

PUBLIC
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BALMORAL · SYDNEY

WINE LIST

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*"I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars...
the rest I just squandered"*
- George Best

*"You have only so many bottles in your life,
never drink a bad one."*
- Len Evans

*"Nothing makes the future look so rosy
as to contemplate it through a glass of Chambertin."*
- Napoleon Bonaparte





Australia's Wine List of the Year 2020
Judges Review

"A brilliant list. Occasionally, when a wine list has this much information in it, it can feel a chore to read through it. Not so in this case: the wine list at Public Dining Room has been written by sommelier Luke Collard, and it is overwhelmingly evident how much Luke cares about wine.

It is not only entertaining, but incredibly engaging & informative, & really helps to guide us through the selection. In fact, Luke does such a good job of making everything sound enticing that it makes the job of choosing a wine even more difficult.

This is a list that freely explores regions & producers, touching on exciting wine styles, putting others in context, & leaving you in a much better place than when you started. The collection of wines, cocktails, spirits, beers & every other variant of beverage feels deliberately curated rather than simply 'listed' & it is certain that Public Dining Room has something for every palate. Like the view, a total pleasure to absorb."

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This symbol denotes wines made using organic and/or biodynamic principles ☯

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BAR MANAGER: Krzysztof Szymanski

COCKTAILS

WHITE PEACH BELLINI	19
boiron white peach purée topped up with prosecco	
N° 7	
elderflower liqueur topped with prosecco & soda water, freshened up with mint, lime & hopped grapefruit bitters	19
<i>served long over ice</i>	
BALMORAL THYME	
absolut elyx vodka, bergamot juice, thyme syrup, fresh lime, soda water	20
<i>served long over ice</i>	
FRISKY BISON	
zubrowka bison grass vodka, apple liqueur, apple juice and mint	24
<i>served long over ice</i>	
GREEN APPLE & KAFFIR LIME MARGARITA	23
olmeca blanco tequila & cointreau shaken with kaffir lime, green apple purée & fresh lime	
<i>served on the rocks</i>	
HENDRICK'S GARDEN	24
fresh blueberries & cucumber muddled with hendrick's gin, blueberry & elderflower liqueur	
<i>served short over ice</i>	
JE NE SAIS QUOI	23
absolut elyx vodka, aperol, cointreau, burnt orange & vanilla syrup	
<i>shaken with passionfruit & lemon juice, served martini style</i>	
HI, CHERRY!	22
beefeater 24 gin, morello cherry liqueur, cherry purée, orange bitters, fresh lime	
<i>served straight up in a martini glass</i>	
SOUTHSIDE	22
invented on chicago's south side...	
tanqueray 'rangpur' gin, lime juice, mint	
<i>served straight up in a martini glass</i>	
SMOKEY MARTINI	23
beefeater 24 gin <i>or</i> absolut elyx vodka,	
with a dash of lagavulin single malt	
<i>served straight up in a martini glass</i>	
CLASSICS	
fan of the classics? So are we!	20-27
we offer a wide variety of your favourite classic cocktails, just let your server know how you like it!	

“Sorry, I’m not drinking”

Don’t be!

No matter the reason you’re avoiding alcohol,
you’ll find something deliciously interesting
in our selection of grown up soft drinks.

Whether it’s a mocktail,
or one of the amazing Seedlip “pretend gins”,
there’s no need to feel left out of the fun.

BEER & CIDER

AUSTRALIA

4 pines kolsch, manly, nsw		12
modus operandi pale ale, mona vale, nsw	<i>375ml can</i>	16
lord nelson 'three sheets' pale ale, the rocks, sydney		14
james boags premium lager, tas		12
white rabbit dark ale, vic		14
cascade premium light, tas		9
asahi, australia		12
heineken 'zero', australia	<i>no alcohol</i>	7
the hills cloudy apple cider, adelaide hills, sa		13

INTERNATIONAL

corona, mexico		12
peroni 'nastro azzurro', italy		12
trumer pils, austria		15

APÉRITIFS & VERMOUTHS

60ml

clavé de labouc floc de gascogne, armagnac, france		12
ricard pastis, marseille, france (30ml)		12
noilly prat, france		12
lillet blanc, podensac, france		12
dubonnet rouge, marseille, france		12
pimm's 'no. 1 cup', england		12
pio cesare, vermouth di torino, piedmont, italy		18
aperol, veneto, italy		11
campari, milan, italy (45ml)		12
cinzano rosso or bianco		9
carpano 'antica formula', torino, italy		15

NON-ALCOHOLIC OPTIONS

MINERAL WATER, SOFT DRINKS & JUICE

san pellegrino sparkling	<i>1 Litre</i>	13
coke, coke no sugar, sprite, lift, soda, tonic, dry ginger	<i>250ml</i>	5
fever tree 'mediterranean' tonic water	<i>200ml</i>	6
lemon, lime & bitters / soda, lime & bitters	<i>250ml</i>	5
nudie orange juice	<i>250ml</i>	6

NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS

seedlip 'grove 42' and tonic or soda	<i>sharp, citrusy and aromatic</i>	10
seedlip 'spice 94' and tonic or soda	<i>spicy, woody and warm</i>	10
seedlip 'garden 108' and tonic or soda	<i>cool, green and herbaceous</i>	10

MOCKTAILS

virgin mary	<i>tomato juice, lemon, spices</i>	9
virgin mojito	<i>apple juice, fresh lime, mint, soda</i>	13
passionfruit punch	<i>passionfruit purée</i>	13
berrylicious	<i>strawberry purée</i>	13
krzysztof's cooler	<i>apple juice, chamomile tea, soda</i>	9
garden cloud	<i>seedlip 'garden 108', thyme, fresh lime, egg white*</i>	16
northside	<i>seedlip 'grove 42', mint, lime juice</i>	18

“Perfect.
Parfait.
Perfetto.”

We want your glass of wine to be in perfect condition,
just as the winemaker intended.

To do this we employ a variety of technological tricks:
vacuum pumps for table wines,
carbon dioxide pressure seal system for sparkling,
and the amazing Corovin™ system for our premium offerings
All because oxygen is the enemy!

So if your glass of wine is *not* perfect
let us know and we'll put it right!

WINE BY THE GLASS

CHAMPAGNE			125ml
nv	billecart-salmon brut réserve, aÿ, france		28
SPARKLING			125ml
2019	col vectoraz 'extra dry' <i>prosecco</i> , valdobbiadene, italy		18
nv	clover hill <i>pinot noir-chardonnay</i> brut rosé, pipers river, tas		17
FORTIFIED			60ml
nv	toro albalá 'eléctrico' <i>fino</i> del lagar, montilla-moriles	<i>dry</i>	11
nv	toro albalá 'marqués de poley' <i>amontillado</i> , montilla-moriles	<i>dry</i>	20
WHITE			150ml
2019	tim adams 'skilly ridge' <i>riesling</i> , clare valley		14
2019	st michael-eppan <i>pinot grigio</i> , alto adige, italy		17
2019	barking hedge <i>sauvignon blanc</i> , marlborough, nz		14
2019	castro martin 'family selection', <i>albariño</i> , rías baixas, spain		19
2019	marc brédif 'classic' <i>chenin blanc</i> , vouvray, loire valley	<i>off-dry</i>	17
2019	voyager estate 'girt by sea' <i>chardonnay</i> , margaret river, wa		15
PREMIUM WHITE			150ml
2020	pooley <i>riesling</i> , coal river valley, tasmania		21
2018	tyrrell's 'vat 47' <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley, nsw		36
ROSÉ			150ml
2019	roquefeuille 'amalia prestige' <i>grenache-cinsault-syrah</i> , provence		15
RED			150ml
2020	pike & joyce 'vue du nord' <i>pinot noir</i> , adelaide hills, sa		17
2018	margan 'ceres hill' <i>barbera</i> , broke, hunter valley, nsw		17
2017	balnaves 'the blend' <i>merlot-cabernet-cab franc</i> , coonawarra, sa		16
2018	esquinas de argento <i>malbec</i> , mendoza, argentina		14
2018	muriel 'caló' joven <i>tempranillo</i> , rioja		13
2018	teusner 'wark family' <i>shiraz</i> , stonewell, barossa valley, sa		15
PREMIUM RED			150ml
2016	lucien muzard <i>pinot noir</i> , bourgogne rouge, burgundy, france		20
2018	rusden 'black guts' <i>shiraz</i> , barossa valley, sa		42

“New South Wales is
not the premier state
of wine lists”

We have a poor record in this state when it comes to backing our own wines. NSW is a distant fourth in terms of the percentage of local wines on our own wine lists, behind South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

So c'mon people of NSW!

