



Craneford Wines

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Also recommended: 2006 Allyson Parsons Shiraz Barossa Valley (86). (Southern Starz, Stamford, CT)

[2006 Craneford Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Allyson Parsons Barossa Valley](#) **87**

(\$17) Spicy dark berry and cherry aromas are complicated by licorice, tobacco and musky herbs. Zesty, sharply focused cherry and blackberry on the palate, with subtle minerality adding focus. Finishes dry, with good cut and length.

[2006 Craneford Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa Valley](#) **88(+?)**

(\$30) Saturated ruby. Minty red- and blackcurrant aromas offer good precision. Firm, tightly wound redcurrant and cherry flavors are kept under wraps by youthful acidity that carries through to the gripping finish. This will need some time to unwind.

[2006 Craneford Wines Merlot Barossa Valley](#) **90**

(\$33) Dark red. Ripe blackberry and cherry liqueur scents are brightened by zesty pepper and mint. Fat and sweet, with powerful cherry and dark berry compote flavors framed by gentle tannins and subtle acid lift. Gains flesh, power and depth on the impressively long, spicy finish. This has serious crowd appeal.

[2006 Craneford Wines Shiraz Barossa Valley](#) **90**

(\$33) Inky ruby. Intensely perfumed dark fruits, baking spices and flowers on the nose. Spicy blackberry and plum flavors offer impressive clarity and sweetness, with supple tannins contributing an impression of solidity. Expands and sweetens with air, finishing with excellent persistence.

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