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## Clancy of the Overmow



**M**owing is very Australian and since it's Australia Day, roughly, let's get mowing.

However remember there's an etiquette to mowing. Very strict rules of engagement.

The first consideration, which few people understand – eg the bloke across the road – is when one should mow.

Councils regulate times one may not mow, but other considerations should be observed, namely when I am having a nap.

Also if I am watching telly the whole block is a no-mow zone. If I am reading a newspaper, no. Basically if I am home, leave the mower in the shed.

Next, how often should you mow? This provides a huge opportunity for one upmanship and you see whole blocks where blokes outdo one another to be first and neatest.

Then there are others who really let the team, and the (tidy) town, down.

People like me, who don't have size and timing issues, are the last and untidiest in their street.

Once underway there's the two-fold dilemma of how low to mow (less than or equal to your neighbour's is de rigueur) and how much over your neighbour's boundary is mowing etiquette – 'overmow' it's called.

My neighbour Clancy is terrific at it, indeed last weekend he overmowed so much he ended up doing our whole yard front and back, including whippersnipping. So in thanks "I'd written him a letter which I had for want of better knowledge, sent to where I'd met him." well, you know the rest.

Finally, of course people with electric mowers (eg. me) are exempt from all the above because we are special people who should be revered for doing our bit for the planet and for being such self-righteous, feral-greenie, indolent twats.

So what has this to do with wine? Well, there's two types of people in another mowing way, those who love to recline on the veranda, admire the view and smell of their freshly cut grass, and those who prefer to get fresh-cut grass smells from a sav blanc, a lot faster, less sweaty and equally satisfying.

Try it yourself next time you feel like mowing.



Voyager Estate Chenin Blanc 2009 \$20. The cheapest Voyager is a great entry to their world of posh plonk. Some people may get no further given this is such serviceable stuff and trendy to boot. 8.5/10.



Jacobs Creek Sparkling Moscato NV, \$13.

Unexpectedly among the toffs of the wine world this got the gong for Australia Day wine of the year at the Sydney International Wine Show. Very egalitarian. 8/10.



Di Giorgio Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (2005 out now), \$26. Tres Coonawarra and well worth the drive to the bottle, or the post office. 8.7/10.



Morambro Creek Wines

Mt Monster Cabernet, 2008, \$14.

Great stuff for a dress up party and the label's type colour matches the wine. 8.1/10.



Sirromet Seven Scenes (Granite Belt) Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, \$27.

You feel like Thor or some superhero when drinking Granite Belt stuff, and this may give you super powers too. Nice stuff for the utility belt. 8.5/10.



Barringwood Park (Tasmania) Pinot Meunier 2008, \$23.

Interesting stuff and at 12.8 per cent one of the most user friendly reds around and furthermore was still sound 10 days later. A miracle. Thanks Mary. Go ahead be-aher up. 8.6/10.