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MADEIRA – A WINE FROM LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY

Have some Madeira, m'dear it's so very much nicer than beer I don't care for sherry, one cannot drink stout

and port is a wine I can well do without it's simply a case of chacun à son gout Have some Madeira, m'dear!

A glass of The Rare Wine Co's *Baltimore Rainwater* Madeira last month was a revelation. Seamless and silky, long and complex, it seemed, curiously, to have the purity and slipperiness

of rainwater. Such is, perhaps, the power of suggestion. Pale, with aromas and flavours of dried fruits and flowers, its delicate acidity was balanced perfectly by a touch of sweetness.

This wonderful drink prompted thoughts about much that is cerebrally enjoyable about wine, including, in particular, the tensions between: tradition and innovation; intense focus on a particular location and an openminded curiosity about all places; wine as the expression of soil and season and as the creation of the maker's skill and imagination.

It was also mysteriously, magically delicious.

Madeira, the birthplace of Cristiano Ronaldo, is a mountainous island in the Atlantic, 500km off the coast of Morocco. It is as far north of the equator as Mudgee is south of it. In 1419 it was uninhabited but, despite the heavy rainfall and vertiginous slopes, it soon proved to be well suited to the production of wine. Three centuries later it was supplying large quantities of its wines to the Dutch

East India Company for their stations in India and other parts of Asia and over three quarters of the wine imported into North America.

The Founding Fathers of the United States of America toasted the signing of the Declaration of Independence with glasses of Madeira on 4 July 1776. A little over 10 years later in Sydney, on June 1788, the birthday King George III was

4 June 1788, the birthday of "mad" King George III was celebrated by Governor Arthur Phillip and his officers with "...Port, Lisbon, Madeira, Teneriffe and good old English Porter ..[which]... went merrily round in Bumpers..." The

celebratory and social significance of Madeira prompted George Washington to advise his daughter to serve her finest Madeiras only to "particular and intimate acquaintances" and "persons of distinction".

Sadly, Madeira did not remain on this pedestal. Phylloxera, the Russian Revolution and American Prohibition decimated both production and demand. By the middle of the 20th Century these distinguished wines had become associated with, of all things, a type of cake. They had been stigmatised in song by Flanders and Swan as the beverage of choice for unscrupulous old men seeking to take advantage of young

women.

"Have some Madeira, m'dear!"
the words seemed to ring in her ear...
until the next morning she woke up in

with a smile on her lips and ache in her head

and a beard in her earhole that tickled and said:

"have some Madeira, m'dear!"

It is perhaps swimming against the tide to seek to place Madeira on a pedestal once more, even if it is a modest pedestal. In a period of increasing hostility to the trappings of imperialism and the heightened awareness generated by the #MeToo movement, it would be unsurprising if the woke reaction to an offer of a glass of Madeira might be #NoThanks. That would be regrettable.

There is something miraculous about Madeira. The discovery that a high-acid base wine, fortified with grape alcohol, would be greatly improved by prolonged exposure to high temperatures in large barrels on ships sailing in the Tropics was surprising. This treatment defies many of the supposed rules of wine making — maintenance of stable

low temperatures and minimal contact with oxygen. The vinha da roda (wines that have made a round-trip) are maderised wines of remarkable longevity and complexity.

The prolonged heating of the best Madeira wines no longer involves wooden sailing vessels criss-crossing the equator. It is now achieved with the canteiro method:

leaving large barrels for between 20 and 100 years in rooms which are directly heated by the sun.

It is still possible to find and enjoy Madeiras that were made in the 19th Century. Why not celebrate the start of 2020 by downing bumpers of Madeira with a group of your "particular and intimate acquaintances", or, if you have no friends, some "persons of distinction". This will transport you to a time and place utterly different from our own. Whether you also choose to wake with a beard in your earhole will be entirely your decision.

Peter Armitage, FWC Customer



Chardonnay Quality Soars

Moorooduc Estate Devil Bend Creek Chardonnay 2018

Mornington Peninsula, Victoria Single Bottle: \$28.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$25.20

A very composed, complete wine – just what you want when it comes to early drinking Chardonnay. No new oak here. Both white and yellow peach, melon, and granny smith apple kick things off with hints of almond meal and a faint saline/mineral character in the background. Pretty hard to beat at this price. – **FWC**

A.Rodda Smith's Vineyard Chardonnay 2018

Beechworth, Victoria Single Bottle: \$42.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$37.80

Adrian Rodda makes three Chardonnays and considering the size of our store, we usually pick one to stock, despite liking them all. This year the Beechworth Chardonnay stood out as our pick of the wines. Fruit is taken from a vineyard that sits at 550m above sea level where acidity is easily retained due to the cool climate. This has everything we love in top-end Beechworth Chardonnay: orchard fruit, whiter fleshed peach and nectarine, quite a bit of phenolic grip to the midpalate and a slight chalkiness to the finish. It has notable expanse across the palate, really asserting itself and its flavours upon you. It's quite a serious wine that is only just setting out in its path towards development. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Garagiste Merricks Chardonnay 2018

Mornington Peninsula, Victoria Single Bottle: \$50.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$45.00

Drawn from the south-facing Merricks Grove vineyard, where the grey sandy loams are marbled with red ironstone. Hand-harvested, handsorted and whole-bunch pressed. Then natural primary fermentation on high solids in 500-litre puncheons (15-20% new in 2018), partial malolactic fermentation and maturation on lees for nine months before bottling. It opens all coiled and reductive: scents of smoky stone fruit and hints of browned butter and oyster shell lead to a layered, textured palate with pulpy yet precise fruit framed by Merricks' vibrant freshness. It's an absolutely outstanding example of Mornington Chardonnay with terrific intensity and length (again with that kiss of ocean breeze). Right up there with the very best releases of this wine. – **Bibendum**

Cobaw Ridge Chardonnay 2017

Macedon Ranges, Victoria Single Bottle Price: \$58.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$52.20

Cobaw Ridge flies under the radar to some degree. I'm not sure why as their wines are extremely good and perform at a high level very consistently. Their Chardonnay is particularly pure and crystalline and in this case, the quality is particularly impressive out of the cool and long growing season that was 2017. It's a wine of clarity and well defined flavours of white peach, nectarine and other orchard fruit. It has an inner brightness to it and the acidity crackles with freshness as it washes over the palate. There is some nut and meal sitting quietly in the background which I think will develop and become a touch more apparent with time. Love it. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Always expect savoury, interesting Chardonnay wines from Cobaw Ridge. Here's another. Loading in grape flavour and its full potential. It's a big Chardonnay but not weighty, nor creamy, nor buttery and toasty. There's just lots of things going on. It smells of honeycomb, cashews, green apple, faint sea spray, the palate with similar flavours, really juicy but with a core of minerally-saline acidity and finishes with a light fino-meets-green-apple edginess. It's complex as Chardonnay gets, alluring and compelling as a drink. It's fantastic. Drink: 2019 - 2025. 95 Points – **Mike Bennie, The Winefront**

Savaterre Chardonnay 2017

Beechworth, Victoria Single Bottle Price: \$80.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$72.00

The word bucolic gets thrown around a fair bit but in this case I think it's fitting. Ches Cook and I visited Savaterre in June 2018. Not bad tasting the wines next to some beautiful black cattle (Kobe from memory) and rare breed pigs munching on apple cores. Hopefully the wafts of venison hanging in the barrel room didn't affect our tasting notes too much.

The Chardonnay has always been quite powerful but in 2017 it has a little more finesse to go along with that power. Almond meal, a little reductive smokiness, well-judged oak lending some cedar and spice, loads of white stone fruit and a long acid spine with pithy citrus acidity. More textural, chalky, mineral character showing in this vintage. Blew us away. – **Robert McLean, FWC**

It's been about 13 years since I last reviewed a wine from Savaterre, and frankly, I don't quite know how I feel about that. Stonefruit, lemon peel, fennel, white flowers, nougat and some struck match. It's flavoursome, a little toasty and spicy, intense almost grapefruity acidity along with a caramel richness, distinct chalky/quartz-like texture, pulp and pith citrus bitterness on a very long finish. A very good Chardonnay here. Very. 95 points. – **Gary Walsh, The Winefront**

Chardonnay	Single	Dozen
Burns & Fuller Chardonnay 2019	\$15.00	\$13.50
Mike Press Chardonnay 2017	\$19.00	\$17.10
Printhie Mountain Range Chardonnay 2018	\$21.00	\$18.90
Wickhams Road Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2018	\$22.00	\$19.80
Scarborough Yellow Label Chardonnay 2016	\$25.00	\$22.50
Hoddles Creek Chardonnay 2018	\$25.00	\$22.50
Mandala Chardonnay 2017	\$28.00	\$25.20
Moorooduc Devil Bend Creek Chardonnay 2018	\$28.00	\$25.20
Journey Wines Chardonnay 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Mac Forbes Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
William Fevre Petit Chablis 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Bloodwood Chardonnay 2017	\$35.00	\$31.50
Bloodwood 'Schubert' Chardonnay 2017	\$40.00	\$36.00
A. Rodda 'Smith's' Vineyard Chardonnay 2018	\$42.00	\$37.80
Ochota Barrels Slint Chardonnay 2019 🖤	\$43.00	\$38.70
Garagiste Merricks Chardonnay 2018	\$50.00	\$45.00
Jean-Marc Pillot Le Haut des Champs 2016	\$55.00	\$49.50
Curly Flat Chardonnay 2017	\$56.00	\$50.40
Cobaw Ridge Chardonnay 2017	\$58.00	\$52.20
Mac Forbes Hoddles Creek Chardonnay 2018	\$63.00	\$56.70
Mac Forbes Woori Yallock Chardonnay 2018	\$63.00	\$56.70
Bindi 'Kostas Rind' Chardonnay 2018	\$66.00	\$59.40
Moss Wood Chardonnay 2016	\$68.00	\$61.20
Main Ridge Chardonnay 2017	\$70.00	\$63.00
Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Blanc 2017	\$74.00	\$66.60
Ten Minutes By Tractor 'McCutcheon' 2017	\$75.00	\$67.50
Bass Phillip Estate Chardonnay 2017	\$78.00	\$70.20
Tolpuddle Chardonnay 2018	\$80.00	\$72.00
Savaterre Chardonnay 2017	\$80.00	\$72.00
By Farr Chardonnay 2018	\$88.00	\$79.20
Shaw & Smith Lenswood Chardonnay 2016	\$90.00	\$81.00
Lakes Folly Chardonnay 2018	\$100.00	\$90.00
Tolpuddle Museum Chardonnay 2013	\$106.00	\$95.40
Bindi Quartz Chardonnay 2018	\$110.00	\$99.00
By Farr GC Cote Vineyard Chardonnay 2017	\$115.00	\$103.50
Yarra Yering Chardonnay 2017	\$115.00	\$103.50
Leeuwin Art Series Chardonnay 2015	\$125.00	\$112.50
Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Pernand Vergelesses Sous Fretille 2017	\$129.00	\$116.10
Cullen Kevin John Chardonnay 2012 C	\$135.00	\$121.50
Caroline Morey Chassagne-Montrachet 'Chambrees' 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50











Right Time for Riesling

Any time is the right time in our book, but it especially hits the spot this time of year.



Wilson DJW Riesling 2018

Clare Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$25.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$22.50

2018 marks 41 years since this gem of a vineyard was planted, the 3500 vines producing a Riesling of the highest quality. Often overlooked, Wilson has long been a dark horse, the roughie in the field full of group 1 winners. Fragrant, green and yellow citrus, white spring florals cascade onto a palate that is coiled, fresh and chalky. Very pure and fine-boned with the depth and power surging through to a mineral-rich finish. Knockout Riesling for the price and sensational with fresh prawns, sashimi or spiced seafood dishes. Will breeze through to 2030 and beyond in the cellar. Highly recommended. – **FWC**

Jasper Hill Riesling 2019

Heathcote, Victoria Single Bottle: \$42.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$37.80

One of my favourite Australian Rieslings. Fleshier and richer (although still totally dry) when compared to wines out of the Clare Valley. There is a nice concentration of citrus-centred flavours here. Lemon balm, lemon curd, some wax – all delicious with ample generosity. This is also the first time this wine has been bottled under screwcap! Well done to Emily for convincing her dad it was time to change. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Wines by KT Peglidis Watervale Riesling 2019

Clare Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$47.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$42.30

Lime and kaffir lime leaf, perfume and stony things. It's juicy and full of limey goodness, pure acidity, zesty fringes, plenty of crunch and spice through the finish, and again that stony feel as it goes. Texture is a highlight throughout, and indeed, it's what you might call a lightning strike of a wine; it's that flash. 95+ points. – **Gary Walsh, The Winefront**

Riesling	Single	Dozen
Mad Fish Riesling 2018	\$18.00	\$16.20
Jim Barry Watervale Riesling 2019	\$19.00	\$17.10
Take It To The Grave Riesling 2018	\$19.00	\$17.10
Leeuwin Art Series Riesling 2018	\$24.00	\$21.60
Henschke Peggy's Hill Riesling 2019 C	\$24.00	\$21.60
Wilson 'DJW' Riesling 2018	\$25.00	\$22.50
Von Buhl QbA Riesling Trocken 2018	\$30.00	\$27.00
Bloodwood Riesling 2017	\$32.00	\$28.80
Crawford River 'Young Vines' Riesling 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Jim Barry 'Lodge Hill' Riesling 2012	\$35.00	\$31.50
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Obstgarten Trocken Riesling 2019	\$35.00	\$31.50
Stargazer Riesling 2018	\$40.00	\$36.00
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Obstgarten Riesling 2018	\$40.00	\$36.00
Jasper Hill Riesling 2019	\$42.00	\$37.80
Dukes Magpie Riesling 2019	\$45.00	\$40.50
Grosset Springvale Riesling 2019	\$45.00	\$40.50
Henschke Julius Riesling 2018 C	\$45.00	\$40.50
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Obstgarten Riesling Selection 2018	\$45.00	\$40.50
KT Peglidis Riesling 2019	\$47.00	\$42.30
Crawford River Riesling 2018	\$48.00	\$43.20
Keller Riesling Trocken 2018	\$50.00	\$45.00
Lauer Riesling Ayler Fass 25 2017	\$56.00	\$50.40
Ruggabellus Quomodo 2017 - "Orange"	\$59.00	\$53.10
Willi Schaefer Graacher Himmelreich Kabinett 2017	\$60.00	\$54.00
Robert Weil Riesling Trocken 2017	\$60.00	\$54.00
Grosset Polish Hill Riesling 2019	\$64.00	\$57.60
Simha Rani Riesling 2018	\$71.00	\$63.90
Kientzler Osterberg Grand Cru Riesling 2016	\$75.00	\$67.50
Mader Rosacker Riesling Grand Cru 2017	\$77.00	\$69.30
Von Buhl Deidesheimer Paradiesgarten 2015	\$83.00	\$74.70
Kientzler Kirchberg De Ribeauville Grand Cru 2016	\$90.00	\$81.00
JJ Prum Graacher Himmelreich Spatlese 2012	\$92.00	\$82.80
Crawford River Reserve Riesling 2006	\$99.00	\$89.10
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2014	\$105.00	\$94.50
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2016	\$105.00	\$94.50
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2009	\$110.00	\$99.00
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Spätlese 2017	\$110.00	\$99.00
Trimbach Frederic Emile Riesling 2010	\$125.00	\$112.50
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese Goldkap 2010	\$203.00	\$182.70



Ruggabellus Quomodo 2017 - "Orange"

Eden Valley, South Australia Single Bottle Price: \$59.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$53.10

All riesling. So much acid and flavour. I usually write effusive entries on the Ruggabellus wines but this year it's straight to business. This is awesome. Powerful orange wine of conviction and deliciousness. Incredibly intense, quite transparent. Lemon and orangey character. Mandarin too. Juicy and bright, light chalky tannins. Huge thrust of flavour across the palate. Incredibly bright. So much going on here and so much life left. Well, well, well – what a ballistically good wine. One of the most compelling Australian orange wines of all time. Rated: 95 Points. Drink: 2019 - 2030. – **Mike Bennie, The Winefront**

An enticing golden amber colour. Lots of intoxicating aromas that develop in the glass over time. It's citrusy, yeasty, a hint floral, a pinch of salt and pepper, a little wave of seashell. The palate is consistent, if not even more complex. Great texture. Sunny, crisp, cidery, delectable. Tropical fruit and a hit of tangy orange liqueur with a sort of zesty char character (like a twist of lightly torched orange peel garnishing a cocktail). Plus some faint spiced peach or mango chutney, all flowing energetically across the palette. A new favourite wine for sure, and not just in the 'orange' category. – **Andy Waddle, FWC**

This year marked a 10-year anniversary for Ruggabellus, a trailblazer for the so-called 'lo-fi' or 'New Barossa' wine movement. We've been following them from day one and have been rewarded each year with new releases that reflect the honing of their craft over the past decade.

