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Life and business partners Lorraine Leheny and Warren Gibson have been making terrific wines from their Gimblett Gravels vineyard for more than a decade. Their tiny production is in danger of keeping them below the radar although lovers of New Zealand pinot gris and syrah will be aware of their presence.
I recently tasted six vintages of Bilancia Pinot Gris – they are one of this country's top producers of the variety. However, Bilancia's real claim to fame is a sophisticated and powerful syrah called La Collina. The excellent 2007 vintage of this syrah and viognier co-fermented wine deserves to be recognised as a benchmark example of the style. The wine from the following year was as good. It is the product of a great vineyard site, low-yielding vines and deeply thoughtful winemaking.
STAR WINE: 2008 Bilancia La Collina Syrah, NZ\$80.

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