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WINE DOWN  **with Max Cruz**

Swimming like a fish

THANK goodness the swimsuit debacle is over and they will all be banned.

This is good for many reasons, although the truly fairest outcome would be for everyone to swim nude, notwithstanding this would severely disadvantage the Greeks, being the hirsutest of all sporting nations.

Or would they would trap more air and be considered cheatingly buoyant? This is of course of little consequence given their prowess ("prowless"?) in the pool, so obviously the former is the case.

Anyway, whoever thought those silly swimsuits were fair was clearly deluded.

It had become a battle of technologies rather than contestants, highlighted no more starkly than when it was recently revealed there was more technology in the latest swimsuits than on Apollo 11.

And all this effort and squillions of dollars so swimmers can shave a few microseconds from their PB, when all they really needed to do, as evidenced by the Greek experience, was

shave a few microns off their pubis. One small step for a man, one giant leap for ... Wilkinson Sword.

Moreover, what did swimsuits really add to mankind anyway? Just another statistic to add to a data-obsessed world's-most-useless trivia compendium. Sadly, the demise of the swimsuit also means my quest for gold in London in the 100m free' inside the yet-to-be-released suit made from a school of tiny fish is over.

Amazing isn't it? We still can't run the world on solar but dangle the carrot of Olympic glory in front of a cashed-up sports corporation and you have fat blokes swimming faster than fish within five years.

The wine industry is no better.

Dangle the double-headed carrot of investment allowance and the dream of owning a vineyard in front of cashed-up investment bankers and dot com dudes and what do you get? A belly full as well as a belly flop, and a glut.

The only solution is for us to drink like fish



PHI Lusatia Park Vineyard (Yarra Valley) Sauvignon, 2007, \$39.

Two years ago I didn't understand oak in sav blanc but I think I get it now, or perhaps this is a little more subtle with the oak. Typically, as soon as you get it, you run out.

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Kingston Estate 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon (Limestone Coast /Clare Valley), \$13.

Brought to you by "wines punching above their weight", this hasn't changed price in over a decade but unlike most people I know, is looking a lot better than it did in 1999.

— 8.3/10

(Oakridge) Over the Shoulder Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2006 (2007 out now), \$19.

Sounds like a swimming technique so have it with a swim meet, it'll be much more interesting.

— 8.4/10

Half Mile Creek 2008 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, \$9ish.

Simple, tart and terribly drinkable, we are blessed.

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