Their Quomodo is 100% riesling. As a skin-contact/amber example of the variety, one of the best.

Other Whites

Nick Spencer Gruner Veltliner 2019

Tumbarumba, NSW Single Bottle: \$32.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$28.80

This was a real winner when tried last week out the back of the shop. So much so that one staff member bought 6 bottles on the spot. It's vibrant and bursting with zingy energy. Lots of lime leaf and citrus notes are present on a clean and lively palate - think Riesling with a touch more fleshiness but similar acid. A really good wine and surely amongst the best Gruners in the country. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Tyrrell's HVD Semillon 2014

Hunter Valley, NSW Single Bottle: \$38.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$34.20

Tyrrell's have it spot-on when it comes to releasing their Semillons with this sort of age. In this case the wine is no longer shy or overly tight but is rather starting to come into its own and beginning to show you what's under the hood. In 2014 it is especially impressive. This is a zingy, energetic and lively drink with plenty of acid yet plenty of fleshy fruit, too. It's got crushed lime, lemon pith and lemongrass, as well as a slight waxiness at the back. This is our pick of the newly released Semillons coming out of a stellar vintage in the Hunter. – **Ches Cook, FWC**:

MB [Mike Bennie] has already covered three of the 2014 Tyrrell's Semillon releases, so I'll bring up the rear with the remaining two. This and Vat 1 are my favourites this vintage. Lemon, vanilla, floral notes with the signature HVD lime tucked in nicely. Super clear fruit, beautiful soft line of acid draws it very long, a light flintiness shapes it up. Super long drizzled lime finish. Impeccable, and even as a baby wine, already great to drink. 95+ points. – **Gary Walsh, The Winefront**



Pinot Gris/Grigio	Single	Dozen
The Vines Pinot Grigio 2018	\$12.50	\$11.25
Chasing Clouds Pinot Gris 2018	\$15.00	\$13.50
David Hook Pinot Grigio 2019	\$19.00	\$17.10
Paolovino Pinot Grigio 2017	\$21.00	\$18.90
Printhie Pinot Gris 2018	\$21.00	\$18.90
Pikes Luccio Pinot Grigio 2019	\$22.00	\$19.80
Piano Piano Pinot Grigio 2019	\$23.00	\$20.70
Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio 2018	\$25.00	\$22.50
Nick Spencer Hilltops Pinot Gris 2019	\$30.00	\$27.00
Kooyong Beurrot Pinot Gris 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Far Ago Hill Pinot Gris 2017	\$33.00	\$29.70
Les Fruits Big Bones Pinot Gris 2018	\$34.00	\$30.60
Franz Haas Pinot Grigio 2018	\$45.00	\$40.50

Semillon	Single	Dozen
Genesis Semillon 2014	\$21.00	\$18.90
Dormilona Blanco 2019	\$28.00	\$25.20
Thomas Braemore Semillon 2019	\$34.00	\$30.60
LS Merchants Da Bois 'Vin Ambre' 2018 - "Orange"	\$34.00	\$30.60
Tyrrell's HVD Semillon 2014	\$38.00	\$34.20
Ruggabellus Solumodo 2017 - "Orange"	\$59.00	\$53.10
Tyrrell's Johnno's Semillon 2018	\$72.00	\$64.80
Tyrrell's Johnno's Semillon 2014	\$72.00	\$64.80
Tyrrell's Vat 1 Semillon 2012	\$85.00	\$76.50
Tyrrell's Vat 1 Semillon 2005	\$165.00	\$148.50

Sauv Blanc/Blends	Single	Dozen
Parnasse Sauvignon Blanc 2018	\$13.90	\$12.51
Skipjack Sauvignon Blanc 2019	\$18.95	\$17.05
Hewitson Lulu Sauvignon Blanc 2019	\$22.00	\$19.80
Shaw and Smith Sauvignon Blanc 2019	\$30.00	\$27.00
Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc 2018	\$32.00	\$28.80
Hermit Ram Sauvignon Blanc Skin Contact 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Cullen Mangan Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2017 C	\$35.00	\$31.00
Moss Wood Ribbon Vale Sauv Blanc Semillon 2018	\$35.00	\$31.50
Reverdy Terre de Maimbray Sancerre 2018	\$49.00	\$44.10
Mount Mary Triolet 2017	\$100.00	\$90.00
Didier Dagueneau Fume De Pouilly Silex 2016	\$296.00	\$266.40

Other Whites	Single	Dozen
Unico Zelo Jade & Jasper Fiano 2019	\$24.00	\$21.60
Spinifex Lola 2018	\$25.00	\$22.50
Eidesola Charquino Albarino 2018	\$27.00	\$24.30
Santadi Villa Solais Vermentino 2017	\$27.00	\$24.30
Coriole Fiano 2018	\$29.00	\$26.10
Marc Bredif Vouvray 2017	\$31.00	\$27.90
Nick Spencer Gruner Veltliner 2019	\$32.00	\$28.80
Pieropan Soave 2018	\$34.00	\$30.60
Cantina del Vermentino Aghiloia 2018	\$34.00	\$30.60
Ruggabellus Sallio 2017 - "Orange"	\$36.00	\$32.40
Maranones Picarana Albillio Blanc 2016/2017	\$39.00	\$35.10
Telmo Rodriguez Gaba do Xil Godello Valdeorras 201	7 \$42.00	\$37.80
Yeringberg Viognier 2016	\$46.00	\$41.40
Suavia Monte Carbonare Soave 2017	\$48.00	\$43.20
Occhipinti Bianco SP68 2018	\$49.00	\$44.10
Arnaud Lambert Saumur Perrieres Chenin Blanc 201	8 \$50.00	\$45.00
Ciro Picariello Fiano di Avellino 2018	\$52.00	\$46.80
Pieropan Calvarino Soave 2017	\$55.00	\$49.50
D'Fefinanes Albarino 2018	\$55.00	\$49.50
Envinate 'Palo Blanco' Listan Blanco 2017	\$65.00	\$58.50
Eduardo Acosta Versante Nord Bianco 2018	\$66.00	\$59.40
Radikon Oslavje 2012 500ml C	\$76.00	\$68.40
Equipo Navazos Florpower MMXV 2015	\$77.00	\$69.30
Vina Tondonia Rioja Reserva 2005	\$99.00	\$89.10
Nicolas Joly Les Vieux Clos Savennieres 2016 C	\$115.00	\$103.50
Radikon Fuori dal Tempo 2006 500ml C	\$215.00	\$193.50





Champagne

Andre Clouet Silver NV

Single Bottle: \$69.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$62.10

This is a 100% Pinot Noir wine that is full flavoured, rich and very dry. In fact, it is bone dry when most other Brut NVs contain around 10gm/lt of sugar (and legally up to 15gm/lt). To achieve the kind of great balance this wine possesses, the base wine quality needs to be very high as a little sugar can hide excessive acidity or phenolics, and even add to a perception of flavour. So good is this wine that the absence of any sugar only adds to its quality and uniqueness. One of the best books on Champagne (4000 Champagnes) is written by the Swede Richard Juhlin, and he writes: "A tremendously powerful Champagne. The mature reserve wines give weight and softness and round off the completely dry aftertaste. Bollinger-like." The best quality Champagne on the market at anywhere near this price! – **Ian Cook, FWC**

Egly-Ouriet Les Vignes de Vrigny NV

Single Bottle: \$150.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$135.00

Vintages: 2015 (50%), 2014 (30%) & 2013 (20%). Bottling: 2015. Disgorgement: July 2019. Time on lees: 36 months. 100% Pinot Meunier from a single, 40-year-old, south-facing vineyard in Vrigny, a commune located on the Petite Montagne de Reims (very close to Gueux, where Jérôme Prévost is based). Straight Pinot Meunier remains a rarity in Champagne and in Egly's hands it is something unique. Low yields, old vines and ripe fruit make this one of the most intense, layered and opulent Meunier wines kicking around. In recent years, Egly has increased the reserve wine and the time on lees. This new release is stunning, layered, luscious and complex yet also mineral. Bottled without filtration. Dosage for this bottling is 2g/l.

The NV Brut Les Vignes de Vrigny 1er Cru is bright and chiseled, with terrific cut to balance the natural richness of the Meunier. White flowers, mint, orchard fruit and almonds add layers of complexity, but it is the wine's energy that is especially compelling. This release spent 39 months on its lees and was disgorged in October 2016. 92 points – **Antonio Galloni, Vinous**

Egly-Ouriet crafts one of Champagne's most flattering single-vineyard Pinot Meuniers, faithfully translating every detail of the succulent depth of this grape's enticing full golden yellow hue and its fleshy Mirabelle plum, red cherry, dried pear and grapefruit character.

95 points – **Tyson Stelzer, The Champagne Guide 2015-2016**

Champagne Single Dozen Piper Heidsieck NV \$54.00 \$48.60 Mumm Cordon Rouge NV \$53.10 \$59.00 \$61.20 Veuve Fourny Blanc de Blancs NV 1er Cru \$68.00 Andre Clouet Silver NV \$69.00 \$62.10 \$69.30 Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut NV - **SPECIAL** \$77.00 Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve NV \$79.00 \$71.10 Veuve Fourny Brut Rose NV \$80.00 \$72.00 Louis Roederer Brut Premier NV 750ML \$76.50 \$85.00 Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV \$85.00 \$76.50 Pierre Peters Blanc de Blancs Brut NV Grand Cru \$88.00 \$79.20 Billecart-Salmon Brut Rose NV 375ML \$90.00 \$81.00 Larmandier Bernier 'Latitude' Blanc de Blancs NV \$100.00 \$90.00 Andre Clouet Vintage 2009 \$110.00 \$99.00 Roederer Vintage Brut 2012 \$130.00 \$117.00 Egly-Ouriet Vignes De Vrigny NV C \$130.00 \$117.00 Agrapart 'Terroirs' Blanc De Blancs NV C \$135.00 \$121.50 Andre Clouet '1911' NV \$140.00 \$126.00 \$126.00 Bollinger Rose NV \$140.00 Andre Clouet Silver NV Magnum \$140.00 \$126.00 Vouette & Sorbee Fidele NV \$140.00 \$124.00 Egly-Ouriet Brut 'Tradition' NV C \$169.00 \$152.10 Vouette & Sorbee Blanc D'Argile NV \$170.00 \$153.00 David Leclapart L'amateur Blanc De Blancs 2015 \$180.00 \$162.00 Roederer Brut Nature Blanc Philippe Starck 2012 \$195.00 \$175.50 Egly-Ouriet Rose NV C \$240.00 \$216.00 Egly-Ouriet 'VP' Extra Brut NV C \$250.00 \$225.00 Bollinger La Grande Année 2008 \$260.00 \$234.00 Egly-Ouriet Millesime 2007 C \$320.00 \$288.00 Egly-Ouriet Blanc De Noirs NV C \$370.00 \$333.00 Roederer Cristal Brut 2008 \$440.00 \$396.00 Bollinger R.D. 2004 \$480.00 \$432.00 Andre Clouet Grande Reserve NV Jereboam 3L \$495.00 \$445.50 Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV Jeroboam 3L \$477.00 \$530.00 Andre Clouet Silver NV Methusalem 6L \$1,070.00 \$963.00

Rosé

Bass Phillip Rosé 2018

Gippsland, Victoria Single Bottle: \$28.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$25.20

Small portion in barrel, gently pressed fruit, picked for rosé. Quite incredible that after the fanciness and higher price points of Bass Phillip's range, here lies this gem of a bargain of a cheapy of a great quality rose wine. Pale orange-pink colour, almost lurid. Scents of white strawberries, fairy floss, blanched almonds, floral things. Juicy in the palate, very fresh feeling, light red berry flavours, lick of granitelike mineral character and a cool, slightly amaro-tinged finish. Very easy to drink, is the message, but a little more going on than expected. 93 points. -Mike Bennie, The Winefront



Sparkling	Single	Dozen
FWC Brut NV	\$11.00	\$9.90
Yarra Burn NV	\$18.00	\$16.20
Cielo Prosecco NV	\$19.00	\$17.10
Lois Lane Blanc de Blancs NV	\$22.00	\$19.80
Reversanti Prosecco NV	\$24.00	\$21.60
Ngeringa Uncultured Pet Nat Rose 2019	\$29.00	\$26.10
Canella Prosecco Superiore Conegliano Valdobbiadene '18	\$30.00	\$27.00
Stefano Lubiana NV C	\$37.00	\$33.30
Ashton Hills Sparkling Rose 2016	\$42.00	\$37.80
Daosa Natural Reserve NV	\$44.00	\$39.60
Costadila 330 slm Prosecco NV	\$45.00	\$40.50
Deviation Road Loftia 2016	\$53.00	\$47.70
Bloodwood 'Chirac' 2009	\$69.00	\$62.10

Rosé	Single	Dozen
Jules Rosé 2018	\$18.00	\$16.20
Sherrah Rosé 2019	\$19.50	\$17.55
Jim Barry Annabelle's Rosé 2018	\$21.00	\$18.90
Spinifex Rosé 2019	\$26.00	\$23.40
Bass Phillip Rosé 2018	\$28.00	\$25.20
Riotor Rosé Cotes de Provence 2017	\$29.00	\$26.10
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Prêt-à-Rosé 2019	\$29.00	\$26.10
Saint Andrieu Rosé 2016	\$31.00	\$27.90
Pietradolce Etna Rosato 2017	\$40.00	\$36.00
Tempier Bandol Rosé 2018 375ml	\$42.00	\$37.80
Whispering Angel Rosé Cotes de Provence 2018	\$46.00	\$41.40
Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Rosé de Pinot 2018	\$54.00	\$48.60
Riotor Rosé 2017 Magnum	\$62.00	\$55.80
Tempier Bandol Rosé 2018	\$78.00	\$70.20
Tempier Bandol Rosé 2018 Magnum	\$160.00	\$144.00



Pinot Noir

Moorooduc Estate Devil Bend Creek Pinot Noir 2018

Mornington Peninsula, Victoria Single Bottle: \$28.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$25.20

Fruit from the same vineyard that contributes the Pinot Gris. 100% destemmed and into old oak for 10 months. Loads of perfume: pretty floral inflected crunchy red fruits with a dusting of brown spice and twigs/undergrowth. Perfumed and pretty but showing a lot more complexity and filigree than you expect of Pinot Noir at this price. – **FWC**

Garagiste Cuve Béton Pinot Noir 2018

Mornington Peninsula, Victoria Single Bottle: \$50.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$45.00