We back ourselves against the rest of the nation in every sport, plus property prices, harbours, and even pandemic handling!
So get behind our wines too.

To make it easier for you, here is a list
of every wine from NSW that we list.

After all, anywhere else is “just camping out”!

NEW SOUTH WALES

SPARKLING

2018	coppabella 'single vineyard' <i>chardonnay-pinot</i> , tumbarumba	59
2016	de beaurepaire 'marie louise' <i>chardonnay-pinot</i> , rylstone	135

WHITE

2020	scarborough <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley	55
2015	tyrrell's 'vat 1' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley	155
2014	mount pleasant 'elizabeth' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley	85
2011	mount pleasant 'lovedale' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley	175
2005	tyrrell's 'vat 1' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley	245
2019	krinklewood <i>verdelho</i> , broke, hunter valley, nsw	☯ 72
2017	lark hill <i>grüner veltliner</i> , canberra district	☯ 110
2018	mt pleasant 'marrowbone road' <i>fiano</i> , hunter valley, nsw	89
2018	peacock hill 'top block' <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley	78
2018	tyrrell's 'vat 47' <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley	165
2019	lake's folly <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley	230
2019	lake's folly <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley, nsw	HALF-BOTTLE 125
2017	scarborough 'the obsessive' <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley	125
2010	tyrrell's 'vat 47' <i>chardonnay</i> , hunter valley	249
2018	eden road <i>chardonnay</i> , tumbarumba	85
2017	de beaurepaire 'la comtesse' <i>chardonnay</i> , rylstone	59

RED

2019	moppity vineyards 'lock & key' <i>pinot noir</i> , tumbarumba	56
2018	de beaurepaire 'perceval' <i>pinot noir</i> , rylstone	75
2018	margan 'ceres hill' <i>barbera</i> , broke, hunter valley	77
2018	philip shaw 'the conductor' <i>merlot</i> , orange	69
2018	margan <i>shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , hunter valley	90
2018	usher tinkler 'reserve' <i>shiraz</i> , hunter valley	155
2018	tyrrell's 'vat 8' <i>shiraz-cabernet</i> , hunter valley	165
2018	mount pleasant 'maurice o'shea', hunter valley, nsw	495
2016	mount pleasant 'mountain b dry red' <i>shiraz</i> , hunter valley	195
2016	hart & hunter 'ablington' <i>shiraz</i> , hunter valley	95
2017	ross hill 'pinnacle series' <i>cabernet sauvignon</i> , orange	110
2017	mcwilliam's '660' reserve <i>cabernet sauvignon</i> , hilltops	65
2016	lake's folly 'cabernets' <i>cab sauv-petit verdot-merlot</i> , hunter valley	235

DESSERT WINES

2019	de beaurepaire 'coeur d'or' <i>botrytis semillon</i> , rylstone	HALF-BOTTLE 90
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“What would *you* drink?”

I stand behind every wine on this list.
They’ve all earned their place.

But although you’re not supposed to have a favourite child -
I just can’t help singling out some of my babies for special mention!

This is an unapologetically personal selection,
made as a response to one of the most common questions I get asked:

“What would *you* drink?”

Here’s your answer...

SPARKLING

- 2016 de beaurepaire 'marie louise' pinot-chardonnay, rylstone, nsw 135
in terms of australian sparkling wine, tasmania gets all the plaudits. but the ultra-cool regions of nsw can more than hold their own with tassie. this beautiful classic method sparkler from the de beaurepaire family of high-altitude rylstone, in the hills above mudgee, sets a new standard for our state. there's some rich pinot fruit, with cool climate acid from the chardonnay. a healthy dose of brioche from some time on yeast lees adds complexity. this is classy stuff!

WHITE

- 2017 foreau 'clos naudin' vouvray, loire valley, france 165
for some reason, chenin blanc is almost completely ignored by australian winemakers. we love all the other french varieties that our british founders left us with - but chenin was ignored. This wine from the home of chenin - the loire - has rapier-like acidity, with generous pineapple fruit, and lanolin richness on the palate.

ROSÉ

- 2018 domaine du gros 'noré mourvèdre-grenache-cinsault, bandol 130
the south of france has elevated rosé to an art form, producing dry, aromatic rosés with a characteristic "onion skin" colour. In particular bandol, a tiny appellation near toulon on the provençal coast, is the region for gold standard rosés. This has dried herb, rose hips, and cherries on the nose, with plenty of palate weight to match the classic cuisine of this beautiful region - especially bouillabasse!

RED

- 2017 picardy 'tête de cuvée', pinot noir, pemberton, wa 149
picardy is a well established winery in the pemberton region of western australia, just to the south of margaret river. it's run by the pannell family, pioneering founders of moss wood back in 1969. 'tete de cuvée' means 'best of the vintage' and stems from their love of premier and grand cru burgundy. savoury, complex and old world in style, this is always amongst the top pinot noirs from wa
- 2016 antiyal 'pura fe', carmenère, maipo valley, chile 105
a long forgotten bordeaux variety used mostly in blends, carmenère was virtually wiped out in france in the early 20th century, but was rediscovered in chile in the early 1990s. originally thought to be merlot, it is now grown and made under its own name. the antiyal 'pura fe' expresses intense purity of fruit with great concentration, and is both organic and biodynamic

“Size is not important”

Except sometimes it is.

When a standard 750ml bottle
is either too much or not enough,
you need our selection of halves and magnums.

MAGNUMS 1500ml

CHAMPAGNE

nv billicart-salmon 'brut réserve', aÿ, france 340

WHITE

2005 raveneau 'montée de tonnerre', chablis premier cru, france 1100

ROSÉ

2019 rimauresq 'cru classé' *grenache-cinsault-mourvèdre*, côtes de provence 190

RED

2016 torbreck 'the steading' *grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre*, barossa valley, sa 250

HALF BOTTLES 375ml

CHAMPAGNE

nv billicart-salmon brut rosé, aÿ, france 155

SPARKLING

2013 gramona 'frisant de gel' *gewürztraminer*, penedés, spain 99

WHITE

2019 clos clare 'watervale' *riesling*, clare valley, sa 50

2014 josmeyer 'le kottabe' *riesling*, alsace, france 75

2018 eric louis *sauvignon blanc*, pouilly-fumé, loire valley, france 69

2019 lake's folly *chardonnay*, hunter valley, nsw 125

2018 shaw+smith 'm3' *chardonnay*, adelaide hills, sa 65

2018 j.l. chavy 'folatières 1er cru' *chardonnay*, puligny-montrachet, burgundy 180

RED

2013 peregrine *pinot noir*, central otago, nz 77

2014 mongeard-mugneret *pinot noir*, gevrety-chambertin, burgundy, france 170

2015 pio cesare *nebbiolo*, barolo, piedmont, italy 155

2015 rusden 'black guts' *shiraz*, barossa valley, sa 100

“Champagne
is from
Champagne”

Everything else is a sparkling wine.
Sorry to be so pedantic, but that’s how it is.

