

Wine. Top Glass.



Top Glass is a new feature where editor Don Kavanagh rounds up the pick of the wines he's tried in the last month and recommends the best by-the-glass options for bars and restaurants.

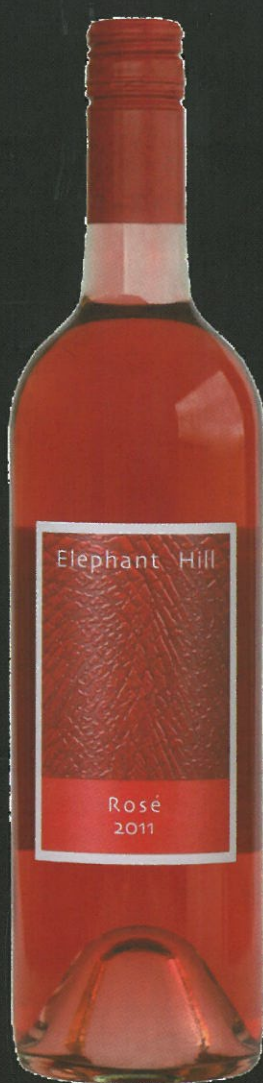


ALPHA DOMUS BARNSTORMER SYRAH 2011

It's nice to see a wine live up to its name - this is a real barnstormer of a wine, with a vibrant plum and pepper nose followed up by soaring, swooping fruit flavours and a lovely finish with echoes of tobacco and cedar. A belter.

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ELEPHANT HILL ROSE 2011

Cherry and loganberry on the nose give this wine the promise of summer and it certainly delivers. The palate is almost creamy, with broad summer fruit flavours and a nice acid spine to keep it fresh and zesty. Perfect summer drinking.

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WHITEHAVEN ROSE 2012

The taste of summer in a glass - bright red and redolent of strawberries on the nose, this unfolds on the palate into a nicely weighted wine, offering enough texture and weight to be interesting and enough light berry flavour to still be a fun wine for the longer evenings.

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WHITEHAVEN CHARDONNAY

Brilliant wine, from a sadly overlooked producer, this has a glorious riot of ripe fruit on the nose, with nectarines, peach and fresh lemon all fighting it out. On the palate it has lovely weight and a touch of the savoury that really makes for an interesting and rewarding drink.

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