New. Cuve Béton means concrete tank and this new bottling was fermented and raised in a single, sealable 5000-litre concrete vessel from the Italian tank maker Nico Velo. Barney first experimented with this tank in 2017, finding a noticeable difference in the finished wine—the concrete-raised Pinot displayed more freshness and a different tannin profile. Obviously the vessel's gentle transfer of oxygen and the cooler thermal mass of the juice during fermentation makes a difference. The fruit comes from a key parcel of Merricks Grove, and the fruit was entirely destemmed and fermented wild, spending four weeks on skins. It was bottled unfiltered. This is a noticeably more structured, minerally tasting wine that Flanders has produced with deliciously crunchy red fruits and loads of spices that leap from the glass and flood the palate. There is impressive structure from the long maceration but it's oh so fine with powdery, talc-like tannins running the length of the palate. Super, super impressive. – **Bibendum**

Bass Phillip Crown Prince Pinot Noir 2017

Gippsland, Victoria Single Bottle: \$71.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$63.90

Each year it seems as though the quality of this wine rises and rises, to the point where it is not at all far behind the Estate Pinot. This is a bit more red-fruited, a touch more simple and juicy without the distinctive layers of flavour and the deep core of fruit that the other Pinots possess. But those wines set a high bar and Crown Price still manages to deliver a rounded, generous and gorgeously aromatic Pinot. It holds palate weight and presence, has great acid and some tannin at the back. It is a serious wine and a wine that many Australian producers would love to call their flagship. Here it is one of Phillip's entry level wines. Remarkable. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Main Ridge The Acre Pinot Noir 2018

Mornington Peninsula, Victoria Single Bottle: \$91.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$81.90

This release has a slightly larger frame compared to the 2017, with a bit more muscle and breadth across the palate. It's made up of dark fruit, even some liquorice, with a core of plum and dark Amarena cherry. I expect it to develop some more savoury tones over the next 12 months in bottle, but for now it is quite primary and fruit-forward. Plenty to like already, but a lot of development ahead of it. Cellar it for a while if you can. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Rippon Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2016 C

Central Otago, New Zealand Single Bottle: \$94.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$84.60

Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate

One of the few New Zealand Pinots that benefit from decanting in their youth, Rippon's 2016 Mature Vine Pinot Noir packs in raspberries, hints of Asian five spice powder and delicate herbal notes behind a wall of crushed stone and firm but ripe tannins. It's medium to full-bodied, with a long, slightly chewy finish. Don't be afraid to lose this one in the cellar for 5 or more years." 94 Points, Drink: 2020-2030. – **Joe**

This is such profoundly complex pinot with violets, dark cherries, plums, blueberries, graphite, black tea, peppery nuances, licorice and woody spices, all taking a role on the nose. The palate has such density and precision, delivering a powerfully composed and profoundly concentrated core of blueberry and dark-cherry flavour in a layered and refined style. Such impressive depth and character. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold. 97 Points. – **James Suckling**









Pinot Noir	Single	Dozen
Underground Dinet Noir 2017	\$19.00	\$17.10
Underground Pinot Noir 2017 Wickhams Road Yarra Pinot Noir 2019	\$22.00	\$17.10
Mike Press Pinot Noir 2017	\$22.00	\$19.80
Seville Estate 'Sewn' Pinot Noir 2018	\$24.00	\$19.60
Moorooduc Devil Bend Creek Pinot Noir 2018	\$24.00	\$21.00
Hoddles Creek Pinot Noir 2018	\$28.00	\$25.20
Kooyong 'Massale' Pinot Noir 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
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Mac Forbes Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2018	\$34.00	\$30.60
Stoney Rise Pinot Noir 2018	\$34.00	•
Journey Wines Pinot Noir 2017	•	\$31.50
Ata Rangi 'Crimson' Pinot Noir 2017/2018	\$38.00	\$34.20
Garagiste Cuve Beton Pinot Noir 2018	\$50.00	\$45.00
Bream Creek Reserve Pinot Noir 2015	\$51.00	\$45.90
Sailor Seeks Horse Pinot Noir 2017	\$56.00	\$50.40
Mac Forbes Coldstream Pinot Noir 2018	\$63.00	\$56.70
Curly Flat Pinot Noir 2017	\$64.00	\$57.60
Two Paddocks Pinot Noir 2018	\$65.00	\$55.25
Bindi 'Dixon' Pinot Noir 2018 C	\$66.00	\$59.40
Josh Cooper Doug's Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018	\$66.00	\$59.40
Bass Phillip Crown Prince Pinot Noir 2017	\$71.00	\$63.90
Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Rouge 2017	\$73.00	\$65.70
Paradigm Hill L'Ami Sage Pinot Noir 2017	\$75.00	\$67.50
Chatto Seven Inch Pinot Noir 2018	\$75.00	\$67.50
William Downie 'Yarra Valley' Pinot Noir 2014	\$75.00	\$67.50
William Downie 'Mornington Peninsula' Pinot Noir 2016	\$75.00	\$67.50
Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2018	\$80.00	\$72.00
By Farr Sangreal Pinot Noir 2017	\$88.00	\$79.20
Home Hill Kelly's Reserve Pinot Noir 2018	\$88.00	\$79.20
Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2015	\$89.00	\$80.10
Main Ridge The Acre Pinot Noir 2018	\$91.00	\$81.90
Tapanappa Foggy Hill Definitus Pinot Noir 2017	\$92.00	\$82.80
Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2016	\$94.00	\$84.60
Bindi Original Pinot Noir 2018	\$95.00	\$85.50
Benjamin Leroux Savigny Les Beaune 2017	\$99.00	\$89.10
Bass Phillip Estate Pinot Noir 2017 C	\$99.00	\$89.10
Giaconda Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir 2017	\$99.00	\$89.10
By Farr 'R. P. Cote Vineyard' Pinot Noir 2016	\$115.00	\$103.50
Main Ridge Half Acre Pinot Noir 2018	\$115.00	\$103.50
Bindi Block 5 Pinot Noir 2018	\$140.00	\$126.00
Rippon 'Rippon' Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2010	\$165.00	\$148.50
Littorai Mays Canyon Pinot Noir 2016	\$179.00	\$161.10
Denis Mortet Mes Cinq Terroirs Gevrey Chambertin 2016	\$230.00	\$207.00
Rippon 'Emma's Block' Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2011	\$230.00	\$207.00
Bass Phillip Premium Pinot Noir 2014	\$240.00	\$216.00
Rippon 'Tinker's Field' Mature Vines Pinot Noir 2011 C	\$250.00	\$225.00



BurgundyWhite

Pierrick Laroche Petit Chablis 2017

Single Bottle: \$39.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$35.10

We're excited to have this arrive just as summer begins to hit. It really is perfect drinking for the Australian climate at this time of year. This is all salt water, rock salt and brine with crisp acid and zingy citrus flavours. It's identifiably Chablis which is important at the Petit level and it has great carry of flavour. It has been fermented and aged in stainless steel, providing clean, precise and uncomplicated flavours. Super delicious. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Blanc 2017

Single Bottle: \$75.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$67.50

The stunning Bourgogne Blanc is a mini-Meursault this year, with the lion's share of fruit drawn from multiple parcels in the village, including Leroux's own vines in Sous la Velle and Les Belles Côtes. Then, there's 10% from the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune. Raised in 12-hectolitre foudres and some 300-litre barrels, this has quite remarkable richness, depth and class for the level. Picked in late August, it's a perfectly pitched, grapefruit, fresh pear and almondnoted wine that's finely structured with a long and juicy finish. A benchmark Bourgogne Blanc. It's frustrating to note, but if this carried villages on the label it would certainly score higher!

Fermented and raised mostly in oval foudres. 90% comes from Benjamin's own vines below Meursault, with 10% from the Hautes Côtes. Pale colour, the nose has attractive white fruit. This starts quietly but then expands gracefully on the palate. No more than middleweight but really refined. 87 points – **Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com**

Fresh yellow color. Ripe orchard fruits and a touch of reduction on the nose. Soft and creamy, with Meursault-like flavours of peach and orange zest. At once fat and quite dry, this Bourgogne saturates the mouth. 87-88 points. – **Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, September 2018**

A touch more primary in its fruit offering when compared to the Auxey-Duresses sitting next to it. Beautiful aromas of white florals on the nose, this wine is composed and very settled for a young release (a trait that is true of the entire set of wines in 2017, we soon discover). Meyer lemon, lemon pith and green apple flavours wash over the palate, with great supporting acid in tow. A great and quite exciting introduction to the 2017 whites of Leroux. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Jean-Louis Chavy Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Folatières 2017

Single Bottle: \$170.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$153.00

Whilst Chavys have been living in Puligny Montrachet for over 200 years it was not until 1986 that Gerard Chavy started to estate bottle his own wine (previously the wines were sold to negotiants). The estate of Gerard Chavy was split into 2 separate estates by his sons, Jean-Louis Chavy, and Alain Chavy following the retirement of Gerard around 2005. We import the wines from Jean-Louis who has built a brand new winemaking facility and a deep temperature controlled cellar at the bottom of the village. Vinification is classic with temperature control and only natural yeasts used for fermentation. The average age of vines at this estate is impressive with most vineyards now aged between 20 to 40 years old. For the elevage of the wines the use of new oak is restrained with the village Puligny seeing only 15% new oak and the 1er cru's just 25%. Unfortunately there are no Grand cru vineyards among his holdings, however his 1er cru's are located very close to some of the best vineyards in Puligny. Jean-Louis' wines are effortless and unforced showing fine fruit purity and crystal clear terroir definition for each 1er cru. These are wines of classic style that age and develop gracefully.

From two separate plots of 30-50+ year old vines, one in the steepest stoniest part close to Blagny which contributes excellent acidity and structure, the other part is from lower down where the soil is richer and this part gives greater richness and depth to the wine. This shows wonderful intensity and generosity. Fine bright pale straw with a very good weight of fruit, more fruit than floral on the nose. This stretches out beautifully across the palate, white fruit along with a hint of Mirabelle, acidity present but folded into the fruit, very good persistence. Shows real old vine intensity and depth and very complete even at this early stage. – **Vintage & Vine**

Caroline Morey Chassagne Montrachet Chambrees 2017

Single Bottle: \$175.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$157.50

Pungent aromas of sulfur and matchstick mask the underlying fruit at present. Otherwise there is good richness to the round and caressing flavours that possess a juicy palate impression before concluding in a solidly complex and persistent finish that is just a bit more tightly wound. 88-91 points. Drink now - 2023+ – **Burghound**

Caroline Morey, who is the wife and winemaking partner of Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey (director of Domaine Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey) and the daughter of Jean-Marc Morey, has founded her own domaine. She also had the opportunity to take over another Santenay-based domaine that, among other holdings, has a parcel of Criots-Bâtard, which will make for a lovely duo when her father's parcel of Bâtard joins the fold for the 2018 vintage. In round numbers, she now will be farming 7 ha. – **Allen Meadows, Burghound**



Benjamin Leroux Meursault Les Vireuils 2017

Single Bottle: \$180.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$162.00

Leroux has been making this wine from the same 0.35 hectares of vines since 2002 (pre-2007 at Comte Armand). The vines are in Vireuils Dessus, one of the Meursault's highest sites, sitting above the renowned Les Chevalières and Rougeots lieux-dits in one of the best parts of Meursault for village level. This is an east-facing, late-ripening site, with pure, rocky, limestone and flint soils. The vines are now around 45 years of age and, as always, have gifted a wine of intense minerality. It's a vineyard that performs exceptionally well in generous years like 2017, with the wine's sappy, highgrown freshness providing mouthwatering tension. And that is precisely what we get here! Expect punchy lime zest, white floral notes to the fruit, a rocky, chalky edge to the structure and a deliciously sappy, piney close.

Outstanding. A deft application of wood sets off aromas that are compositionally similar to the straight Meursault but with the addition of background petrol nuances. The slightly finer middle weight flavors exude evident minerality on the citrusy and bone dry finish where the wood telegraphed by the nose reemerges. At least some patience is recommended. 89 points – **Allen Meadows, Burghound**

White Burgundy	Single	Dozen
Verget du Sud Au Fil du Temps NV	\$22.00	\$19.80
Pierrick Laroche Petit Chablis 2017	\$39.00	\$35.10
Christian Moreau Petit Chablis 2018	\$46.00	\$41.40
Jean-Marc Pillot Le Haut des Champs Bourgogne Blanc 2016	\$55.00	\$49.50
Moreau-Naudet Chablis 2017	\$58.00	\$52.20
Patrick Piuze Chablis Terroir de Fye 2018	\$59.00	\$53.10
Domaine de Villaine Bouzeron Aligote 2017	\$67.00	\$60.30
Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Aligote 2017	\$70.00	\$63.00
Pierrick Laroche Chablis Fourchaume Premier Cru 2017	\$71.00	\$63.90
Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Blanc 2017	\$75.00	\$67.50
Hubert Lamy Saint-Aubin 'La Princee' 2016	\$110.00	\$99.00
Muzard Meursault Meix Chavaux 2014	\$115.00	\$103.50
Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Pernard Vergelesses Sous Fretille 2017	\$129.00	\$116.10
Pierrick Laroche Chablis Bougros Grand Cru 2017	\$135.00	\$121.50
Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey St Aubin Marguerite 1er 2017	\$145.00	\$130.50
Jean-Louis Chavy Puligny Montrachet Folatieres 1er 2017	\$170.00	\$153.00
Caroline Morey Chassagne Montrachet 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Caroline Morey Chassagne Montrachet Vergers 1er 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Benjamin Leroux Meursault Les Vireuils 2017	\$180.00	\$162.00
Benjamin Leroux Puligny-Montrachet 2017	\$195.00	\$175.50
Fontaine-Gagnard Chassagne Caillerets 2015	\$210.00	\$189.00
François Mikulski Meursault 2017	\$220.00	\$198.00
Benjamin Leroux Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Baudines 2016	\$230.00	\$207.00
Benjamin Leroux Chassagne-Montrachet 1er Cru Les Embazees 2017	\$240.00	\$216.00
Domaine Jacques Carillon Puligny Montrachet Les Perrieres 2017	\$250.00	\$225.00
François Mikulski Meursault Meix Chavaux 2017	\$260.00	\$234.00

*Our range is vast – please ask for the full list.

Burgundy *Red*







Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Rouge 2017

Single Bottle: \$73.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$65.70

Mostly from Volnay and Pommard, there is a good portion from Maison Dieu in Volnay, Mont Pellans in Meursault and some from Estate vines in Pommard. Then there's a good glug of Dames Hugettes, which lies in the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits above Vosne-Romanée, and, lastly, roughly 15% Monthelie (villages and 1er Cru). The élevage in 2017 was a roughly equal split between 50-hectolitre Grenier cask and 228-litre Burgundian pièce. There is no new oak and the grapes here are mostly destemmed. More than ever, this is touchstone Bourgogne. It is just so fine, perfumed and juicy. Expect aromas and flavours of red cherry, rose and a hint of spice before a powdery, well-defined, racy finish. So fine and pretty and so damn delicious.

For once it is more actual Bourgogne, including Maison Dieu, then plenty from Meursault, a quarter Dames Huguettes and some village Monthelie. Very pretty stylish fruit, I love it, and there is just enough weight and good fresh acidity at the back. Long and fine for Bourgogne Rouge. 88 points – **Jasper Morris, InsideBurgundy.com**

A great nose with quite a lot of depth and seductive fruit. A bit of a step up on past releases of this wine if my memory serves me correctly. Fleshy fruit up front and savoury tones towards the finish, it does look very Burgundian, carrying far less sweet fruit that Aussie Pinot at this price point. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Benjamin Leroux Gevrey-Chambertin 2017

Single Bottle: \$175.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$157.50

Leroux's 2017 hails from the 50-year-old vines of Les Seuvrées (bordering Morey and contributing 50% of the blend), the northern limestone-rich La Justice, and old vines in Le Fourneau in the centre of the appellation. To add to these perennial sources, the 2017 takes in a little old-vines Jeunes Rois, in Brochon near the Fixin border. So it is really a universal Gevrey. Each parcel is vinified separately before blending. There was minimal whole bunch used, and, unlike last year when the wine was aged two-thirds in tank and the remainder in 35-hl foudre, this year all Leroux's Gevrey villages was raised in 228-litre barrels to add a little more flesh. Leroux's aim is to channel the more elegant, floral side of Gevrey and this is on show here big time, with a terrifically perfumed, nuanced and textured wine with notes of peony and rose petal, grenadine and blackcurrant and plenty of that classic Gevrey 'iron filings' minerality. The finish is mouthwatering, intense yet precise, with super-fine tannins.