Which is not to say that sparkling wines aren’t as good:
you only have to taste the quality
coming out of Tasmania these days...

It’s just that Champagne is unique,
not just because of grape varieties, climate or method of production,
but because of all three of those things -
combined with their famous chalky soil.

That’s *terroir* in a nutshell!

CHAMPAGNE

NON-VINTAGE

nv	billecart-salmon brut réserve, aÿ		165
nv	billecart-salmon brut réserve, aÿ	MAGNUM	330
nv	agrapart 'terroirs' blanc de blancs, extra brut, avize	☯	220
nv	veuve clicquot, reims		165
nv	louis roederer brut, reims		175
nv	ruinart 'blanc de blancs', reims		275
nv	pol roger brut, épernay		175
mv	krug grande cuvée brut, reims		500

VINTAGE

2008	billecart-salmon brut, aÿ, champagne		330
1996	jacquesson dégorgement tardif 'blanc de blancs', avize	☯	980
2007	paul bara millésimé, grand cru, bouzy	☯	185
2004	dom ruinart 'blanc de blancs', reims		510
2009	louis roederer 'cristal' brut, reims		575
2008	dom pérignon, épernay		455

ROSÉ

nv	billecart-salmon brut rosé, aÿ, champagne		245
nv	billecart-salmon brut rosé, aÿ, france	HALF-BOTTLE	155
nv	veuve clicquot ponsardin, reims		220
nv	jean-cedric deguy, reims		245

SPARKLING

AUSTRALIA

2018	coppabella 'single vineyard', tumbarumba, nsw		59
2016	de beaurepaire 'marie louise' <i>chardonnay-pinot</i> , rylstone, nsw		135
2015	oakdene 'yvette' <i>pinot-chardonnay</i> , bellarine, vic		79
2010	ten minutes by tractor '21st anniversary' blanc de blancs, mornington	☯	210
nv	pirie, tamar valley, tas		75
nv	clover hill rosé, pipers river, tas		85

INTERNATIONAL

nv	domaine pichot <i>chenin blanc</i> brut, vouvray, loire valley	☯	79
2018	la petite maison 'saint rose' <i>grenache-syrah rosé</i> , provence		80
2019	col vetoraz prosecco 'extra dry', valdobbiadene, veneto, italy		86
2019	ca'san vito prosecco di treviso, veneto, italy		69
nv	biondelli 'satén' franciacorta, lombardia, italy		102
nv	bellavista 'cuvée alma', franciacorta, lombardia, italy	☯	155
2005	gloria ferrer 'royal cuvée' brut, carneros, usa		99

“Always the bridesmaid”

You gotta feel sorry for Riesling.

Unquestionably one of the greatest white grapes,
capable of every style from bone dry and steely,
to luscious and honeyed.

Yet it's never been fashionable - in fact, it's a bit nerdy.

Maybe it has an identity crisis?

Is it dry? Or is it sweet? Or somewhere in between...

Is it floral? Mineral? Petrolly? All of the above?

And the German ones are always a bit sweet, right? (No!)

Our style guide will help you with the dry-or-sweet thing,
and I'm always more than happy to talk flowers and petrol.

RIESLING

AUSTRALIA

2018	cooper burns, eden valley, sa		<i>dry</i>	65
2019	tim adams 'skilly ridge', clare valley		<i>dry</i>	69
2019	clos clare 'watervale', clare valley, sa	HALF-BOTTLE	<i>dry</i>	50
2020	pooley, coal river valley, tasmania		<i>dry</i>	88
2019	frankland estate 'isolation ridge', frankland river, wa		<i>dry</i>	105

NEW ZEALAND

2018	koyama 'tussock terrace', north canterbury, nz		<i>off-dry</i>	88
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FRANCE

2014	josmeyer 'le kottabe', alsace	HALF-BOTTLE	<i>dry</i>	75
2016	trimbach 'clos ste hune', alsace grand cru		<i>dry</i>	895

GERMANY

2016	keller 'von der fels' trocken, rheinhessen		<i>dry</i>	155
2016	dr. burklin-wolf 'wachenheimer' trocken, pfalz		<i>dry</i>	95
2019	dönnhoff 'estate' kabinet trocken, nahe		<i>dry</i>	95
2018	markus molitor 'haus klosterberg' trocken, mosel		<i>dry</i>	79
2018	dr. loosen 'wehlener sonnenuhr' kabinet, mosel		<i>off-dry</i>	99
2015	heyman-löwenstein 'schieferterrassen', mosel		<i>off-dry</i>	95
2009	joh. jos. prüm 'graacher himmelreich' spätlese, mosel		<i>medium-dry</i>	185
2003	joh. jos. prüm 'wehlener sonnenuhr' spätlese, mosel		<i>medium</i>	205
2014	joh. jos. prüm 'wehlener sonnenuhr' auslese, mosel		<i>medium-sweet</i>	245

AUSTRIA

2015	hirsch 'zöbing', kamptal		<i>dry</i>	96
2015	hirsch 'heiligenstein', kamptal		<i>dry</i>	165
2017	salomon 'pfaffenberg library reserve', kremstal		<i>dry</i>	135

UNITED STATES

2011	tunkalilla vineyard, eola-amity hills, oregon		<i>off-dry</i>	86
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“Generation *blanc*”

Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc is the wine that took over the world.

Love it or hate it, “Savvie” is here to stay.
Made and drunk by Hollywood stars, it’s certainly a unique style of wine,
about as different from Sancerre and Pouilly-Fumé as you can get
and still be the same grape variety.

For many drinkers this is their first taste of wine,
and that ain’t a bad thing.

But Marlborough is not the only fruit.
France, Italy and Australia all have great examples here,
and there’s always Semillon
Australia’s elegant, longer lasting antidote to Kiwi Sauvignon

SAUVIGNON BLANC

AUSTRALIA

2017	terre à terre, wrattonbully, sa (barrel fermented)	99
2018	howard park 'miamup', margaret river, wa	66

NEW ZEALAND

2019	pencarrow, martinborough	70
2019	barking hedge, marlborough	62
2020	auntsfield 'single vineyard', marlborough	75
2018	greywacke 'wild sauvignon', marlborough	95
2016	cloudy bay 'te koko', marlborough (barrel fermented)	149

FRANCE

2019	domaine delaporte, sancerre, loire valley	120
2018	alphonse mellot 'la moussière', sancerre, loire valley	165
2018	eric louis, pouilly-fumé, loire valley	<i>HALF-BOTTLE</i> 69
2016	serge dagueneau, pouilly-fumé, loire valley	110

SEMILLON & SEMILLON/SAUVIGNON BLANC

AUSTRALIA

2020	scarborough <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley, nsw	55
2014	mount pleasant 'elizabeth' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley, nsw	85
2011	mount pleasant 'lovedale', hunter valley	175
2015	tyrrell's 'vat 1' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley, nsw	155
2005	tyrrell's 'vat 1' <i>semillon</i> , hunter valley, nsw	245
2014	mount mary 'triolet', <i>sauvignon blanc-semillon</i> , yarra valley, vic	165
2020	cullen 'mangan', <i>sauvignon blanc-semillon</i> , margaret river, wa	☯ 79

“Fifty Shades of *Gris*”

Q: Gris or Grigio, what’s the difference?

A: About two or three weeks.

As grapes ripen, they gain sugar and lose acidity. The Italians, with their warmer climate, get worried about losing acid so they pick on the early side, giving wines of freshness, with lemon and green apple flavours, and maybe a hint of white peach.

