review the semillons next week. Meanwhile buy some of the gentle, supple 2005 shiraz available at the cellar door for \$20 if you join the wine club. It's in the old "Hunter Burgundy" medium-bodied mould - a wine that just grows in interest with every sip. The viognier and marsanne are beautifully made, crisp modern additions to the range and sourced from Denman in the Upper Hunter. See www.tullochs.com.au