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**Kingston Estate 2007 Echelon  
Petit Verdot, \$25**

Kingston Estate chief winemaker, Bill Moularadellis, put in his first petit verdot in 1998 and now claims to have one of the world's most substantial plantings of the variety. Of French origin, petit verdot is much-prized in Bordeaux because it adds aromatics and spice to red blends. It is rarely seen by itself, but Bill Moularadellis gets his Murray Riverland grapes ripe enough to produce a full-flavoured, juicy red. The 2007 Echelon is garnet-hued and has aromatic tobacco leaf and cranberry scents. Zesty black cherry flavour shows on the front palate and spiced plum and cloves fruit elements meld with savoury oak on the middle palate. Minty tannins come through at the finish.

**DRINK WITH:** grilled chorizo sausages, Chinese braised beef ribs or braised lamb shanks with soft polenta and peas

**AGEING:** four years

**RATING:**