This is *grigio* .

In Alsace, with its cooler but sunny climate, they like to wait a little longer.

There’s still enough acidity to frame the wine, but there’s richer, riper nectarine and yellow peach fruit.

This is *gris* .

In the New World we generally follow the two European styles, depending on the local climate.

Australia does both well, whereas the Kiwis are more *gris* specialists.

PINOT GRIS & PINOT GRIGIO

AUSTRALIA

2019	aura <i>pinot gris</i> , south eastern australia		55
2019	foxeys hangout <i>pinot gris</i> , mornington peninsula, vic		80
2019	saint & scholar <i>pinot gris</i> , adelaide hills, sa		69
2020	josef chromy <i>pinot gris</i> , tamar valley, tas		72

NEW ZEALAND

2017	escarpment 'gris' <i>pinot gris</i> , martinborough		90
2019	rock ferry 'third rock' <i>pinot gris</i> , marlborough	Citibank organic	60

ITALY

2019	st michael-eppan <i>pinot grigio</i> , alto adige, italy		79
2019	livio felluga <i>pinot grigio</i> , colli orientali, friuli, Italy		125
2016	vie die romans 'dessimis' <i>pinot grigio</i> , isonzo, friuli, italy		135

CHENIN BLANC

AUSTRALIA

2020	coriole, mclaren vale, sa		62
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NEW ZEALAND

2018	millton 'te arai vineyard', gisborne, north island	☯	79
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FRANCE

2019	marc brédif 'classic', vouvray, loire valley	off-dry	79
2018	domaine des aubuisières 'cuvée silex', vouvray, loire valley	dry	95
2017	foreau 'clos naudin', vouvray, loire valley	dry	165
2011	nicolas joly 'coulée de serrant', savennières, loire valley		290

VERMENTINO

AUSTRALIA

2019	chalmers, heathcote, vic		65
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ITALY

2018	lunae bosoni 'grey label', colli di luni, liguria		95
2018	aghilóia 'oro' vermentino di gallura, sardegna		77
2018	mesa 'giunco' vermentino di sardegna		88

“Outside the comfort zone”

This is where it gets windswept and interesting.

Here’s a collection of all the “other” white varieties,
the weird and wonderful from all over the world.

Some, like **Garganega**, are masquerading
under far more familiar regional names.
(I’m looking at you, Soave).

Some are a long way from home.
Grüner Veltliner and **Furmint** are two that spring to mind.

And some are enthusiastic immigrants to Australia.
Fiano and **Vermentino** are two Italians
well suited to our hot, dry climate.

WHITE VARIETALS & BLENDS

VIOGNIER

2013 andre perret 'chery', condrieu, rhône, france 225

VERDELHO

2019 krinklewood *verdelho*, broke, hunter valley, nsw  72

MARSANNE

2016 ben haines 'volta brackets', yarra valley, vic 85

SAVAGNIN

1999 berthet-bondet chateau-chalon, savagnin, jura, france 620ml 470

GRÜNER VELTLINER

2017 lark hill, canberra district, nsw, australia 110

2019 bründlmayer 'terrassen', kamptal, austria 90

FIANO

2019 porconero, campania, italy 72

2018 mt pleasant 'marrowbone road', hunter valley, nsw 89

GARGANEGA

2019 pieropan, soave, veneto, italy 90

GRECHETTO-MALVASIA

2014 piana dei castelli 'follia bianco', lazio, italy 130

TREBBIANO

2018 varvaglione '12 e mezzo' trebbiano-malvasia, puglia, italy  65

ERBALUCE

2018 cieck erbaluce di caluso, piemonte, italy  77

ALBARIÑO

2019 castro martin 'family selection', rías baixas, spain 88

ASSYRTIKO

2018 argyros, santorini, greece 125

BLENDED WHITES

2013 moorilla 'cloth white' six varieties blend, tamar valley, tas, australia 195

2013 livon 'braide alte' chardonnay-sauvignon-picolit, friuli, italy 135

“Why hast thou forsaken me?”

What happened to Chardonnay?

Twenty years ago “Chardie” was synonymous with white wine.

Then the fall from grace.

First Sauv Blanc, then Pinot Grigio chipped away at the foundations.

Eventually, admitting to liking chardonnay
was like being into easy listening or wearing safari suits.

It was our own fault.

In trying to mimic the classic white burgundies,
we made over-ripe, over-oaked golden monsters
that no one wanted to drink.

Thankfully, the last ten years have seen a renaissance,
as our winemakers have sought out cooler climates
and learnt a deft touch with the barrel.

And now, Australian chardonnays are the best they’ve ever been.

CHARDONNAY

AUSTRALIA

2019	peacock hill 'top block', hunter valley, nsw		78
2019	lake's folly, hunter valley, nsw		230
2019	lake's folly, hunter valley, nsw	<i>HALF-BOTTLE</i>	125
2018	tyrrell's 'vat 47', hunter valley, nsw		165
2010	tyrrell's 'vat 47', hunter valley, nsw		249
2017	scarborough 'the obsessive', hunter valley, nsw		125
2017	de beaurepaire 'la comtesse', rylstone, nsw		59
2018	eden road, tumbarumba, nsw		85
2018	domenica, beechworth, vic		110
2019	toolangi, yarra valley, vic		69
2018	oakridge 'green label', yarra valley, vic		75
2016	mount mary, yarra valley, vic		245
2013	mount mary, yarra valley, vic		295
2019	by farr, geelong, vic		180
2017	bannockburn 's.r.h', geelong, vic		195
2018	ten minutes by tractor 'wallis', mornington peninsula, vic	☯	155
2013	ten minutes by tractor 'wallis', mornington peninsula, vic	☯	195
2018	bay of fires, pipers river, tas		120
2018	tolpuddle, coal river valley, tas		165
2017	domaine simha 'rao', derwent valley, tas		175
2018	shaw+smith 'm3', adelaide hills, sa	<i>HALF-BOTTLE</i>	65
2014	ngeringa, adelaide hills, sa		105
2015	mountadam 'marble hill', eden valley, sa		165
2019	voyager estate 'girt by sea', margaret river, wa		65
2018	fraser gallop estate 'parterre', margaret river, wa		109
2018	voyager estate, margaret river, wa		120
2013	project 95 by voyager estate 'broadvale block 6', margaret river, wa		130
2016	leeuwin estate 'art series', margaret river, wa		225
2018	picardy, pemberton, wa		99

NEW ZEALAND

2019	man o' war 'valhalla', waiheke island		120
2019	neudorf 'tiri tiri', nelson		89
2014	pyramid valley 'field of fire', canterbury		195

ITALY

2014	nicoletta de fermo 'launegild', abruzzo		125
2014	marchesi de grésy, langhe, piedmont		149

UNITED STATES

2016	stoller, dundee hills, oregon		105
2018	la crema, russian river valley, california		149

“Pinky blinders”

The rosé boom shows no sign of ending.

In the South of France,
specifically the Côtes de Provence and its sub-regions,
rosé is a way of life.

The classic wine of pale onion-skin bronze,
with rose hips and strawberries on the nose, is dry and food friendly.
And you can drink it with (almost) anything.

Australia was a slow starter in this style.
For years, we made huge, 15-volt, bright pink monsters
that were OK at a barbecue - but not for much else.

Thankfully, we got with the programme, and now make
classic rosé to rival the best of them.