Here the nose is very Gevrey in character with its earthy forest floor and humus nuances on the red and dark pinot fruit aromas. The vibrant, rich and delicious flavors possess a lovely sense of vibrancy though the firm and ever-so-slightly bitter finish comes up a bit short. This may very well harmonize as the tannins do seem ripe. 87-89 points – **Allen Meadows, Burghound**

The bracket of village reds tasted at the recent Leroux trade masterclass was a great showcase of how these appellations behave in a 'classic' vintage. This wine seemed very true to Gevrey, having a deep core of dark fruit, a bit of gutsyness about it but all wrapped in a fine and pretty outer layer. It is expressive aromatically, but with a good amount of weight and concentration in the middle palate with reasonably fine tannins and a savoury, slightly ashy finish. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Denis Mortet Mes Cinq Terroirs Gevrey-Chambertin 2016

Single Bottle: \$230.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$207.00

This is Mortet's 'super Gevrey' from an outstanding clutch of five terroirs (the 'Cinq' in the name). These vineyards include En Motrot, situated between the church and Château de Gevrey-Chambertin, close to Clos Saint-Jacques; Au Vellé, very close by, under Petits Cazetiers; La Combe du Dessus situated at the top of the Brochon slope, just northeast of Gevrey itself; En Champs directly below Gevrey's 1er Cru Champeaux (the vines here are over 70 years old) and En Dérée, below En Champs on the Brochon border. Only 30% new barrels were used here and 30% whole bunches were used. As the notes below make clear, this is simply outstanding and would have no problem passing for 1er or even grand cru in a blind

The 2016 Gevrey-Chambertin Mes Cinq Terroirs was reduced by 30% production, with 30% whole bunch and 30% new oak. It has a well-defined blackberry and wild strawberry bouquet with subtle rose petal aromas. The palate is well balanced with supple red cherry and crushed strawberry fruit, just a subtle chalkiness to the texture toward the finish, but a very mineral-rich aftertaste in situ. This is a replica of the brilliant 2015. 92-94 points – **Neal Martin, The Wine Advocate #234**

Outstanding. A ripe, ultra-fresh and airy nose features notes of red cherry, pungent earth and plenty of sauvage character. The sleek, intense and muscular medium-bodied flavors possess a lovely sense of energy on the lingering if slightly warm finish. This is a terrific Gevrey villages and well-worth checking out. 90 points – **Allen Meadows, Burghound.com**

Red Burgundy	Single	Dozen
Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Rouge 2017	\$73.00	\$65.70
Henri Gouges Bourgogne Rouge 2016	\$80.00	\$72.00
Domaine de Villaine Mercurey Les Montots 2017	\$85.00	\$76.50
Benjamin Leroux Savigny-les-Beaune 2017	\$99.00	\$89.10
Benjamin Leroux Savigny 1er Cru Hauts Jarrons 2017	\$125.00	\$112.50
Denis Mortet Les Longeroies Marsannay 2016	\$140.00	\$126.00
David Moreau Santenay Rouge 1er Cru 'Clos des Mouches' 2015	\$140.00	\$126.00
Bouchard Volnay 1er Cru Caillerets Carnot 2015	\$158.00	\$142.20
Bouchard Pommard 1er Cru Rugiens 2015	\$172.00	\$154.80
Comtes Lafon Monthelie Duresses 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Benjamin Leroux Gevrey-Chambertin 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Benjamin Leroux Pommard 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Benjamin Leroux Morey-Saint-Denis 2017	\$175.00	\$157.50
Bouchard Beaune-Greves 1er Cru Vigne de L'Enfant Jesus 2014	\$220.00	\$198.00
Denis Mortet Mes Cinq Terroirs Gevrey Chambertin 2016	\$230.00	\$207.00
Benjamin Leroux Volnay 1er Cru Les Mitans 2017	\$240.00	\$216.00
Bouchard Le Corton Grand Cru 2015	\$250.00	\$225.00
Bouchard Beaune-Greves 1er Cru Vigne de L'Enfant Jesus 2017	\$255.00	\$229.50
Benjamin Leroux Volnay 1er Cru Clos de la Cave des Ducs 2017	\$270.00	\$243.00
Henri Gouges Nuits-St-Georges 1er Cru Les St Georges 2013	\$270.00	\$243.00
Barthod Chambolle-Musigny Chatelots 1er Cru 2011	\$275.00	\$247.50
Benjamin Leroux Gevrey-Chambertin 1er Cru Les Goulots 2017	\$305.00	\$274.50
Benjamin Leroux Pommard 1er Cru Rugiens-Hauts 2017	\$330.00	\$297.00
Comte Armand Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux 2014	\$335.00	\$301.50
Comte Armand Pommard 1er Cru Clos des Epeneaux 2016	\$385.00	\$346.50
Benjamin Leroux Volnay 1er Cru Clos de la Cave des Ducs 2017 Magnum	\$595.00	\$535.00
Mongeard Mugneret Grands Echezeaux Grand Cru 2016	\$700.00	\$630.00
Lamarche La Grande Rue Grand Cru 2014	\$1,100.00	\$990.00
Comte Georges de Vogue Bonnes Mares Grand Cru 2016	\$1,200.00	\$1,080.00
Benjamin Leroux Clos de la Roche Grand Cru Magnum 2013	\$1,300.00	\$1,170.00
Domaine du Clos de Tart Grand Cru 2016	\$1,350.00	\$1,215.00
De Vogue Musigny VV Grand Cru 2011	\$1,400.00	\$1,260.00
De Vogue Musigny VV Grand Cru 2014	\$1,400.00	\$1,260.00
Ponsot Clos De Vougeot Grand Cru Magnum 2008/2009	\$1,500.00	\$1,350.00
De Vogue Musigny VV Grand Cru 2016	\$1,600.00	\$1,440.00



Other French Reds Single Dozen Parnasse Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 \$13.90 \$12.50 \$21.60 Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rouge 2015 \$24.00 Francois Arnaud Cotes du Rhone 2017 \$27.00 \$24.30 Domaine de Ferrand Cotes du Rhone 'Mistral' 2018 \$38.00 \$34.20 Domaine Charvin Cotes du Rhone Le Poutet 2017 \$36.00 \$40.00 Jean-Louis Chave Mon Coeur Cotes du Rhone 2017 \$46.00 \$41.40 Clos de Mez Fleurie 2017 \$46.00 \$41.40 Domaine Mee Godard Morgon Corcelette Beaujolais 2016 \$55.00 \$49.50 Mont Redon Gigondas 2017 \$60.00 \$54.00 \$64.80 Graillot Crozes-Hermitage 2017 \$72.00 \$72.90 Sorrel Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 2016 \$81.00 Mont Redon Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2016 \$83.00 \$74.70 Santa Duc Chateauneuf-du-Pape Habemus Papam 2016 \$94.00 \$84.60 Ouevron Pindefleurs St Emilion Grand Cru 2016 \$85.50 \$95.00 Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape La Crau 375ml 2016 \$96.00 \$86.40 Domaine de Ferrand Chateauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2017 \$98.00 \$88.20 Chateau Meyney Saint Estephe 2009 \$125.00 \$112.50 Auguste Clape 'Renaissance' Cornas 2014 \$170.00 \$153.00 Domaine Chave St Joseph Rouge 14 \$170.00 \$153.00 Delas Cote Rotie 'Seigneur de Maugiron' 2015 \$178.00 \$160.20 Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape La Crau 2016 \$190.00 \$171.00 Philippe Pacalet Cornas 2017 \$195.00 \$175.50 Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape La Crau Magnum 2016 \$385.00 \$346.50 Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2015 \$475.00 \$427.50 Jean-Louis Chave Hermitage Rouge 2016 \$605.00 \$544.50

Domaine de Ferrand Châteauneuf du Pâpe Rouge 2017

Single Bottle: \$98.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$88.20

95% Grenache + 5% Syrah/Mourvèdre/ Cinsault. Planted between 1910 and 1930. Philippe is making one of the finest examples of essentially old vine Grenache wines in the world today, fermented in open concrete cuve beton and aged in tank it is a wine of considerable style and grace and despite all the plaudits, it remains priced very fairly indeed. This 2017 is another great release from Philippe and will drink earlier than the 2010 and 2016–despite that, this will repay careful cellaring handsomely.

This has a very vibrant and aromatic array of red fruit and flowers with attractive raspberries and red plums, as well as spiced orange and yellow-peach notes. The palate has a very sapid and assertive, redcherry core with a brand of tannin that is so forthright and so pure and linear. This has power and focus and needs some time. Best from 2024. 96 points – **Nick Stock**, **JamesSuckling.com**

Shiraz



Best's Bin 1 Shiraz 2017

Grampians, Victoria Single Bottle: \$29.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$26.10

I looked at this over three days and a) it didn't show an inch of oxidation at any stage, and b) all it really did throughout that time was turn increasingly elegant. On the first day I consumed a glass and was surprised at how rich and ripe it seemed; I found myself apologising to my cool-climate-loving friends (they're Victorians, you know) for serving something so fruit dominant. Of course, they looked at me non-plussed (or with ambivalence, I'm always confusing the two). When I came back the next day and then the day after what really impressed me was the finesse of the tannin, and how seamlessly it sits in the wine. This is a wine of the spotless kind, a trait we can eternally appreciate. Berries mostly, red, blue and black; a hint of florals, some garden mint, the merest suggestion of twigs. It felt glossy and polished at first but over the course it seemed to resemble Best's shiraz more than anything; it just has that cool-but-warm flow; drinking it is like taking a midday stroll in Spring. The t-shirt I would have printed for this wine simply says: It's not hard to be a fan. 93 points - Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront



Bloodwood Shiraz 2015

Orange, NSW Single Bottle: \$40.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$36.00

In my tasting note for the 2007 Bloodwood Shiraz I said "improving with each vintage" and that is exactly what has been happening. The 2014 was fantastic and now the 2015 (released August 2019) is a cracker. Wowlifted perfumed aromatics-violets, tight brown spices, cinnamon, star anise, red and black cherry. Medium bodied, beautifully fine, elegant and persistent, yet powerful in its delivery. Cherry, plum, light dried herbs and brown spices. Rich in the middle palate, then taught with wonderful acidity and balance. Great now and for 10 years. Highly recommended. – Ian Cook, FWC



Powell & Son Barossa & Eden Valleys Shiraz 2017

Barossa & Eden Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$57.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$51.30

Sometimes it's great to have a reminder of what the Barossa can produce, especially as it seems as though we are drinking more and more Pinot Noir these days. This is delicious drinking and it comes out of the cracking 2017 vintage. A 50/50 spilt of Barossa and Eden Valley fruit with a dark core of dark red and black fruits, with a softness to the mid palate and a surprising amount of finesse to the texture of the wine. It's entirely hedonistic drinking and will suit people who want to pull the cork immediately and get into it, as the tannin is approachable and the fruit laid out layer upon layer. It's not heavy, with the Eden Valley component of the wine bringing all the necessary natural acidity to keep it bright and alive. But try to keep some for the cellar if you can - this will go for a long time if you can keep your hands off it. -Ches Cook, FWC

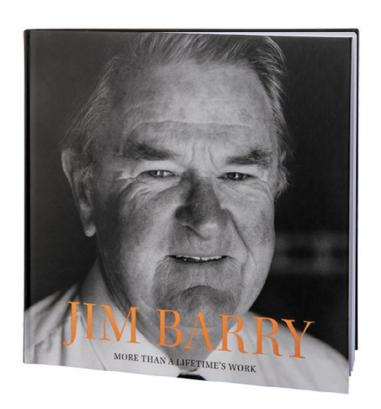


Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz 2018

Heathcote, Victoria Single Bottle: \$90.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$81.00

This wine always impresses me in the way that it can deliver so much flavour and so much power in an elegant and controlled way. All its weight and drive is matched by freshness and vitality. Flavours here are dark and laced with earth and spice notes. Blue and black fruits dominate the palate which also carries provencal herb and a nice lick of fresh acidity. It's got firm but fine tannins which contribute to a strong structural frame, but what is much more noticeable is the way in which the wine graces the palate with such measured power and class. Already looking the goods now but as we all know, the best of this wine will come with age. Tasting this next to the 1994 vintage was clear proof of this. - Ches Cook, FWC

Shiraz		
Silitaz	Single	Dozen
Johnny Q Shiraz 2015	\$12.50	\$11.25
Chasing Clouds Shiraz 2017	\$15.00	\$13.50
Mike Press Shiraz 2017	\$19.00	\$17.10
Mount Langi Ghiran 'Billi Billi' Shiraz 2016	\$19.95	\$17.95
Jim Barry 'Barry Brothers' Shiraz/Cabernet 2016	\$20.00	\$18.00
Battle of Bosworth Preservative Free Shiraz 2019	\$23.00	\$20.70
Thomas Two of a Kind Shiraz 2017	\$26.00	\$23.40
Hewitson Ned & Henry's Shiraz 2017	\$28.00	\$25.20
Torbreck Woodcutters Shiraz 2018	\$28.00	\$25.20
Bests Bin 1 Shiraz 2017	\$29.00	\$26.10
Clonakilla Hilltops Shiraz 2018	\$32.00	\$28.80
Mt Langi Cliff Edge Shiraz 2017	\$32.00	\$28.80
Powell & Son Barossa Valley Shiraz 2017	\$33.00	\$29.70
Thomas DJV Shiraz 2017	\$39.00	\$35.10
Bloodwood Shiraz 2015	\$40.00	\$36.00
Bindi Pyrette Shiraz 2017	\$40.00	\$36.00
Leeuwin Estate Art Series Shiraz 2016	\$40.00	\$36.00
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Thorley Shiraz 2018	\$45.00	\$40.50
Ochota Barrels 'I Am The Owl' Syrah 2019	\$45.00	\$40.50
Dappled 'Fin de la Terre' Syrah 2018	\$49.00	\$44.10
Giaconda Nantua Les Deux Shiraz 2017	\$50.00	\$45.00
Powell and Son Barossa and Eden Valleys Shiraz 2017	\$57.00	\$51.30
Coriole Museum Release Estate Shiraz 2007	\$60.00	\$54.00
Rockford Rod & Spur Shiraz Cabernet 2016	\$60.00	\$54.00
Craiglee Shiraz 2015	\$64.00	\$57.60
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Shiraz 2014	\$64.00	\$57.60
Henschke Keyneton Euphonium 2015	\$65.00	\$58.50
Jim Barry McRae Wood Shiraz 1998	\$80.00	\$72.00
Shaw + Smith Balhannah Shiraz 2016	\$90.00	\$81.00
Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz 2018	\$90.00	\$81.00
Giaconda Warner Shiraz 2015	\$99.00	\$89.10
Penfolds Bin 150 Shiraz 2014	\$100.00	\$90.00
Tyrrell's Vat 9 Shiraz 2017 Giaconda Warner Shiraz 2011	\$100.00 \$110.00	\$90.00
		\$99.00
Yarra Yering Underhill Shiraz 2016 Standish Relic Shiraz Viognier 2016	\$115.00 \$120.00	\$103.50 \$108.00
Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock Shiraz 2018	\$120.00	\$108.00
Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier 2018	\$125.00	\$112.50
Henschke Tappa Pass Shiraz 2016	\$125.00	\$112.30
Powell & Son Loechel Shiraz 2016	\$130.00	\$117.00
Henschke Wheelwright Shiraz 2015	\$142.00	\$127.80
Mt Langi Ghiran Shiraz 2009	\$160.00	\$144.00
Henschke Mount Edelstone Shiraz 2015	\$240.00	\$216.00
Mount Pleasant Maurice O'Shea Shiraz 2014	\$240.00	\$238.50
Torbreck Runrig Shiraz 2016	\$300.00	\$270.00
Mt Langi Ghiran Museum Shiraz 2010 Magnum	\$440.00	\$396.00
Henschke Hill of Roses Shiraz 2012 C	\$465.00	\$418.50
Penfolds Grange 2010	\$950.00	\$855.00
Penfolds Grange 2012	\$950.00	\$855.00
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	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
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"He wasn't planning on going anywhere.
Dad took out a superannuation policy when he was 65 to mature when he was 75."

