

# Weekender

BEST BUYS, HOT SPOTS, NEW IDEAS



**MERRICKS GENERAL WINE STORE** With so many wineries on the Mornington Peninsula, it's something of a relief to be able to knock over three of the most interesting producers in one pit stop. Merricks General Wine Store offers tastings from Elgee Park, Baillieu and Quealy wines, with Kathleen Quealy's Pobblebonk white blend and the Elgee Park cabernet merlot of particular note. Every weekend, the bright, timbered dining room serves robust lunches that lean towards the Middle East. Unusually for these parts, the store also serves breakfast every day. **DANI VALENT**

DAILY, 9AM-5PM; 3460 FRANKSTON-FLINDERS ROAD, MERRICKS; (03) 5989 8088; MGWINESTORE.COM.AU

EAT

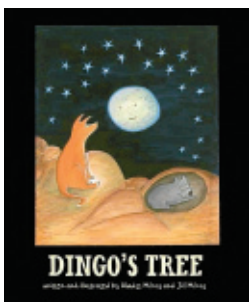


## Object of desire

These startlingly original pieces by Victorian designers David and Tamara Gorrie, aka The Brown Dog Furniture Company, caused a collective swoon in the GOOD WEEKEND office this week. The bold, curved-steel leg designs, eye-catching in a range of different colours, are paired with special batches of limited-edition and sustainable timbers to create something enduring and different. Shown here is the Addis table - ideal for the dual requirements of a flat-screen TV and DVD player - topped by French oak reclaimed from wine vats built in 1913 at Victoria's Mildara winery. *How special?*

ADDIS TABLE, 79.5 HIGH, 150CM LONG, 35CM WIDE; \$2450; BROWNDOGFURNITURE.COM

## READ



We're not exaggerating when we say that this book, with its story of Dingo, Wombat and Crow struggling to survive in a drought-stricken land, has the power to stop primary school-age kids in their tracks - literally. When you're not feeling ridiculously like the

Pied Piper, you'll be as captivated as they are by the peerless illustrations.

**DINGO'S TREE**, WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY GLADYS MILROY AND JILL MILROY; \$20; MAGABALA.COM

## COOL GET



It combines the lightness and transparency of glass with the old-shed aesthetic of an industrial oil-pourer and is as easy to use as it is on the eye. Designed by glass artist Deb Jones out of Adelaide's Jam Factory, the Kink oil bottle is, we've been told, the first in a series of equally lust-worthy objects to be produced by the Factory. Watch this space. **KM**

\$130 EACH; WORKSHOPPED.COM.AU

## EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT...



The queen of the wrap dress, Diane von Furstenberg, has launched a collection for GapKids and BabyGap. It features fun, cartoon-like prints in eye-popping colours and von Furstenberg's iconic silhouettes (yep, there are itty-bitty wrap dresses in there, too). The range also includes tiny tees, leggings, onesies, sunglasses, espadrilles and swimwear so cute you'll wish you were wee again. **NK**

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### App of the week

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