CHARDONNAY - BURGUNDY

CHABLIS

2018	patrick piuze 'terroir découverte', chablis		115
2017	vocoret 'cuvée etain' vieilles vignes, chablis ("pewter label")		125
2018	christian moreau, chablis		125
2018	christian moreau 'vaillon', chablis premier cru		165
2005	raveneau 'montée de tonnerre', chablis premier cru	MAGNUM	1100
2005	domaine laroche 'l'obédience' 'les blanchots', chablis grand cru		420

CÔTE DE NUITS

2015	collotte 'champsolomon', marsannay		125
2015	de la vougeraie 'les clos blanc de vougeot' 1er cru, vougeot		395
2013	de l'arlot 'la gerbotte', nuits-saint-georges		225

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

2016	ballot-millot 'les charmes' premier cru, meursault		465
2015	pierre-yves colin-morey 'les charmes' premier cru, meursault		550
2015	pierre-yves colin-morey 'les narvaux', meursault		325
2014	ballot-millot 'les criots', meursault		185
2011	château de puligny-montrachet, meursault		230
2015	alex gambal, saint-aubin		155
2018	j.l. chavy 'folatières' 1er cru, puligny-montrachet		330
2018	j.l. chavy 'folatières' 1er cru, puligny-montrachet	HALF-BOTTLE	180
2015	alex gambal, puligny-montrachet		295
2017	bruno colin 'la maltroie' premier cru, chassagne-montrachet		400
2016	bruno colin 'morgeot' 1er cru, chassagne-montrachet		385
2016	pierre-yves colin-morey 'les baudines' 1er cru, chassagne-montrachet		450
2015	blain-gagnard 'caillerets' premier cru, chassagne-montrachet		345

MÂCON

2019	saumaize-michelin, saint-véran	☯	130
2019	saumaize-michelin 'clos sur la roche', pouilly-fuissé	☯	195

ROSÉ

AUSTRALIA

2020	pizzini 'rosetta' <i>sangiovese-nebbiolo</i> , king valley, vic		55
2020	medhurst <i>cabernet-shiraz</i> , yarra valley, vic		68

NEW ZEALAND

2020	peregrine <i>pinot noir</i> , central otago		75
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FRANCE

2019	roquefeuille 'amalia prestige' <i>grenache-cinsault-syrah</i> , var, provence		65
2019	rimauresq 'cru classé' <i>grenache-cinsault-mourvèdre</i> , côtes de provence		99
2019	rimauresq 'cru classé', côtes de provence	MAGNUM	195
2019	domaine du gros 'noré', <i>mourvèdre-grenache-cinsault</i> , bandol		130

“Pinotphilia”

It should be a medically recognised condition.

Pinot Noir’s seductive, silky, sensuous mouthfeel
has inspired addiction all over the world. We love it!

I’m a big fan, and in assembling this collection
I wanted to showcase the best that Australia can produce,
while also providing some highlights from the rest of the world.

From the subtle elegance of Tasmania, through the mid-weight Mornington,
across the Tasman to Martinborough and - of course - Central Otago,
source of many a “Pinot for Shiraz drinkers”.

I reckon it’s the only red to drink with seafood...

GAMAY

FRANCE

2018 jean-claude chanudet 'la cuvée du chat', france 85

PINOT NOIR

AUSTRALIA

2019 moppity vineyards 'lock & key', tumbarumba, nsw 56
2018 de beaurepaire 'perceval', rylstone, nsw 75
2018 journey, yarra valley, vic 88
2020 timo mayer 'dr mayer', yarra valley, vic 130
2018 rochford 'dans les bois', yarra valley, vic 125
2016 mount mary, yarra valley, vic 325
2017 principia, mornington peninsula 95
2019 polperro 'estate', mornington peninsula, vic 110
2017 ten minutes by tractor 'judd', mornington peninsula, vic ☯ 175
2007 paringa estate 'the paringa', mornington peninsula, vic 275
2017 oakdene, bellarine peninsula, vic 65
2016 provenance, geelong, vic 120
2019 farr rising, geelong, vic 130
2016 by farr 'tout près', geelong, vic 265
2015 bannockburn 'serré', geelong, vic 210
2015 bindi 'original vineyard', macedon ranges, vic 190
2017 wine from a farr (nick farr) 'irrewarra', henty, vic 145
2018 moorilla estate 'praxis', tamar valley, tas 77
2017 domaine simha 'beauregard - amphora', derwent valley, tas 149
2019 pike & joyce 'vue du nord', adelaide hills, sa 72
2018 foggy hill vineyard *pinot noir*, fleurieu peninsula, sa 129
2017 moss wood, wilyabrup, margaret river, wa 150
2017 picardy 'tête de cuvée', pemberton, wa 149

NEW ZEALAND

2018 escarpment 'noir', martinborough 90
2017 ata rangi, martinborough 195
2018 koyama 'waipara', north canterbury, nz 95
2018 peregrine 'saddleback', central otago 85
2018 burn cottage 'moonlight race', central otago 159
2018 peregrine, central otago, nz 125
2013 peregrine, central otago, nz *HALF-BOTTLE* 77
2019 felton road 'bannockburn', central otago 185
2019 felton road 'cornish point', central otago 220

CHILE

2018 santa macarena, san antonio, casablanca valley 69

“Whaddaya mean, nothing under 100 bucks?”

Sorry, but there ain't no such thing as cheap red Burgundy.

You can blame supply and demand - the former tiny, the latter massive.

You can blame greedy growers and negociants -
- but hey they've gotta feed their mortgages like the rest of us,
and good vineyard land is *not* cheap in Burgundy.

And yes, there are many disappointing wines from lazy growers
quite content to trade off their famous *appellations contrôlée* .

Luckily for you,
I've filtered out the wheat from the chaff (you're welcome),
and here present a list of young and not-so-young Burgundies.

And actually there are - if you look closely -
a couple of decent wines under a hundred bucks...

PINOT NOIR

UNITED STATES

2017 la crema, willamette valley, oregon 175

BURGUNDY

2016 lucien muzard, bourgogne rouge 99

2018 chanson 'le bourgogne', bourgogne rouge 90

2018 de la vougeraie 'terres de famille', côte de nuits/côtes de beaune 165

CÔTE DE NUITS

2015 collotte 'le clos de jeu', marsannay 130

2014 mongeard-mugneret, gevey-chambertin *HALF-BOTTLE* 170

2014 de la vougeraie, 'les evocelles', gevey-chambertin 260

2006 bertagna 'clos de la perrière' 1er cru, vougeot 445

2005 perrot-minot 'en la rue de vergy', morey-st denis 325

1999 ponsot 'clos de la roche' grand cru vieilles vignes, morey saint-denis 1555

2015 confuron-cotetidot 'les suchots' 1er cru, vosne-romanée 550

2014 confuron-cotetidot, vosne-romanée 225

2015 de montille 'aux thorey' 1er cru, nuits-st-georges 380

2014 henri gouges 'clos des porrets' 1er cru, nuits-saint-georges 360

2004 mugnier 'clos de la marechale' 1er cru, nuits-saint-georges 330

CÔTE DE BEAUNE

2014 bouchard père et fils 'teurons' 1er cru, beaune 195

2009 parent 'la croix blanche', pommard 195

2004 comte armand 'clos des epineaux', pommard 325

2004 de la pousse d'or 'clos d'audignac', volnay 290

“There’s no such thing as ‘Italian’ wine”

And there’s no such thing as ‘Italian’ food either.

Italy is a nation of strong regions.

It’s only been a unified country since 1860,

and some bits weren’t added until after World War II.

Its citizens identify with their region first, and are proud of the
gastronomic specialities that their region is famous for.

They also have over 800 wine varieties in commercial production...

So there is no Italian wine...

but there is Tuscan wine, Piedmontese wine, Sardinian wine, and so on.

The region is king.

And residents of those different regions will argue over
who has the best football team, who has the best looking girls,
who has the best pasta, and who has the best wines -
until the bottles are empty and it’s time to go home.