Peter Barry

The above excerpt is from the recently published Jim Barry: More Than A Lifetime's Work which chronicles the story and legacy of one of Australia's greatest wine families.

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Five Way Cellars Wine of the Year

Henschke Keyneton Euphonium 2015

Eden & Barossa Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$65.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$58.50

Henschke's Euphonium is a (66%) shiraz-based red with inputs from (19%) cabernet sauvignon, (10%) merlot and (5%) cabernet franc. The cabernet influence is clear. It sets the wine on a clear quality course; plum and blackcurrant flavours pour through bay leaves, dust and dried herbs, cedary oak tying it together. Tannin comes in fine sheets, and the aftertaste lingers appreciably. Excellent release. "A vintage like 2015 highlights how well these varieties work together," Stephen Henschke notes. Gold medal quality in a canter. 94 points – **Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront**

Having followed this wine for four decades, I can confidently say this is one of the best vintages ever! As Campbell Mattinson states above the cabernet influence is clear – beautiful blackcurrant notes on the nose and palate and a beautifully integrated touch of cabernet austerity and firmness to the finish. Coming through loud and clear in the mid palate is the intense quality of the Eden Valley component of the shiraz fruit. A real touch of Mt Edelstone here with bay leaf, sorrel and other Provencal herbs, red and black cherry and a deft amount of shiraz sweetness. Happily drink it now or cellar for 10-20 years. Highly recommended. – Ian Cook, FWC

Very limited but also available:

Henschke Keyneton Euphonium Museum 2004

Eden & Barossa Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$110.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$99.00

Deep crimson with red hues. Sweet, fragrant aromas of Satsuma plum, blackberry and black pepper spice supported by hints of cassis, cedar and cigar box. The deeply fruited palate presents mature blue and black fruits, Dutch licorice and cassis, with layers of fine acid and fine-grained tannins for a long velvety finish. – **Henschke**

Served recently at a dinner with Stephen Henschke, alongside the superb new 2015 vintage, the 2004 is just starting to hit its straps with layers of ripe plum, milk chocolate, earth and leather overlaying super fine tannins and acid. It's in perfect balance. Drink now happily, or cellar for another five years. – **Ian Cook, FWC**



Cabernet

Grosset Gaia 2016

Clare Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$88.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$79.20

It's not often that you taste Grosset wines without so much as a Riesling in sight, but we definitely weren't missing out. The release of Gaia 2016 was one of 21 (yes you read that correctly) vintages going back to 1996 tasted at a vertical at Rockpool Bar & Grill. The 2-hectare vineyard was planted in Mt Horrocks in 1986 and remains the most elevated vineyard in the Clare Valley. It is also exposed to wind from all directions and sits on topsoil so thin that every post had to be drilled into the bedrock. It was worth the effort.

80% Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Cabernet Franc. Opens with some dark cherry and plumb fruit, blackcurrant, a whisper of red fruit lift, and a distinct lick of briar, bramble, and spice. This has that magical combination of power and elegance that you rarely see. Lots of dark fruit fills the mouth and the tannins are firm and chalky/minerally but above all else incredibly fine. No crime to drink now but best in 5-20 years (the 2009 was really hitting its straps). – **Rob McLean, FWC**

Estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon (75%) and cabernet franc, the certified organic vines 33yo. A breath of fresh air, pulling my lip up and out of the Dante's inferno of other wines in this particular tasting. Supple and immaculately balanced, every flavour, texture and beautifully nuanced fruits that are 100% within the varietal makeup, the tannins almost lustrous, so fine are they. 98 Points, drink to 2046. – James Halliday, The Weekend Australian, September 2019

One of the classier reds of the Clare Valley, possibly thanks to the vineyard's very high altitude. It is stylishly medium bodied, with accessibility and grace. Touches of star anise and mixed spices. A fine wine. – **Gourmet Traveller Wine, June/July 2019**

Cabernet & Cab Blends	Single	Dozen
Parnasse Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	\$13.90	\$12.51
Angas & Bremer Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$19.50	\$17.55
West Cape Howe RR Hanna's Hill Cab Malbec 2017	\$19.80	\$17.82
Piano Piano Oliver's Blend Merlot Cabernet 2015	\$20.00	\$18.00
Pikes 'Dogwalk' Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$22.00	\$19.80
Rymill 'Dark Horse' Cabernet Sauvignon 2017	\$26.00	\$23.40
Bloodwood Cabernet Franc 2015	\$34.00	\$30.60
Crawford River Cabernet Merlot 2015	\$36.00	\$32.40
Majella Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$39.00	\$35.10
Moss Wood Amy's Cabernet 2017	\$39.00	\$35.10
Bloodwood 'Maurice' 2016	\$45.00	\$40.50
Howard Park Leston Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$49.00	\$44.10
Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Cab Shiraz 2015	\$57.00	\$51.30
Crawford River Cabernet Sauvignon 2013	\$61.00	\$54.90
Chateau Lanessan Haut Medoc 2008	\$62.00	\$55.80
Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet 2016	\$80.00	\$72.00
Leeuwin Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2014	\$84.00	\$75.60
Grosset Gaia Cabernet Blend 2016	\$88.00	\$79.20
Domaine Naturaliste Rebus Magnum 2013	\$90.00	\$81.00
Yeringberg Cabernets 2016	\$99.00	\$89.10
Balnaves The Tally Cabernet Sauvignon 2008	\$99.00	\$89.10
Lakes Folly Cabernets 2017	\$100.00	\$90.00
Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$130.00	\$117.00
Cullen 'Diana Madeline' Cabernet Blend 2016 🕻 🖤	\$138.00	\$124.20
Mount Mary Quintet Cabernet Blend 2016	\$165.00	\$148.50
Henschke 'Cyril' Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 C	\$190.00	\$171.00
Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande 2015	\$475.00	\$427.50



Other Reds

Other Reds	Single	Dozen
Hewitson 'Miss Harry' 2016/2017	\$24.00	\$21.60
Unico Zelo Truffle Hound Nebbiolo/Barbera 2019	\$24.00	\$21.60
Piano Piano Mario's Blend Tempranillo Touriga 2016	\$25.00	\$22.50
Coriole Sangiovese 2018	\$30.00	\$27.00
Nick Spencer 'Gundagai Dry Red' 2018	\$30.00	\$27.00
Les Fruits Gonzo Cinsault Grenache 2018	\$34.00	\$30.60
Ruggabellus Fluus 2018	\$36.00	\$32.40
Bloodwood Malbec 2017	\$40.00	\$36.00
Ochota Barrels Price of Silence Gamay 2019	\$43.00	\$38.70
Aphelion Aromat Grenache 2018	\$43.00	\$38.70
Ochota Barrels Mark of Cain Pinot Meunier 2019	\$45.00	\$40.50
Ochota Barrels From the North Mourvedre 2019	\$45.00	\$40.50
Unico Zelo Pipe Dream Nero d'Avola 2018	\$48.00	\$43.20
Mount Majura Little Dam Tempranillo 2015	\$49.00	\$44.10
Pennyweight Durif 2015	\$50.00	\$45.00
Giaconda Nantua Les Deux Nebbiolo 2016	\$54.00	\$48.60
Ruggabellus Timaeus 2014	\$55.00	\$49.50
Ruggabellus Timaeus 2018	\$59.00	\$53.10







Nick Spencer Gundagai Dry Red 2018

Gundagai, NSW Single Bottle:\$30.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$27.00

A massive favourite of ours last year and we're just as happy with the 2018 release. It's basically all you want in a wine at this price: medium bodied, lifted aromatics, vibrant primary fruit and a finish that is savoury and moreish. It's a wine that shows prettiness and juicy red fruits up top with darker, more ashy undercurrents below the surface. The succulence of the Tempranillo is countered by the rusticity and earthiness of the Touriga Nacional. It's balanced perfectly and makes for a very enjoyable drink. 60% Shiraz, 10% Touriga Nacional, 10% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Ruggabellus Fluus 2018

Barossa Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$36.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$32.40

Cinsault, mataro, grenache, less syrah. Possibly one of the most sincerely thought about 'entry level wines' on the planet. Set your guns to stun. Fragrant wine, pretty and floral, red currants and raspberries. Palate has crunch and freshness, big tang of acidity, some ferrous notes, vermouth-like acidity. Brisk and fresh. Frisky. Lovely summery red. Simple done so so well. This should be on high rotation, if you can get some. Rated: 92 Points. Drink: 2019 - 2024. – **Mike Bennie, The Winefront**

A bottle of this evaporated over dinner recently with friends. It epitomises easy drinking. But that is doing a disservice to this wine: it is far more than just a quaffer. This has energy and brightness, a purity to its fruit and clarity to its flavours. It's the perfect wine to have a stash of at home where you can easily reach for it when people drop 'round. I love it – medium bodied deliciousness with red berry flavours and subtle spice. Buy it by the dozen before it disappears again. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Giaconda Nantua Les Deux Nebbiolo 2016

Beechworth, Victoria Single Bottle: \$54.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$48.60

This wine was super impressive over the weekend when we opened it up for our in-store tasting. The aromatics are pronounced, with cranberry, rose petal, blood orange and Aperol all there. On the palate, similar flavours present themselves within a medium-bodied frame. It's pretty and elegant, quite succulent and ready to go. It's ripe but without excessive sweet fruit and tannins are gentle and rippling. Extremely delicious drinking. Big things in store for Nebbiolo at Giaconda once vine age begins to kick in. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Value Reds & Whites

Mike Press Chardonnay 2017

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Single Bottle: \$19.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$17.10

Mike Press makes outstanding value for money wines in the Adelaide Hills and a recent trip really highlighted two things:

1) How good the Chardonnay is, and 2) What great value it is.

Lemon, melon, apple, nectarine. It's fresh and crisp with just the perfect balance of ripe creaminess. Drink now. – Ian Cook, FWC

Henschke Peggy's Hill Riesling 2019

Eden Valley, South Australia Single Bottle: \$24.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$21.60

Shows lots of the expected lemon and lime alongside some spiced green apple, floral lift and a touch of slatey minerality. Quite intense and powerful in the mid palate before bright acid tightens and tapers the finish. Delicious now, great in a decade or more for those who like aged character in their Riesling. – **FWC**

Mac Forbes Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2018

Yarra Valley, Victoria Single Bottle: \$33.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$29.70

Customers by now are very aware that this is our favourite Pinot Noir in the shop around the \$30 mark. Time and time again it overdelivers and it is no different in vintage 2018. Only light to medium bodied, I expect this to fill out a touch within the next six months in bottle. Nonetheless, it is already its aromatic, pretty self, showing pronounced red-berry fruit, red floral notes and youthful energy on both the nose and palate. Acidity is bright due to the consistently early picking dates that Mac favours, and tannins are placed nicely in the background. It is the fruit that does the talking, but slightly darker undertones are there as you look more closely at the wine. Another winner from Mac. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Value Whites	Single	Dozen
Beelgara Sauv Blanc Semillon 2018	\$12.50	\$11.25
The Vines Pinot Grigio 2018	\$12.50	\$11.25
Parnasse Sauvignon Blanc 2018	\$13.90	\$12.51
Burns & Fuller Chardonnay 2019	\$15.00	\$13.50
Chasing Clouds Pinot Gris 2018	\$15.00	\$13.50
Madfish Riesling 2018	\$18.00	\$16.20
Mike Press Chardonnay 2017	\$19.00	\$17.10
Jim Barry Watervale Riesling 2019	\$19.00	\$17.10
David Hook Pinot Grigio 2019	\$19.00	\$17.10
Piano Piano Pinot Grigio 2019	\$23.00	\$20.70
Unico Zelo Jade & Jasper Fiano 2019	\$24.00	\$21.60
Henschke Peggy's Hill Riesling 2019	\$24.00	\$21.60
Scarborough Chardonnay 2016	\$25.00	\$22.50
William Fevre Petit Chablis 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70

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Value Reds	Single	Dozen
Johnny Q Shiraz 2015	\$12.50	\$11.25
Parnasse Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	\$13.90	\$12.51
Chasing Clouds Shiraz 2017	\$15.00	\$13.50
Valdemoreda Tempranillo 2017	\$18.00	\$16.20
Monili Tarantino Primitivo 2018	\$19.00	\$17.10
Underground Pinot Noir 2017	\$19.00	\$17.10
Angas & Bremer Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	\$19.50	\$17.55
Mount Langi Ghiran 'Billi Billi' Shiraz 2016	\$19.95	\$17.95
Alamos Mendoza Malbec 2018	\$20.00	\$18.00
Little Giant Grenache 2018	\$20.00	\$18.00
Wickhams Road Yarra Pinot Noir 2018	\$21.00	\$18.90
Alpha Box & Dice 'Tarot' Grenache 2018	\$22.00	\$19.80
Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rouge 2015	\$24.00	\$21.60
Hewitson 'Miss Harry' 2016/2017	\$24.00	\$21.60
Unico Zelo Truffle Hound Nebbiolo/Barbera 2019	\$24.00	\$21.60
Francois Arnaud Cotes Du Rhone 2017	\$27.00	\$24.30
Oakridge Pinot Meunier 2019	\$30.00	\$27.00
Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown Rouge Pret-a-Rouge 2018	\$30.00	\$27.00
Mac Forbes Pinot Noir 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70





A visit to Ochota Barrels in March cemented this tiny producer as our favourite in the Adelaide Hills. Beautiful texture, a labyrinth of delicious flavours and yes, clean and in perfect balance (seemingly not always the case up in the Hills).

Taras gave freely of his time, and we tasted a lot of freshly squeezed juice from the 2019 vintage. The wines are now here, and we recommend them highly.

2019 as a vintage presented plenty of challenges (mainly water stress and hail), but it is a sign of a great winemaker when they can still produce a cracking lineup of wines, such as these.

Ian Cook



Ochota Barrels Slint Chardonnay 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Single Bottle: \$45.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$40.50

Just tried Taras Ochota's Slint Chardonnay 2019 and the flinty, saline character immediately took my mind to Chablis and I was unable to shake the comparison. The foundations of this wine are built on chalky minerality. Quartz and limestone characters are present too, with high levels of taut natural acidity bringing clarity and vitality to the fruit. I love the linear saline character and only hints of fruit sweetness in all the right places. Even though it's very linear, it still has a commanding textural presence. As if all of this wasn't enough, notes of pear rind add further interest and enhance the texture of the wine. The focus and precision of this wine is fantastic and there is an enviable amount of complexity here for such a young Chardonnay. The Lenswood fruit really shines and Taras's light touch is impeccable. Highly recommended. It's a small vintage so will not be around for long. – Ian Cook, FWC

Ochota Barrels A Forest Pinot Noir 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Single Bottle: \$45.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$40.50

Tasted under blue skies on a Thursday morning. Not a bad way to start the day. We've followed this wine for a handful of years now. It often needs at least several months to open up, but this year it's singing straight away. The fruit comes from selected parcels in the Piccadilly Valley with the soils largely clay over limestone. 100% whole bunch. Very pretty on the nose with red fruits, forest berries and violet florals to the fore and earthy brown spice in support. This will be delicious over the next 5 years +. – **Rob McLean, FWC**

Ochota Barrels From The North Mourvedre 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Single Bottle: \$45.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$40.50

The wine arrived yesterday and I've already knocked off one bottle. It was my pick of the wines last vintage and it's right up there again this time around. This has a lot of the succulent red fruit that the other wines carry, but due to the nature of the variety, there are darker undercurrents of blacker fruit and char, still within a medium-bodied frame. Acid brings a lot of freshness, while the palate shows some jamon/chacuterie flavours and has a touch more tannin and chew compared to the other wines. Perhaps the most complex of the bunch. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Ochota Barrels Fugazi Grenache 2019

Adelaide Hills, South Australia Single Bottle: \$45.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$40.50

Fugazi is sourced from McLaren Vale where Grenache is more at home than any other part of Australia. It's a wine that over-delivers in drinkability yet simultaneously projects seriousness and quality. Whilst being medium bodied at most, it has the framework of a wine that is built to last. The prettiness of the red fruits and the subtle undertows of earth and spice are reinforced by great natural acidity and surprisingly firm yet fine tannin that carries flavour long into the distance. For me it is perhaps the most complete wine in the lineup and is the perfect example of Modern Australian Grenache that doesn't need to be dressed up with fancy new oak or dominated by extracted, alcoholic fruit. Rather it is bright, light-footed and all-round delicious.

