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WEST CAPE HOWE 2005

UNWOODED CHARDONNAY

Unwooded chardonnay has got to be considered among the best value-for-money, easy drinking wines on our liquor store shelves. OK, it's not usually to the taste of the purists who maintain that chardonnay without oak is like a guitar without strings. But you can't knock the sales and the popularity of a wine style that unashamedly offers a big mouthful of honest fruity flavour. Mind you, styles can vary from the leaner crisp citrus to the fuller, rounder melon driven. The good thing is most of these are well under \$20, mainly because the winemakers don't have to go to the expense of using oak. The West Cape Howe unwooded chardonnay 2005 is a precise and neatly presented unwooded style showing attractive melon and light citrus tinged fruit with a delicious easy drinking palate. Round and soft but with a fine zingy acid.

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