ITALIAN RED VARIETALS & BLENDS

BARBERA

2017	poderi colla 'costa bruna' barbera d'alba, piemonte		115
2018	margan 'ceres hill', broke, hunter valley, nsw		77

NEBBIOLO

2016	giacomo fenocchio, langhe, piedmont, italy		88
2016	seghesio, barolo, piedmont, italy		185
2015	pio cesare, barolo, piedmont, italy	<i>HALF-BOTTLE</i>	155
2015	chiara boschis 'mosconi' riserva, barolo, piedmont, italy		385
2017	ceretto, barbaresco, piedmont, italy	☯	275
2017	domenica, beechworth, victoria		108

CORVINA-RONDINELLA-MOLINARA

2016	speri 'la roverina', valpolicella classico, veneto		79
2011	masi 'campofiorin' corvina blend, veronese rosso, veneto		105
2012	masi 'costasera' riserva, amarone della valpolicella, veneto		330
2003	allegri 'la poja' corvina blend, veronese rosso, veneto		330

SANGIOVESE

2015	bonacchi chianti riserva, tuscany		59
2017	fèlsina 'berardenga' chianti classico, tuscany		120
2015	san polo brunello di montalcino, tuscany	☯	285
2017	san polo 'governo' <i>sangiovese-merlot-canaiole</i> , montalcino, tuscany	☯	80
2008	case basse 'soldera', tuscany		1380

CESANESE

2015	piana dei castelli rosso, lazio		110
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AGLIANICO

2012	nativ 'eremo san quirico', irpinia campi taurasini, campania		155
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PRIMITIVO (ZINFANDEL)

2017	varvaglione '12 e mezzo', salento, puglia		69
2016	masca del tacco 'piano chiuso' primitivo del manduria riserva, puglia		165
2017	cape mentelle <i>zinfandel</i> , margaret river, wa		129

NERELLO MASCALESE

2017	girolamo russo 'feudo', etna rosso, sicily		185
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CANNONAU (GRENACHE)

2018	nuraghe crabioni, <i>cannonau</i> di sardegna		83
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“Problem Child”

Now listen Merlot!

Why can't you be more like your big brother Cabernet?
He's managed to take over the world's vineyards,
gaining respect from both winemakers and drinkers
in lots of different climates.

Sure he likes gravel, but he can make do with other soils.
But you, oh no, *you* have to have clay with some limestone.

You became a joke in America after that stupid film,
in Chile they don't know if you're Carmeñere or not, and Australia
- well, they don't take you seriously Down Under, do they?

What's that? “Margaret River” you say. Fair point...
and yeah, I'll give you St. Emilion and Pomerol too.

But you can do so much better, Merlot.

MALBEC

2015	château du cèdre <i>malbec-tannat</i> , cahors, southwest france	108
2018	esquinas de argento, mendoza, argentina	60
2018	matias ricitelli 'uco', uco valley, mendoza, argentina	110

MERLOT

AUSTRALIA

2018	philip shaw 'the conductor', orange, nsw	69
2019	rosily, margaret river, wa	55

FRANCE - BORDEAUX

2016	ch. cantenac 'petit cantenac' <i>merlot-cab franc-cab sauv</i> , st émilion	135
2015	château gazin, pomerol	425

ITALY - TUSCANY

2005	tua rita 'redigaffi' <i>merlot</i> , suvereto, tuscany	720
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OTHER RED VARIETALS & BLENDS

FRANCE

2017	olga raffault 'les barnabés', <i>cabernet franc</i> , chinon, loire valley	110
2018	domaine de chatillon <i>mondeuse</i> , savoie, france	59

SPAIN

2018	muriel 'caló' joven <i>tempranillo</i> , rioja	49
2018	palacios remondo 'la vendimia', <i>garnacha-tempranillo</i> , rioja	89
2019	alvaro palacios 'camins del priorat', <i>garnatxa-carinyena</i> , priorato	149
2012	anima negra 'AN/2', <i>callet-montonegro-fogoneu-syrah</i> , mallorca	145
2015	terroir al limit 'arbossar' <i>cariñena</i> , priorat	285

PORTUGAL

2016	olazabal 'meandro' <i>touriga blend</i> , vale meão, douro	130
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INTERNATIONAL

2015	gaia <i>agiorgitiko (st george)</i> , nemea, greece	70
2013	peter wetzer 'soproni' <i>kékfrankos</i> , sopron, hungary	75
2010	carrau 'las violetas' <i>tannat reserva</i> , uruguay	82
2016	antiyal 'pura fe' <i>carmenère</i> , maipo valley, chile	105
2012	gesellmann 'op ex #25', <i>blaufrankisch-st laurent-zweigelt</i> , austria	115

“Bad Reputation”

We have an embarrassment of riches in Australia,
in the form of Shiraz and Cabernet.
So it's no surprise that Grenache gets such a bad press.

Great Grenache means old vines,
and Australia has the oldest Grenache vines in the world.
When the French want vine material to replant,
they come to McLaren Vale and Barossa,
where gnarly, 160 year old veteran vines
are still producing tiny quantities of incredibly good grapes.

Whether on its own, or blended with partners in crime Shiraz and Mataro,
Australian Grenache is amazing stuff.
It loves heat and sandy soils, both of which we have in spades,
and as long as you keep the yields down,
it'll reward you with rich, complex, and long-lived wines.

The rehabilitation starts here!

GRENACHE & FRIENDS...

AUSTRALIA

2019	rusden 'driftsand' <i>grenache-shiraz-mataro</i> , barossa valley, sa	55
2018	soul growers 'equilibrium' <i>grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , barossa valley, sa	65
2018	john duval 'plexus' <i>shiraz-grenache-mourvèdre</i> , barossa valley, sa	99
2018	torbreck 'steading' <i>grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , barossa valley, sa	120
2016	torbreck 'steading' <i>gsm</i> , barossa valley, sa	MAGNUM 250
2010	torbreck 'steading' <i>grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , barossa valley, sa	175

FRANCE

2018	réserve mont redon <i>grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , côtes-du-rhône	65
2016	saint-damien 'vieilles vignes' <i>grenache-mourvèdre</i> , gigondas	125
2016	château mont redon <i>grenache-shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , châteauneuf-du-pape	210

SPAIN

2018	palacios remondo 'la vendimia', <i>garnacha-tempranillo</i> , rioja	89
2019	alvaro palacios 'camins del priorat', <i>garnatxa-carinyena</i> , priorato	149

ITALY

2018	nuraghe crabioni, <i>cannonau</i> di sardegna	83
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MOURVÈDRE / MATARO

AUSTRALIA

2016	soul growers '106 vines' <i>mourvèdre</i> , barossa valley, sa	165
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FRANCE

2012	les restanques de pibarnon, <i>mourvèdre-grenache</i> , bandol, provence	155
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SOUTH AFRICA

2008	sadie family 'columella' <i>syrah-mourvèdre</i> , swartland, south africa	245
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“Let’s call the whole thing off”

You say “Shiraz”, I say “Syrah”. Same thing, right?

Not quite.

It’s a little like the whole gris/grigio thing,
where climate and winemaker’s interpretation both play a part.

Shiraz is almost exclusively used in Australia,
while the rest of the world calls it Syrah.

Like doona and duvet.

Shiraz is big, rich and ripe from hot climates
such as the Barossa and McLaren Vale.

Classic Syrah is from the northern Rhône Valley in France,
and is more peppery and savoury,
but still with plenty of tannin and black fruit.

Both styles are made in Australia, California and South Africa,
with more Syrah styles made in South America and elsewhere in Europe.