- Ches Cook, FWC







Magnums

Poggerino Chianti Classico 2016 Magnum

Tuscany, Italy Magnum Single Bottle: \$100.00 Magnum Dozen Bottle Price: \$90.00

Poggerino's 2016 Chianti Classico is gorgeous. Aromatically lifted and juicy on the palate, the 2016 has much to offer. Black cherry, plum, tobacco, new leather, licorice and spice are pushed forward in a supple, beautifully perfumed Chianti Classico. The 2016 is impeccably done. Best of all, it will drink well right out of the gate. 92 points – **Antonio Galloni**

Radikon Slatnik 2017 Magnum

Friuli, Italy Magnum Single Bottle: \$152.00 Magnum Dozen Bottle Price: \$136.80

80% Chardonnay, 20% Tocai Friulano. Sees 12 days on skins before resting in big old oak barrels for 18 months. When it comes to 'orange wines' Radikon is at the very top of the tree. To be perfectly honest there seems to be a lot of crap skin contact wines out there capitalising on the current fad. One of the big issues is time – many producers are releasing orange wines too early in my opinion. With Radikon a lengthy spell in barrel and bottle softens & integrates the tannin/ phenolics. The fruit still shines through. I can't speak highly enough of these wines. Very limited – let us know what you would like and we'll do our best. – **Rob McLean, FWC**

Tempier Bandol Rosé 2018 Magnum

Provence, France Magnum Single Bottle: \$160.00 Magnum Dozen Bottle Price: \$144.00

Tempier Rosé is beautifully balanced. It is made up of crunchy yet opulent fruit bolstered by a refreshing shock of blood orange crispness. It really sits well above all other Bandol & Provence rose. It's a great match with grilled seafood, antipasti platters and of course bouillabaisse. We all think of rose for Summer, but this wine is so good it's perfect in winter with the right food. – Ian Cook, FWC

Chatto Isle Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018 Magnum

Tasmania, Australia Magnum Single Bottle: \$245.00 Magnum Dozen Bottle Price: \$220.50

This release from Jim Chatto – Gourmet Traveller Wine's 'Winemaker of the Year' for 2019 – shows a great deal of elegance: a mix of red fruits with some darker undercurrents, light in the mouth but with gentle persistence of flavour that leaves a last impression on the senses. It isn't muscular but rather slowly builds on you with its all-encompassing mouthfeel and ballooning aromatics of red berry, foresty undergrowth and some gentle spice. A fantastic expression of Huon Pinot. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Benjamin Leroux 1er Cru Clos de la Cave des Ducs (Monopole) 2017 Magnum C

Burgundy, France Magnum Single Bottle: \$595.00 Magnum Dozen Bottle Price: \$535.50

Clos de la Cave des Ducs is a Monopole vineyard that measures only 0.64 hectares and is owned by the family of Leroux's right-hand man, Jean-Charles Carré. It's a wine that was rarely seen before Leroux started bottling this site. With Jean-Charles, Leroux controls every aspect of viticulture and so the site is managed biodynamically and with meticulous care. The vineyard is situated within the upper boundaries of the village the highest 1er Cru of Volnay in fact on fine, light soils. The oldest vines here are now 80 years old although the average age evens out to be about 50 years, and includes a 20-year-old massale selection parcel sourced from Comte Armand's Clos des Epeneaux. This year Leroux retained one-third whole bunches. The best Clos de la Cave des Ducs Leroux has made? The grower certainly thinks so and it's not hard to see why. It's deep and fleshy with great fruit purity (dark cherry, ink, brown spices), great finesse, seductive texture and excellent persistence. There's plenty of tannin but they are very fine. Don't miss it! It's a great drink now but will be a truly great bottle in 5-10 years.

"It has a very subtle bouquet, tightly wound and poised, featuring crushed stone, almost flint-like aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannin, wonderful poise and purity and a sappy, very silky finish that is utterly seductive. This is one of Leroux's best reds this year." 91-93 points – **Neal Martin**, **Vinous January 2019**

We have an extensive range of magnums (many more than those listed here). Most are available in small quantities and while stocks last. Please ask what else may be available.

Magnums & Larger Format	Single	Dozen
Jim Barry 'Barry Brothers' Shiraz Cabernet Magnum 2016	\$50.00	\$45.00
Spinifex Rose Magnum 2018	\$60.00	\$54.00
Riotor Rose Magnum 2017	\$62.00	\$55.80
Pieropan Soave Magnum 2016	\$75.00	\$67.50
Comando G 'Bruja de Rozas' Garnacha Magnum 2014	\$89.00	\$80.10
Domaine Naturaliste Rebus Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum 2013	\$90.00	\$81.00
Torbreck The Steading Magnum 2015	\$100.00	\$90.00
Poggerino Chianti Classico Magnum 2016	\$100.00	\$90.00
Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo Perbacco Magnum 2016	\$120.00	\$108.00
Felsina Chianti Classico Magnum 2015	\$125.00	\$112.50
Envinate 'Migan' Listan Negro Magnum 2017	\$135.00	\$121.50
Envinate 'Palo Blanco' Listan Blanco Magnum 2017	\$135.00	\$121.50
Radikon Slatnik Magnum 2017	\$152.00	\$136.80
Radikon RS Rosso Magnum 2017	\$152.00	\$136.80
Tempier Bandol Rose Magnum 2018	\$160.00	\$144.00
Andre Clouet Rose NV Magnum	\$170.00	\$153.00
JJ Prum Graacher Himmelreich Kabinett Magnum 2017	\$178.00	\$160.20
Fontodi Chianti Classico Magnum 2015	\$185.00	\$166.50
Remelluri Reserva Rioja Magnum 2010	\$185.00	\$166.50
Jasper Hill Georgias Magnum 2017	\$200.00	\$180.00
Chatto Isle Vineyard Pinot Noir Magnum 2018	\$245.00	\$220.50
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spatlese Magnum 2017	\$250.00	\$225.00
JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spatlese Magnum 2016	\$250.00	\$225.00
Mont Redon Chateauneuf du Pape Magnum 2004	\$260.00	\$234.00
Main Ridge Half Acre Pinot Noir Magnum 2018	\$275.00	\$247.50
Tempier Bandol Rouge La Migoua Magnum 2016	\$298.00	\$268.20
Vietti Barolo Castiglione Magnum 2015	\$302.00	\$271.80
Hubert Lamy St Aubin Frionnes 1er Cru Magnum 2016	\$320.00	\$288.00
Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon Magnum 2016 Georg Breuer Berg Schlossberg Riesling Magnum 2016	\$335.00 \$335.00	\$301.50 \$301.50
Robert Weil Grafenberg GG Trocken Riesling Magnum 2016	\$340.00	\$306.00
Pira Chiara Boschis Barolo Via Nuova Magnum 2015	\$340.00	\$300.00
Roda 1 Tempranillo Magnum 2010	\$360.00	\$324.00
Marcarini Barolo Brunate Magnum 2015	\$360.00	\$324.00
Clos Mogador Priorat Magnum 2015	\$370.00	\$333.00
Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf-du-Pape La Crau Magnum 2016	\$385.00	\$346.50
Fontodi Vigna Del Sorbo Magnum 2015	\$390.00	\$351.00
Costanti Brunello Magnum 2012	\$420.00	\$378.00
Tempier Bandol Rouge Cabassaou Magnum 2016	\$426.00	\$383.40
Taylor's Vintage Port Magnum 2016	\$430.00	\$387.00
Mt Langi Ghiran Museum Shiraz Magnum 2010	\$440.00	\$396.00
JJ Prum W/S Gold Aus Magnum 2010	\$444.00	\$399.60
Littorai Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noir Magnum 2016	\$462.00	\$415.80
Fontodi Flaccianello Della Pieve Magnum 2015	\$500.00	\$450.00
Bouchard Beaune-Greves Vigne de l'Enfant Jesus Magnum 2017	\$515.00	\$463.50
Benjamin Leroux Volnay 1er Cru Clos de la Cave des Ducs Magnum 2017 🤇	\$595.00	\$535.00
Torbreck Run Rig Magnum 2012	\$680.00	\$612.00
Penfold's RWT Shiraz Magnum 1999	\$800.00	\$720.00
Fontodi Flaccianello Della Pieve Double Magnum 2015	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Sandrone Double Magnum Aleste 13	\$1,140.00	\$1,026.00
Benjamin Leroux Vosne-Romanee 1er Cru Au Dessus des Malconsorts Magnum 2017	\$1,300.00	\$1,170.00
Leroux Clos De La Roche Magnum 2013	\$1,300.00	\$1,170.00
Ponsot Clos De Vougeot Magnum 2008/2009	\$1,500.00	\$1,350.00
Benjamin Leroux Bonnes Mares Grand Cru Magnum 2017	\$1,625.00	\$1,462.50
Penfolds 'Grange' Magnum 2001	\$1,900.00	\$1,710.00
Benjamin Leroux Chambolle-Musigny 1er Cru Les Amoureuses Magnum 2017	\$1,945.00	\$1,750.50
Benjamin Leroux Grand Cru Chambertin Magnum 2017	\$1,945.00	\$1,750.50





Italian









Cantina del Vermentino Aghiloia Vermentino di Gallura 2018

Sardinia, Italy Single Bottle Price: \$34 Dozen Bottle Price: \$30.60

We were surprised to learn that 'Vermentino di Gallura' is Sardinia's only DOCG. Saline and fresh as all good Vermentino should be, but with some impressive primary fruit concentration to (pear/pear rind the dominating flavour here). Plenty of texture and very good length of flavour, this has summer written all over it. Great on its own or with an array of different seafood dishes. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva Tenuta Tignanello 2015

Tuscany, Italy Single Bottle: \$75.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$67.50

The Tenuta Tignanello Estate is in the heart of Chianti Classico between Greve & Pesa at an altitude of 350-400 metres. This new label was introduced with the 2011 vintage, with fruit entirely from the Tignanello vineyard.

The 2015 vintage is the best ever! What an outstanding Chianti. Fresh with lots of dark cherry, chocolate, earth and a touch of the Chianti sweet and sour. Very, very complex with savoury herb, brown spices (a whiff of nutmeg – probably from a small amount of new oak). The palate is long and complex and with quite a bit of depth, leading into a firm savoury integrated tannin finish. Already drinking well, it will be a treasure in another 10 years. Highly recommended. – Ian Cook, FWC

The 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva Marchese Antinori is outrageously beautiful. All the signatures of the year flesh out effortlessly. Crushed flowers, sweet red daisies, beautifully layered Chianti Classico loaded with personality and character. The expression of fruit is striking, while the style is quite obvious. The Marchese Antinori Riserva emerges exclusively from the family Antinori's Tignanello estate. In 2015, the Riserva is especially beautiful. 93 points – **Antonio Galloni**

Marcarini La Serra Barolo 2015

La Morra, Barolo Single Bottle: \$ 140.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$ 126.00

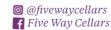
The 2015 Barolo La Serra is wonderfully silky, aromatic and refined, with all of the lift that is such a signature of this high-altitude La Morra site. Flowers, sweet red cherry, spice, tobacco and cedar are wonderfully delineated. Even more importantly, the aggressive tannins that once often penalized this wine are pretty much absent, a change Marcarini ascribes to gentler handling of the fruit during the initial part of fermentation. This is very nicely done. 93 points (tasted Feb '19). – **Antonio Galloni**

Pira Chiara Boschis 'Via Nuova' Barolo 2015

Piedmont, Italy Single Bottle: \$170.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$153.00

Once again, the 2015 Barolo Via Nuova shows why the blending of several sites was the approach favoured by Barolo producers until the 1960s, when the fascination for single-vineyard wines started to take off. Maybe the old-times knew something after all. Silky and fragrant, with exceptional balance, the 2015 is positively striking. Medium in body and layered, the 2015 has a very bright future. What a gorgeous wine it is. The Via Nuova was aged in equal parts cask and barrique. 94 Points – **Antonio Galloni**

The 2015 Barolo Via Nuova is a blend of fruit from Barolo, Monforte d'Alba and Serralunga d'Alba, and each site adds elegance, power and structure, respectively. The wine's taste profile in 2015 emerges as very minty and balsamic on first nose. Delicate notes of forest berry and wild cherry are followed by cooling medicinal herb. This warm vintage also adds a touch of cured meat or leather at the very back that hints at the heat of the vintage. Overall, this is the most accessible and nearterm of Chiara Boschis's three Barolos reviewed this year. 93 Points, Drink: 2021-2040 – Monica Larner, Issue 243 End of June 2019, The Wine Advocate



Oddero Langhe Nebbiolo 2017

Piedmont, Italy Single Bottle: \$60.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$54.00

Langhe Nebbiolo is often what I reach for when I want to drink Italian without breaking the bank. If you are like me, this wine will give you plenty of drinking pleasure. This is gentle in its approach with sappy red fruits, sour cherry and classic dusty tannin towards the back. The balance of primary fruit to savoury/earth-derived tones is spot-on, and there is plenty of varietal character. A great introduction to the producer. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Oddero Barolo Classico 2015

Piedmont, Italy Single Bottle: \$120.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$108.00

Oddero's winemaking practices, and hence the wines themselves, are very classic and somewhat old-school. They are elegant and pretty, but firm at the back with high-toned acid and tannin working in unison. They typify the analogy that is often used to describe Barolo: "an iron fist in a velvet glove." This is on show in this wine, their Barolo 'Classico'. Sourced from multiple sites mainly throughout La Morra, the nose is very perfumed with alpine herb and freshly cut flowers. It takes you straight to Piedmont in Spring. The palate shows orange rind, Campari and bitters with succulent acidity before a firm and long finish. Drink now or cellar – either way there is plenty of enjoyment here. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Oddero Barolo Villero 2015

Piedmont, Italy Single Bottle: \$185.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$165.50

The most exciting wine in the line-up, for me (and also the most limited – we only got 12 bottles). A touch more approachable as a young wine than the firm and masculine Brunate. Similar story here to the Barolo 'Classico': 20-30 day maceration on skins followed by 30 months in large format Austrian and Slovenian oak before a year in bottle before release. This is very lifted on the nose: super perfumed with red and black liquorice, alpine herb and Campari-like botanicals. The palate shows blood orange succulence, more liquorice and red fruits. It somehow maintains a prettiness despite the power below the surface and the strong kick of tannin and acid towards the back. Here the tannin is fine and long, maintaining an elegance and a gracefulness in regards to the texture and mouthfeel of the wine. Exciting stuff and very expressive for a young Barolo. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Oddero Barolo Brunate 2015

Piedmont, Italy Single Bottle: \$265.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$238.50

A very full-bodied and firm Barolo and the ultimate example of Oddero's old-school leaning. Unlike the Villero, this needs some time in the cellar. At the moment it is not giving too much away: acid is pronounced, tannin is firm and the primary fruit is currently suppressed by savoury, earth-derived flavours of turned soil, mushroom and truffle. There is an ashy character there and the tannins have a bit of chew to them with further flavours of rust and ironstone lingering through the extended finish. If drinking now, give it a big decant a few hours before serving to get as much oxygen through it as possible. Otherwise, lay it down in the cellar for 5+ years and you will be nicely rewarded at the other end. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

ODDERO

THE NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR ITALIAN STABLE



This time last year, a customer of ours asked us to find him one dozen Oddero Barolo. Unfamiliar with the producer, we looked around, found the importer and got him his wine.

