

# Consume life.

wine.

# Driving not waving



GRAPE  
EXPECTATIONS

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**A** lot of people say what peeves them most is letting someone in in traffic who doesn't offer any wave of thanks.

Wake up to yourselves and get over it.

Struth, the way some people carry on you'd think they'd just donated a kidney. You haven't. You have let someone in the stream of traffic, thus adding two seconds to your journey.

If the only reason you would do such a thing is for the reward of someone's heartfelt wave, just stop and think for a moment, you greedy, selfish, self-centred, insular, road-hog; that space in front is not even yours in the first place.

Given the roadside histrionics of many commuters you would think they had just martyred themselves that mankind could live in peace.

A wave of gratitude for something of that magnitude would be worth it.

Indeed I would get out of the car, shake your hand and give you all my money, but would I then look for some acknowledgement for having done so? If I were you, apparently so.

You are in a car sharing a road, and a country, with 22 million others, unless you are travelling overseas in, for instance, China, in which case you are sharing with a billion others. Imagine if they all waved at your earth-moving generosity?

The world would shift on its axis at the first merging lane if they had to show you their gratitude at your magnanimity in letting someone in.

How have we come to this when such trivial gestures are offered only for something in return? Imagine a world where people were courteous just out of, well, courtesy?

Just the other day I gave a box of wine to a charity auction, a regular donation, as many winescribes do with their 'second' bottles, but do I expect thanks?

Of course not. Hmm, but a small wave?



Shaw Vineyard Estate Shiraz 2008, \$22. After a hard day's computing and a harder day's embarrassment at getting up the wrong person, a good red is a godsend, and you should send one to the got-up-ee, too. 8.6/10.



Thomson Estate Clare Valley Shiraz 2008, \$20ish. What an amazing smell! If it is the smell of the Clare Valley I am moving in. If it is merely the smell of a particular oak, I am building a new house out of it. 9/10.



(Moppity) Argo (Hilltops) Riesling 2009, \$20. I had just mowed over a heap of limes and was revelling in the scent, and lo and behold I was immediately drawn to this. Spooky. 8.8/10.



Knight Granite Hills Macedon Ranges Rose' 2006, \$???. 2006 is old for a rosé so maybe it

had been forgotten for a while. About as 'out there' as rosés get and a delight for a 'fistica-ted warm afternoon on a shady deck with antipasto. 8.8/10.



Krinklewood Francesca Rose', \$22. How could you refuse something called Francesca? You can't, so get in touch with the Italian in you and go for it. 8.2/10.



Bay of Fires Tigris 2008 Pinot Grigio, \$32. That's a fair whack for a P.G., specially one so serious. There's a lot going on with this so be prepared. 7.5/10.