SHIRAZ

AUSTRALIA

2016	mount pleasant 'mountain b dry red', hunter valley, nsw		195
2016	hart & hunter 'ablinton', hunter valley, nsw		95
2018	usher tinkler 'reserve', hunter valley, nsw		155
2018	tyrrell's 'vat 8' <i>shiraz-cabernet</i> , hunter valley, nsw		165
2018	margan <i>shiraz-mourvèdre</i> , hunter valley, nsw		90
2018	mount pleasant 'maurice o'shea', hunter valley, nsw		495
2016	yarra yering 'underhill' shiraz, yarra valley, vic		240
2011	redesdale estate, heathcote, vic		82
2004	redesdale estate, heathcote, vic		125
2000	tahbilk '1860 vines', nagambie lakes, vic		460
1997	tahbilk, nagambie lakes, vic		300
1999	mount langi ghiran, grampians, vic		280
2017	jim barry 'the lodge hill', clare valley, sa		65
2016	tim adams 'aberfeldy', clare valley, sa		140
2020	barr-eden estate mengler's hill 'dreams of gold', eden valley, sa		85
2016	tait wines 'the ball buster' <i>shiraz-merlot-cabernet</i> , barossa valley, sa		70
2018	teusner 'wark family vineyard', stonewell, barossa valley, sa		62
2018	epsilon, barossa valley, sa		75
2006	zitta 'greenock' single vineyard, barossa valley, sa		135
2018	rusden 'black guts', barossa valley, sa		200
2015	rusden 'black guts', barossa valley, sa	<i>HALF-BOTTLE</i>	100
2013	torbreck 'runrig' <i>shiraz-viognier</i> , barossa valley, sa		545
2018	sc pannell <i>syrah</i> , adelaide hills, sa		95
2018	coates 'the syrah', mclaren vale, sa		69
2019	dune 'paliorema', blewitt springs, mclaren vale	<i>preservative free</i>	75
2007	clarendon hills 'brookman' <i>syrah</i> , mclaren vale, sa		245

CELLAR SELECTION

2010	penfold's 'grange', south australia		1600
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FRANCE

2015	guigal 'brune et blonde' <i>syrah-viognier</i> , côte-rôtie, rhône valley		275
2005	guigal 'brune et blonde' <i>syrah-viognier</i> , côte-rôtie, rhône valley		345
2006	francois merlin 'le bardoux' <i>syrah-viognier</i> , côte-rôtie, rhône valley		235
2018	laurent combier <i>syrah</i> , crozes-hermitage, rhône valley	☯	120
2016	grange des pères <i>syrah-mourvèdre-cabernet</i> , l'hérault		355
2013	clavel 'bonne pioche' <i>syrah-mourvèdre-grenache</i> , pic saint loup	☯	105
2018	ch. maris 'la touge' <i>syrah-grenache</i> , minervois la liviniere	☯	95

“A good and most particular taste”

An aristocrat of wine grapes, widely planted all over the world,
and producing wines at every price point.

Capable of great ageing, or young simple and fruity styles.

Coonawarra and Margaret River are two areas of renown
for Cabernet in Australia,
but the Hunter and Yarra can also hold their heads up high.

Mount Mary has established itself
as the best Bordeaux-style producer east of the Nullarbor,
but WA is certainly no slouch.

With a maritime climate fairly similar to Bordeaux itself,
Margaret River is where we get closest
to the elegance of the classed growths.

And the quote at top of page?
Samuel Pepys, in his diary,
the morning after first tasting Ch. Haut Brion.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BLENDS

AUSTRALIA

2016	lake's folly 'cabernets' <i>cab sauv-petit verdot-merlot</i> , hunter valley	235
2017	ross hill 'pinnacle series', orange, nsw	110
2017	mcwilliam's '660' reserve, hilltops, nsw	65
2017	mount mary 'quintet' <i>cabernet blend</i> , yarra valley, vic	290
2000	domaine a 'stoney vineyard', <i>cabernet blend</i> , coal river, tas	270
2014	redesdale estate 'la scassatina' <i>cab sauv-cab franc-shiraz</i> , heathcote, vic	115
2013	o'dwyer 'limited release', clare valley, sa	110
2016	salomon estate, finniss river, sa	79
2016	tapanappa 'whalebone vineyard' <i>cabernet-shiraz</i> , wrattonbully, sa	135
2017	balnaves 'the blend' <i>cabernet-merlot-cab franc</i> , coonawarra, sa	69
2016	zema estate, coonawarra, sa	80
2017	fraser gallop estate 'parterre', margaret river, wa	110
2017	stella bella, margaret river, wa	85
2015	leeuwin estate 'art series', margaret river, wa	159
2016	moss wood, margaret river, wa	235

BORDEAUX - LEFT BANK

2014	château villa bel air, graves	105
2011	la chapelle de calon, saint-estèphe	135
2005	château palmer, 3eme cru classé, margaux	1100

BORDEAUX - RIGHT BANK

2016	ch. cantenac 'petit cantenac' <i>merlot-cab franc-cab sauv</i> , st émilion	135
2015	château gazin <i>merlot</i> , pomerol	425

ITALY

2009	chieto 'riserva' <i>cabernet-merlot</i> , treviso, italy	105
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DESSERT WINES - BY THE GLASS

75ml GLS

2018	vietti 'cascinetta', <i>moscato</i> d'asti, piedmont, italy		14
2017	riverby estate 'noble' <i>riesling</i> , marlborough, nz		15
2016	ch. guiraud 'petit guiraud' <i>sauvignon-sémillon</i> , sauternes, france		19
2015	terres des templiers 'mise tardive' <i>grenache</i> , banyuls rimage, france		16

DESSERT WINES - BY THE BOTTLE

BTL

LIGHTLY SPARKLING

2018	vietti 'cascinetta', <i>moscato</i> d'asti, piedmont, italy	375ml	59
2015	marchesi di barolo 'gatié', <i>brachetto</i> d'acqui, piedmont, italy	750ml	110

LATE HARVEST

2010	clemens busch 'rothenpfad' <i>riesling</i> auslese, marienburg, mosel, germany	375ml	185
2013	gramona 'frisant de gel' <i>gewürztraminer</i> , penedés, spain	375ml	99
2006	wenzel ruster ausbruch 'saz', <i>furmint-yellow muscat</i> , burgenland, austria	375ml	215

SEMI-DRIED GRAPES

2007	argyros vinsanto, <i>assyrtiko-athiri-aidani</i> , santorini, greece	500ml	150
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BOTRYTIS - "NOBLE ROT"

2019	de beaurepaire 'coeur d'or' <i>semillon</i> , rylstone, nsw	375ml	90
2017	riverby estate 'noble' <i>riesling</i> , marlborough, nz	375ml	59
2006	baumard quarts de chaume <i>chenin blanc</i> , loire valley, france	375ml	130
2016	ch. guiraud 'petit guiraud' <i>sauvignon-sémillon</i> , sauternes, france	375ml	90
2010	kracher #3 'zwischen den seen' <i>scheurebe tba</i> , burgenland, austria	375ml	250

SWEET RED

2012	giuseppe campagnola 'casotto del merlo', <i>corvina blend</i> , recioto della valpolicella, veneto, italy	500ml	95
2007	santa sofia <i>corvina blend</i> , recioto della valpolicella, veneto, italy	500ml	140
2015	terres des templiers 'mise tardive', <i>grenache</i> , banyuls rimage	750ml	129

FORTIFIED WINES - BY THE GLASS

60ml GLS

nv	toro albalá 'eléctrico', fino del lagar, montilla-moriles	<i>dry</i>	11
nv	toro albalá 'marqués de poley', amontillado, montilla-moriles	<i>dry</i>	20
nv	campbells topaque, rutherghlen, vic		12
nv	campbells muscat, rutherghlen, vic		12
nv	stanton & killeen 'classic' 12yo topaque, rutherghlen, vic		15
nv	stanton & killeen 'grand' muscat, rutherghlen, vic		24
nv	penfolds 'grandfather' 20yo tawny, sa		25
2013	quinta do noval late-bottled vintage port, porto, portugal		15
2015	terre des templiers 'mise tardive' <i>grenache</i> , banyuls rivage, france		16
1990	toro albalá 'gran reserva' pedro ximenez, montilla-moriles, spain		26