A month later, in January, the Cook family found themselves in Piedmont for three nights as part of a larger European holiday. We couldn't help but notice the Oddero name popping up on wine lists around the region. For our last meal in La Morra before driving to Torino to fly to Sicily, dad took us to More e Macine (see article by Andy Waddle on following page), well known to some for its chaotic cellar full of great wines of the region. Digging around, I found an Oddero Barolo Brunate 2011 and knew that we had to drink it over lunch. The wine was fabulous and a perfect match for Tajarin – a signature dish of the region.

As the meal concluded and we stood up to leave, the table sitting right beside us also stood up: "We thought we should introduce ourselves and say thank you for drinking our wine. We are Pietro and Isabella Oddero". A crazy coincidence and very lovely people.

Almost a year later, we can say we are more familiar with their wines, we are fans, and we are very happy to have them on our shelves. – **Ches Cook**

\$360.00

\$396.00

\$400.00

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If only we could always pair our Italian wines with dishes from Osteria More e Macine

Ask anyone at Five Way Cellars for restaurant recommendations in Piedmont, and chances are Osteria More e Macine will be among the suggestions. A few of us have been now, based on the initial nod from Ian and Ches who first visited back in January. The views from La Morra are awesome, the traditional pasta dishes excellent, the place full of locals (you might even be sitting next to some winemakers and not even know it), the atmosphere friendly and laid back, and you're bound to find some hidden gems in their downstairs cellar... which bears a striking resemblance to the storage situation at Five Way Cellars. Such organisation! (In truth, like us, the staff there probably know exactly where everything is amidst what might appear to be a bit chaotic to some.) All part of the charm at More e Macine, and hopefully the same can be said for us at Five Ways, too!





Italian Whites	Single	Dozen
Paolovino Pinot Grigio 2017	\$21.00	\$18.90
Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio 2018	\$25.00	\$22.50
Santadi Villa Solais Vermentino 2017	\$27.00	\$24.30
Pieropan Soave 2017	\$34.00	\$30.60 \$40.50
Franz Haas Pinot Grigio 2018 Suavia Monte Carbonare Soave 2017	\$45.00 \$48.00	\$40.50
Occhipinti Bianco SP68 2018	\$48.00 \$49.00	\$43.20
Ciro Picariello Fiano di Avellino 2018	\$52.00	\$46.80
Pieropan Calvarino Soave 2016	\$55.00	\$49.50
Massolino Langhe Riesling 2017	\$77.00	\$69.30
Aldo Conterno Bussiador Langhe Chardonnay 2013	\$133.00	\$119.70
Jermann Vintage Tunina 2017	\$135.00	\$121.50
Italian Reds	Single	Dozen
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Umani Ronchi 'Podere' Montepulciano D'Abruzzo 2018	\$18.00	\$16.20
Monili Tarantino Primitivo 2018	\$19.00	\$17.10
Maretti Langhe Rosso 2016	\$22.00 \$25.00	\$19.80 \$22.50
Boggero 'Fiore Di Bosco' Barbera D'Asti 2016 Speri Valpolicella La Roverina 2016	\$25.00	\$28.80
Marcarini 'Lasarin' Langhe Nebbiolo 2017	\$35.00	\$31.50
Fatalone Primitivo 2017	\$35.00	\$31.50
Poggerino Chianti Classico 2016	\$42.00	\$37.80
Tenuta San Guido Le Difese 2017	\$48.00	\$43.20
Occhipinti SP68 Rosso 2017	\$49.00	\$44.10
Pira Chiara Boschis Dolcetto 2018	\$49.00	\$44.10
COS Cerasuolo Di Vittoria Classico 2015 🖤	\$54.00	\$48.60
Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo Perbacco 2016	\$55.00	\$49.50
Poggerino Chianti Classico Museum Release 2011	\$55.00	\$49.50
Massolino Langhe Nebbiolo 2017	\$60.00	\$54.00
Alberto Loi Riserva Cannonau 2012 Pira Chiara Boschis Barbera Superiore 2017	\$61.00 \$65.00	\$54.90 \$58.50
Pira Chiara Boschis Langhe Nebbiolo 2017	\$75.00	\$67.50
Vietti Barolo Castiglione 2015 375Ml	\$76.00	\$68.40
Occhipinti Il Frappato 2017	\$76.00	\$68.40
Marcarini Barolo Brunate 2015 375ml	\$90.00	\$81.00
La Ca' Nova Barbaresco 2016	\$95.00	\$85.50
Trediberri Barolo 2015	\$99.00	\$89.10
Elena Fucci Titolo Aglianico 2010	\$100.00	\$90.00
Massolino Barolo 2015	\$110.00	\$99.00
La Ca' Nova Montestefano Barbaresco 2016	\$120.00	\$108.00
Felsina Fontalloro 2013	\$125.00	\$112.50
Speri Amarone 2013	\$140.00	\$126.00
Poderi Colla Barbaresco 'Roncaglie' 2013	\$140.00	\$126.00
Marcarini Barolo La Serra 2015 W Marcarini Barolo Brunate 2015 W	\$140.00 \$140.00	\$126.00 \$126.00
Brancaia Il Blu 2015	\$140.00	\$120.00
Trediberri Barolo Rocche Dell Annunziata 2015	\$165.00	\$148.50
Pira Chiara Boschis Barolo Via Nuova 2015	\$170.00	\$153.00
Ca Rome Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2016	\$180.00	\$160.00
Fontodi Riserva Vigna Del Sorbo 2015	\$185.00	\$166.50
Conterno Fantino Vigna Pressenda Barolo 2015	\$190.00	\$171.00
Costanti Brunello Di Montalcino 2013	\$190.00	\$171.00
Pira Chiara Boschis Barolo Mosconi 2015	\$195.00	\$175.50
Fuligni Brunello Di Montalcino 2013	\$200.00	\$180.00
Fontodi 'Flaccianello Della Pieve' 2013	\$200.00	\$180.00
Pira Chiara Boschis Barolo Mosconi 2014	\$210.00	\$189.00
Conterno Fantino Barolo Pressenda 2014	\$210.00	\$189.00
Conterno Fantino Barolo Mosconi 14 Renato Ratti Barolo Rocche Dell Annunziata 2014	\$210.00 \$238.00	\$189.00 \$214.20
Poggio Antico Brunello Altero 2010	\$238.00	\$214.20
Costanti Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva 2010	\$400.00	\$360.00

Costanti Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva 2010

Fuligni Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva 2012



Italy's Poetically Perfect Wine Bar

Andy Waddle, FWC



Of all the places visited on a recent three-week trip that took my wife and I on a loop through parts of northern Italy, southeastern France, and Switzerland, a tiny wine bar tucked away in Milan's Chinatown will always be one of the most memorable places we've ever been. This probably had a lot to do with it being the last day of our trip, the acute awareness of our honeymoon finally coming to an end causing us to savour these last moments even more. Or it might have been the adventure of trying to find the place on foot in a steady downpour in an unfamiliar part of Milan, sightlines further obscured by the umbrellas of pedestrians, including seemingly every other tourist in the city who was out and about, also likely in search of something to do indoors.

Luckily, when we finally arrived at Cantine Isola, we managed to just beat the rush. As we would later learn, this is a place that gets very crowded very quickly. And for good reason. This place is an institution, supported by locals since 1896.

It's obvious who the other first-time visitors are. The giddy 'kid in a candy store' facial expressions are a dead giveaway as they enter. I dare any wine lover who has never been to Cantine Isola to go there and just try

to keep from grinning from the moment you arrive. I know I was beaming from ear to ear.

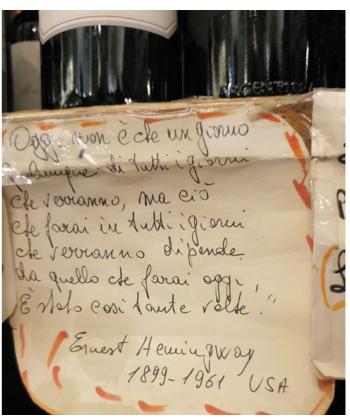
The place is a feast for any wine lover's eyes. Just about every surface is covered with wine bottles, with many of Italy's and France's most famous producers very well represented, including many already opened (or ready to be

opened upon request) for tasting by the glass. Plus you can help yourself to an array of delicious tapas which arrive to the counter in a steady flow from a tiny kitchen. It's not hard to imagine spending hours here.

But if the wine isn't the first thing you notice, the other fascinating little oddities surely will be. Everywhere you look, there is something interesting with a story to tell. Poetry, in fact, is an essential part of the whole experience. Not just bottled poetry, but actual poetry and excerpts from great novels, all handwritten and scattered amongst the shelves (along with tasting notes and likewise hand-written pricing, which in some ways gives the place a faint resemblance to Five Way Cellars). They even do public poetry readings once a week which is also occasion to open a bottle of something special for tasting.

Milan has a lot to offer in terms of food and drink, but if you happen to be there for at least a day or two, try to make time in your schedule for a visit to Cantine Isola. Even though it's some 16,500km away from us in Sydney, the clinking of bottles and wine glasses and the cheerful chatter of locals and visitors alike, all fuelled by tapas and great vino, might just make you feel right at home.





"Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be. But what will happen in all the other days that ever come can depend on what you do today."

Ernest Hemingway



Spanish

Envinate 'Palo Blanco' Listan Blanco 2017

Canary Islands, Spain Single Bottle: \$65.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$58.50

The 2017 Palo Blanco is produced with Listán Blanco grapes from the village of Los Realejos in the Valle de la Orotava. Now in its second vintage, this year they added one more plot, and in 2018 they will add one more. The warm vintage was a blessing in the cooler and wetter zones of the Tenerife Island like the Orotava Valley, as the year compensated for the place, and the wine has a tad more volume and body. They were able to harvest the grapes earlier than 2016, before the weather turned more complicated, and the grapes were very healthy, which is not always the case in the northern zones. 2017 was a great viticulture year in the Orotava Valley, and they also felt the removal of herbicides when they started working the vineyard is really showing, and it should get even better. The wine is serious and balanced, and it has a dry, chalky finish with a somewhat Burgundian feel to it. Superb. – Luis Gutiérrez



Envinate 'Lousas Parcela Camino Novo' Mencia 2017

Ribeira Sacra, Spain Single Bottle: \$65.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$58.50

Camino Novo lies just to the west of Parcela Seone, it's of similar vine age, varietal composition and dramatic steepness. Like Seoane it's built of terraces of slate which are barely one row wide. The real difference between the parcels comes from their orientation and relation to the river, whereas Seoane leans out on a headland, Camino Novo is tucked into a natural amphitheatre above a cove. It's much more protected here from morning or afternoon sun and tends to be bypassed by the warm air currents flowing up the river. Consequently Camino Novo tends to produce darker, more mineral wines, often of less immediate expressiveness than Seoane.

Camiño Novo is always the most elegant and complete wine from Envínate in Ribeira Sacra, and the 2017 Lousas Parcela Camiño Novo follows the same path. This was harvested two weeks after the Seonane, after the rain, and the wine is very expressive with incredibly fine tannins, a fine thread and subtle minerality. It doesn't quite reach the same height as the 2016, but this is simply superb and perhaps more approachable. I'd drink the 2017 while I wait a bit longer for the 2016. It was bottled in November 2018. 1,200 bottles produced. Unfortunately, the crop from 2018 was lost, and there will be no wine from that year. – **Luis Gutiérrez**

A more savoury wine overall, with darker rumblings of fruit and a touch more chew to the tannins. It seems more 'serious' in a way, with tannin a touch more evident and very pleasant savoury edges that offset the prettiness of the red fruit in the middle palate. Lots to like here. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Envinate 'Migan' Listan Negro 2017

Canary Islands, Spain Single Bottle: \$65.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$58.50

The red from La Orotava, the 2017 Migan, is also in its second vintage, pure Listán Negro from the village of La Perdoma, whose ancient name was Migan. They added one more plot in 2017, Tío Luis, at 550 meters in altitude on sandy soils without any clay, a type of soil that provides great finesse (there is also one a separate bottling of the plot available through the Viticole wine club in the US). I think the blend has gained in perfume, it felt very expressive and open, perhaps less austere than the 2016 but without being exuberant, as the palate is sharp, serious and dry. Two of the components of the blend, La Habanera and Tío Luis (but not San Antonio), are also bottled separately. Or in other words, this is the blend of three wines (approximately one-third of each) that provide different things, and it's probably the most complete. Often a blend adds up to more than the sum of the different parts. Balance, my friends... – **Luis Gutiérrez**



Charquino Albariño 2018

Rias Baixas, Spain Single Bottle: \$27.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$24.30

Prickly pear, small green apples, preserved lemon and a nice sense of tang, it is 100% varietal in a very stylish, smooth mid-weight register. With juicy acidity and a nice little nutty snap to close, the fruit tannins are perfectly handled (so often the Achilles heel of this tricky variety). Unbelievably good value - you just shouldn't be able to get it so cheap! Stainless steel handling, with 50% of the blend aged on lees in the tank.

