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With demand for their grapes “evaporating”, independent growers from Cowra, NSW, have banded together to form Cowra Winemakers and promote the region’s “soft, fruity, easy-drinking inexpensive wines”, says Chris Shanahan in The Canberra Times. Here’s the pick of the Cowra crop.

Rosnay Sparkling Rose 2009 (\$23) From an organic vineyard, this tank-fermented blend of shiraz and mourvedre is a “light, bright pink colour with matching vibrant strawberry-like aroma and flavour”, finishing crisp and dry.

Kalari Cowra Chardonnay 2008 (\$17) A Cowra Show gold-medal winner, delivering “a great juicy mouthful of ripe, peachy chardonnay flavour” with some oakiness. Enjoy this pleasant drop while it’s young.

The Mill Verdelho 2008 (\$18) This white “is a terrific example of what Cowra does best”. It’s aromatic “in a lovely musky way”, with a juicy, soft and refreshing palate.

Mulyan Bloc 9 Shiraz Viognier 2007 (\$25) Mulyan produce some of the area’s best chardy. Its shiraz effort – made by Frenchman Chris Derez at Orange – is a “weighty, chunky red”, full and round “with loads of soft tannins and alcoholic warmth”.