FORTIFIED WINES - BY THE BOTTLE

BTL

nv	toro albalá 'eléctrico' <i>fino</i> del lagar, montilla-moriles	500ml	85
nv	toro albalá 'marqués de poley' <i>amontillado</i> , montilla-moriles	500ml	145
nv	campbells topaque, rutherghlen, vic	375ml	70
nv	campbells muscat, rutherghlen, vic	375ml	70
nv	stanton & killeen 12yo topaque, rutherghlen, vic	500ml	95
nv	stanton & killeen 'grand' muscat, rutherghlen, vic	500ml	185
nv	penfolds 'grandfather' 20yo tawny, sa	750ml	330
2013	quinta do noval late-bottled vintage port, porto, portugal	750ml	160
2015	terre des templiers 'mise tardive' <i>grenache</i> , banyuls rivage	750ml	129
1995	justino's 'fine rich' colheita, madeira, portugal	375ml	135
1990	toro albalá 'gran reserva' <i>pedro ximenez</i> , montilla-moriles, spain		140

DIGESTIVES

GRAPPA		30ml
lunae grappa di vermentino, liguria, italy		19
guado del melo grappa di bolgheri, toscana, italy		17
villa di varda grappa di amarone stravecchia, veneto, italy		30
AMARO		60ml
villa de varda, trentino, italy		12
montenegro, bologna, italy		16
averna, sicily, italy		14
BRANDY		30ml
hennessy vs, cognac, france		13
hennessy vsop, cognac, france		17
hennessy xo, cognac, france		33
tesseron 'lot n°76 xo tradition', cognac, france		32
tesseron 'lot n°29 xo exception', cognac, france		85
1979	comte de lamaestre, bas armagnac, france	22
1975	francois gontier 'domfrontais', calvados, france	27
EAU DE VIE		30ml
jacoulot crème de cerise gingembre, romanèche-thorins, france		12
jacoulot liqueur de violette, romanèche-thorins, france		12
jacoulot eau de vie de poire williams, romanèche-thorins, france		13

“The Mosman Cocktail”

The scene:

Public Dining Room, Wednesday lunch, a few years ago...

"Would you like something to drink Madam?"

I asked the mature Mosman matron
as I showed her to a window table.

"Why yes, I'll have a Mosman cocktail please"

What the hell is a Mosman cocktail?

"I'm sorry Madam" I replied,

"I've been in this business a long time, but
I'm afraid I don't know what a Mosman cocktail is"

"It's a gin and tonic of course!" she said
- as if I was particularly stupid.

So, henceforth shall it be known.

The world's greatest mixed drink has a new name:

"The Mosman Cocktail"

GIN

manly spirits 'australian dry', nsw, australia	14
four pillars, victoria, australia	15
four pillars 'negroni spiced', victoria, australia	16
beefeater 24, england	12
bombay sapphire, england	12
tanqueray n ^o . ten, england	17
tanqueray 'rangpur', england	13
hendrick's, scotland	15

NON-ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS

seedlip 'grove 42'	10
seedlip 'spice 94'	10
seedlip 'garden 108'	10

VODKA

absolut elyx, sweden	13
manly spirits 'marine', sydney	13
grey goose, france	16
belvedere, poland	13
zubrowka bison grass, poland	14
beluga, russia	16

*add **fever tree 'mediterranean' tonic** to your choice of spirit for* 3

TEQUILA & MEZCAL

olmeca altos plata, mexico	12
herradura plata, mexico	14
herradura anejo, mexico	17
ilegal mezcal joven, oaxaca, mexico	16
patron xo café, mexico	14

RUM

havana club 3yrs añejo blanco, cuba	12
havana club 7yrs añejo, cuba	15
zacapa xo 'solera gran reserva especial', guatemala	32
pyrat xo reserve, anguilla, british west indies	16
mount gay eclipse, barbados	12
sailor jerry <i>spiced</i> , caribbean	14

BOURBON

wild turkey, usa	12
maker's mark, usa	12
woodford reserve, usa	15
basil hayden's, usa	16

OTHER NORTH AMERICAN WHISKIES

jack daniels, tennessee, usa	12
michter's straight rye, usa	16
canadian club, ontario, canada	12

IRELAND

jameson's, ireland	12
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SCOTLAND - BLENDED

j & b rare	12
chivas regal 12yo	12
johnny walker black 12yo	13

SCOTLAND - SINGLE MALT

aberlour 12yo, speyside	16
the macallan 'triple cask' 18yo, speyside	49
the glenmorangie 'original' 10yo, highlands	15
the glenmorangie 'signet', highlands	34
highland park 12yo, orkney	15
talisker 10yo, isle of skye	18
lagavulin 16yo, islay	22
ardbeg 10yo, islay	18
ardbeg 'wee beastie' 5yo, islay	16

SPICES

galliano	<i>vanilla</i>	13
galliano sambuca bianco	<i>liquorice</i>	13
galliano sambuca nero	<i>liquorice</i>	13
luxardo maraschino	<i>maraschino cherries</i>	13

FRUITY & FLORAL

cointreau	<i>orange</i>	13
massenez crème de myrtilles	<i>blueberries</i>	13
massenez crème de cassis	<i>blackcurrants</i>	13
massenez liqueur de pomme verte	<i>granny smith apples</i>	13
massenez liqueur de griottes	<i>morello cherries</i>	13
de kuyper peach schnapps	<i>peaches</i>	13
chambord	<i>raspberries</i>	13
midori	<i>melon</i>	13
st germain	<i>elderflower</i>	13
villa di varda limoncino	<i>lemons</i>	13

NUTS, COFFEE & CHOCOLATE

frangelico	<i>hazelnuts</i>	13
malibu	<i>white rum & coconut</i>	13
crème de cacao blanc	<i>chocolate</i>	13
galliano amaretto	<i>almonds</i>	13
disaronno	<i>apricot kernels</i>	13
patron xo café	<i>tequila and coffee</i>	14
tia maria	<i>coffee</i>	13
kahlua	<i>coffee</i>	13

WHISKY & BRANDY

drambuie	<i>scotch whisky & heather honey</i>	13
bailey's irish cream	<i>irish whiskey & cream</i>	13
southern comfort	<i>bourbon & peaches</i>	13
wild turkey american honey	<i>bourbon & honey</i>	14
benedictine d.o.m.	<i>brandy & herbs</i>	13
grand marnier	<i>cognac and orange</i>	13
alizé	<i>cognac & passionfruit</i>	13

COFFEE

campos 'superior' blend, banksmeadow, nsw

espresso		5
ristretto		5
long black		5
latte		5
piccolo latte		5
macchiato		5
long macchiato		5
flat white		5
cappuccino		5
mocha		5
babycino		3
extra shot/mug size		1
decaf		1
soy milk		1
almond milk		1

TEA

the rabbit hole, mortlake, nsw

breakfast blend	<i>organic</i>	6
grey rabbit	<i>organic</i>	6
chai	<i>organic</i>	6

penelope sachs, woollahra, nsw

peppermint	<i>organic</i>	6
lemon tang	<i>organic</i>	6
'apres' chamomile blend	<i>organic</i>	6
green tea	<i>organic</i>	6

OTHER DRINKS

chai latte		5
hot chocolate		5
mocha		5
iced coffee		8
iced chocolate		8
iced tea		8
pot of hot water		2

FIN