Daniel Gomez Jimenez Landi Las Uvas Garnacha 2016

Sierra de Gredos, Spain Single Bottle: \$47.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$42.30

Daniel Landi (i.e. one half of Comando G) is making some of the most exciting wines coming out of Spain. We've just received some of this, his personal side-project. It's 100% Grenache made in the same style as the Comando G wines; that is elegant, mineral, meaty, pretty and only medium bodied in weight. It's very attractive and very drinkable, with complexity to match. During these warmer months, I would give it a half-chill in the fridge before drinking it and would also decant it as it shows some reduction and will only benefit from plenty of oxygen. This will really bring the aromatics to life. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Remelluri Reserva Tempranillo 2011

Rioja, Spain Single Bottle: \$80.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$72.00

Not far off from the phenomenal 2010, the 2011 Reserva was cropped from a much warmer and riper vintage and it shows. This is the cuvée that represents the house style and wants to showcase the landscape of their estate, blending grapes from their 108 hectares of vineyards located at altitudes ranging from 550 to 800 meters altitude, with vines aged between 35 and 80 years. It's mostly Tempranillo with some Garnacha and Graciano, fermented with natural yeasts and aged in barrel for some 16 months before being bottled. There are aromas of damson plums and plenty of spices, quite ripe and heady, a little cooked. The palate is lush and round with abundant, dusty tannins. This is a powerful vintage. Rating: 92, Drink: 2016-2020. – **Luis Gutiérrez**

Spanish White	Single	Dozen
Eidesola Charquino Albarino 2018	\$27.00	\$24.30
Maranones Picarana Albillo Blanc 2016	\$39.00	\$35.10
Telmo Rodriguez Gaba do Xil Godello Valdeorras 2017	\$42.00	\$37.80
D'Fefinanes Albarino 2018	\$55.00	\$49.50
Envinate 'Palo Blanco' Listan Blanco 2017	\$65.00	\$58.50
Equipo Navazos Florpower MMXV 2015	\$77.00	\$69.30
Vina Tondonia Rioja Reserva White 2004	\$99.00	\$89.00
Envinate 'Palo Blanco' Listan Blanco 2017 Magnum	\$135.00	\$121.50

Spanish Red	Single	Dozen
Elefante Tempranillo Shiraz 2018	\$15.00	\$13.50
Valdemoreda Tempranillo 2017	\$18.00	\$16.20
Telmo Rodriguez 'Dehesa Gago' Tinta de Toro 2018	\$33.00	\$29.70
Telmo Rodriguez LZ Rioja 2017	\$33.00	\$29.70
Telmo Rodriguez 'Gaba do Xil' Mencia 2016	\$36.00	\$32.40
Ponce Buena Pinta 2015	\$37.00	\$33.30
Moraza Tempranillo Rioja 2016	\$41.00	\$36.90
Comando G Bruja de Rozas 2017	\$43.00	\$38.70
Blai Ferre Just 'Billo' Garnatxa blend 2017	\$43.00	\$38.70
Envinate 'Lousas Vinas de Aldea' Mencia 2017	\$45.00	\$40.50
Alegre & Valganon Tinto RIoja 2016	\$46.00	\$41.40
Daniel Landi Las Uvas Garnacha 2016	\$47.00	\$42.30
DJP Petalos Mencia Galicia 2017	\$58.00	\$52.20
Envinate 'Migan' Listan Negro 2017	\$65.00	\$58.50
Envinate 'Lousas Parcela Camino Novo' Mencia 2017	\$65.00	\$58.50
Aixala i Alcait DeStranKis Garnatxa Priorat 2017	\$65.00	\$58.50
Remelluri Reserva Tempranillo 2011	\$80.00	\$72.00
Comando G Bruja de Rozas Garnacha 2014 Magnum	\$89.00	\$80.10
Comando G Rozas 1er Cru Garnacha 2017	\$95.00	\$85.50
Urbina Rioja Gran Reserva Especial 1995	\$100.00	\$90.00
Algueira Merenzao 2014	\$105.00	\$94.50
Algueira 'Pizarra' Mencia 2013	\$105.00	\$94.50
Roda Reserva Rioja 2013	\$107.00	\$96.30
Roda Reserva Rioja 2012	\$110.00	\$99.00
Algueira 'Pizarra' Mencia 2014	\$112.00	\$100.80
Envinate 'Migan' Listan Negro 2017 Magnum	\$135.00	\$121.50
Sinodo 'Los Tollos' Rioja 2016	\$135.00	\$121.50
Remelluri Gran Reserva Rioja 2009	\$150.00	\$135.00
Telmo Rodriguez Falcoeira Mencia 2015	\$158.00	\$142.20
Telmo Rodriguez As Caborcas Mencia 2015	\$158.00	\$142.20
Telmo Rodriguez Falcoeira Mencia 2012	\$165.00	\$148.50
Roda '1' Reserva Rioja 2010	\$170.00	\$153.00
Remelluri Reserva Rioja Magnum 2010	\$185.00	\$166.50
Telmo Rodriguez Tabuerniga Rioja 2015	\$235.00	\$211.50
DJP Moncerbal Mencia de Bierzo 2012	\$260.00	\$234.00
Telmo Rodgriguez Las Beatas Rioja 2012	\$370.00	\$333.00
Clos Mogador Priorat 2016 Magnum	\$450.00	\$405.00

Fortified & Sweet



Equipo Navazos Fino en Rama NV 375ml

Jerez, Spain Single Bottle: \$32.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$28.80

Navazos' Fino En Rama originates from two of Jerez's finest albariza vineyards (or pagos); Cartera and Macharnudo Alto, located four kilometres west-northwest of Jerez de la Frontera. The latter site has been coined the 'Montrachet of Jerez' and is, of course, the source of the legendary La Bota de Fino solera. The wine is bottled in its natural state after an average of five years ageing (the legal minimum is two), without being subjected to the harsh filtering process that has come to hold sway in Sherry. En rama basically translates to 'unfiltered' meaning no flavour/character has been stripped out of this Fino in the winemaking process. There is some ripe fruit too – an indication that Equipo Navazos doesn't just settle for any sub-par fruit or barrels. It's salty and doughy and ultra-refreshing. This is the sort of wine you want to have on hand throughout the Spring and summer months, particularly in the 375ml bottle.



Bodegas Tradicion Amontillado VORS NV 750ml

Jerez, Spain Single Bottle: \$175.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$157.50

Sherry is one of my favourite styles of wine from anywhere in the world. The interest, flavour and complexity that the best wines of Jerez possess is often second to none, in my opinion. When offered a chance to try the latest offering from Bodegas Tradicion, we were never going to decline the invitation. These are amazingly delicious and intriguing wines and for those of you who love Sherry like I do, they are worth the investment. Keep in mind that the Amontillado and the Palo Cortado can stay open for months and stored in the fridge once the bottle is opened. The Fino though should be consumed within 4-5 days upon opening. – **Ches Cook, FWC**

Fortified	Single	Dozen
La Goya Manzanilla Sanlucar 375ml	\$25.00	\$22.50
Chambers Rutherglen Muscat NV 750ml	\$25.00	\$22.50
Pennyweight Fino 375ml (Beechworth, Vic)	\$30.00	\$27.00
Pennyweight Amontillado 375ml (Beechworth, Vic)	\$30.00	\$27.00
Henriques & Henriques Finest Dry Madeira 5 Year Old NV	\$30.00	\$27.00
Equipo Navazos Fino en Rama NV 375ml	\$32.00	\$28.80
Colosia Amontillado 375ml	\$34.00	\$30.60
Lustau Jarana Light Dry Fino	\$34.00	\$30.60
Colosia Oloroso 375ml	\$34.00	\$30.60
Harveys Bristol Cream Sherry	\$35.00	\$31.50
Topper's Mountain Vintage Tinta Roriz 2010 500ml	\$36.00	\$32.40
Tio Pepe Fino Sherry	\$39.00	\$35.10
Stanton & Killeen Classic Topaque NV 500ml	\$42.00	\$37.80
Stanton & Killeen Classic Muscat NV 500ml	\$42.00	\$37.80
Pennyweight Oloroso 750ml (Beechworth, Vic)	\$42.00	\$37.80
Romate Fino Perdido Sherry 750ml	\$46.00	\$41.40
Lustau Pedro Ximenez San Emilio	\$58.00	\$52.20
Simao & Co Vintage Port 2014/2016	\$60.00	\$54.00
Rockford PS Marion Tawny 750ml (Barossa, SA)	\$64.00	\$57.60
Pereira D'Oliveira Madeira 5YO Tinta Negra-Malvasia Sweet	\$64.00	\$57.60
Romate Pedro Ximenez Cardenal Cisneros	\$75.00	\$67.50
Williams Paolo Medina Fino en Rama 2010	\$75.00	\$67.50
Stanton & Killeen Grand Muscat NV 500ml	\$110.00	\$99.00
Taylor's Vintage Port 375ml 2016	\$110.00	\$99.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 375ml 2016	\$110.00	\$99.00
Pereira D'Oliveira Madeira 15YO Tinta Negra Medium Dry	\$110.00	\$99.00
La Goya Manzanilla Magnum en Rama	\$135.00	\$121.50
Quinta do Noval Vintage Port 750ml 2015	\$190.00	\$171.00
Bodegas Tradicion Amontillado VORS 750ml	\$175.00	\$157.50
Pereira D'Oliveira Madeira Sercial Dry Colheita 1999	\$200.00	\$180.00
Williams Paolo Medina Palo Cortado en Rama 2002	\$207.00	\$186.30
Taylor's Vintage Port 750ml 2016	\$210.00	\$189.00
Fonseca Vintage Port 750ml 2016	\$210.00	\$189.00
Taylor's Vintage Port Magnum 2016	\$430.00	\$387.00

Sweet	Single	Dozen
Bloodwood Silk Purse 375ml 2016	\$34.00	\$30.60
Chateau Coutet Chartreuse de Coutet Sauternes 375ml 201	3 \$40.00	\$36.00
De Bortoli Noble One 375ml 2016	\$42.00	\$37.80
Mount Horrocks Cordon Cut Riesling 375ml 2019	\$43.00	\$38.70
Henschke Noble Semillon 375ml 2015	\$45.00	\$40.50
Henschke Noble Semillon Museum 375ml 2000	\$80.00	\$72.00
Chateau Coutet Sauternes 750ml 2010	\$180.00	\$162.00
Chateau d'Yquem 375ml 2013	\$495.00	\$445.50
Chateau d'Yquem 750ml 2007	\$1,300.00	\$1,170.00

Ian's pick:

Cabernet

Rob's pick:

Single Bottle: \$36.00

Dozen Bottle Price: \$32.40

Moss Wood

Sauvignon 2016

Margaret River, WA

Dozen Bottle Price: \$117.00

Ruggabellus Fluus 2018

Barossa Valley, South Australia

What I love about

Fluus is that it's such

a versatile wine. It nails the

"something like Pinot but with a bit more body?" brief that I often get from friends. It's super aromatic with clean red fruits, spicy savoury complexity,

of the 'new wave' of Grenache blends. I've

recently had this lightly chilled on its own

in the park on a sunny day, with lamb

cutlets & salad, and with belly dancers and way too much Turkish food.

It rose to the occasion each

time. Will be a fixture over

Summer for sure.

Single Bottle: \$130.00

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My favourite Cabernet Sauvignon in all of Australia. Cellars magnificently for 10 -20 years+. The 2016 vintage - It's a ripper! The nose shows deep, ripe berry fruits: blackberry, blueberry, violets and mulberry, plus hints of cedar and spice. A beautiful fruit-laden bouquet with hints of cedar, chocolate (dark) and tobacco. First impression is the richness and depth on the palate. It is all elegance and class. The tannins are fine, chalky and quite gentle, the overall length and balance superb. As a long term fan, this wine is strongly recommended for the cellar.

All We Want for Christmas

Considering we have the privilege of tasting some pretty awesome wines throughout the year, we asked each Five Way Cellars staff member to pick a favourite from 2019. So here you have it. If each of us could have only one wine this Christmas, these would be our picks.

> Back in September I visited the Massolino winery in the heart of the Barolo region in northern Italy. It's a complex, elegant wine that's very approachable now but should evolve into something truly special

Ches's pick:

Bodegas Tradicion Fino Viejo NV Jerez, Spain

Single Bottle: \$80.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$72.00



favourite wine styles from anywhere in the world. The flavour and complexity that the best wines of Jerez possess is often second to none, in my opinion. Salt, brine, chalk and sea spray are flavours you can expect here. I will be drinking this throughout January while on the beach in Brazil. I've already

packed a bottle.

Sherry is one of my

Nick's pick:

Massolino Barolo 2015 Piedmont, Italy

Single Bottle: \$110.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$99.00

and crunchy acidity. A benchmark example

with time in bottle.



Stu's pick:

Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock Shiraz 2018

Heathcote, Victoria

Single Bottle: \$125.00 Dozen Bottle Price: \$112.50

I was lucky enough to be able to sit in on the Jasper Hill Masterclass here at the shop with winemaker Emily Laughton. All the wines were fantastic. If I had to choose a favourite, it would be Emily's Paddock Shiraz. Such vibrancy and intensity with rich black fruits, black pepper and a touch of menthol. I highly recommend for anyone having roast beef this Christmas.

This Pol Roger Brut Reserve NV Jeroboam might look nice under the tree come Christmas morning, if it'll fit. If not, I'd settle for a 750ml or even a 375ml. Honestly, whatever the format, this is a winner any time but especially around the holidays.



Champagne, France

Single 375ml Bottle: \$56.00 Dozen 375ml Bottle Price: \$50.40 Single 750ml Bottle: \$85.00 Dozen 750ml Bottle Price: \$76.50 Single 3000ml Bottle: \$530.00 Dozen 3000ml Bottle Price: \$477.00



Lessons From The Langhe

Andy Waddle, FWC

Does wine make

travel better, or does

travel make wine

better? Yes.

I wrote in the last edition of The Oracle about some of the differences between reading or hearing about a wine region versus experiencing it first-hand and how the latter can, in theory, completely reshape one's perception of what ends up in the glass. A recent trip with my wife to Italy's Piedmont region proved this to be the case.

There was a tranquil stillness around the hills of Barolo when we were there in late October. Harvest had more or less come to an end. The roads were virtually empty. It felt like the calm after a storm. We had anticipated there being quite a few other tourists to contend with given the added allure of white truffle festivities this time of year, yet we were pleasantly surprised to find we had the place to ourselves at times. There were many moments when it was literally just us and the vines, their conspicuous lack of grapes the only evidence of the busy harvest work of weeks prior.

Then there was the ever-present, ethereal fog, for which Piedmont is well-known (the Nebbiolo grape allegedly gets its name from "nebbia", the Italian word for fog). For us it was often more a light drizzle than a mist, making the small hilltop towns and castles only fleetingly visible. This also meant no long hikes or dramatic sunsets looking out across the

golden vineyard-covered hills of autumn for us, but we were okay with this version of Piedmont, as it seemed appropriately mystical and magical and definitely memorable. In some sense the fog literally makes you pay more attention to what's right in front of you. Plus, the weather made the prospect of spending more of our time indoors—exploring wineries and cellars and, of course, tasting phenomenal wines—all the more appealing.

Our first of just two days in the area included a late afternoon tour and tasting at Pio Cesare, a winery near where we were staying in the

town of Alba, unique in that it is one of the few producers able to make Barolo and Barbaresco despite the winery itself not being physically

located in either of the two zones (Alba being situated just between the two). The winery dates back to 1881 and has expansive ancient cellars with some of the Roman foundations and walls dating back to 50 BC. The tour and tasting here was impressive. We had been transported not just to another place but to another time, and it was a wonderful first impression of Piedmont that would linger.

A side note on the local food: Dinner that night was at La Piola, considered the more traditional 'little brother' to the more modern Piazza Duomo (the three-Michelinstarred restaurant currently #29 on The World's Fifty Best which can be found upstairs above the street-level La Piola). The vibe at La Piola is more casual and convivial. Lonely Planet's summary says it best: "Part of the Ceretto family's small empire, La Piola offers a faithful menu of traditional Piedmontese dishes, but at the same time manages to be stylish, modern and relaxed (let's put it down to sprezzatura, the Italian art of studied nonchalance)." I highly

recommend a meal here. Ours was nothing short of the best we had in Italy. We left well-fuelled for a pretty jampacked itinerary the following day.

The first of three winery tours and tastings began at Massolino in Serralunga d'Alba, followed by Elio Grasso in Monforte d'Alba, and lastly Vietti in Castiglione Falletto, with lunch at Osteria More e Macine along the way (see pages 27 & 28 for more on that) and a subterranean dinner at Enoclub back in Alba to conclude the day.

Tasting highlights from day two included a couple of wines that I would describe as seriously good and, though young, definitely built to last: Massolino's Vigna Rionda Barolo Riserva 2013 and Vietti's Barolo Brunate 2016. We also rather enjoyed Massolino's Langhe Riesling 2017, the debut vintage of this wine and a refreshingly citrusy contrast next to all the reds tasted.

In just a few short hours in Piedmont (ridiculously too few, in fact) we gained an entirely new perspective on the wines that come from this part of the world. It is trips like this that can give a wine lover a better understanding of the history behind the wine and a profound appreciation for the hard work of generations of winemakers.

I equate it to something like when your favourite band is better live than in the studio, and the only thing that can top a live album is seeing a live performance. I think visiting a wine region around harvest time is sort of analogous to that.

A simple truism though it may be, I suppose the biggest lesson from our trip was that seeing where the grapes are grown and how the wine is made really can make one of life's great pleasures—a good glass of wine—even more pleasurable.





1) The Piedmont fog obscures views at times, but it's a crucial factor in the grapes here reaching their full potential 2) Getting our bearings at Massolino 3) A mix of traditional and modern aging techniques at Massolino 4) The tunnel in the cellars at Vietti 5) Bottles with a bit of age on them at Vietti











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Cheers, Ian Cook.



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