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Coppabella Procella I Shiraz 2021

A family owned & run winery, Jason & Alecia Brown's Coppabella Vineyard is the only James Halliday, five star rated winery in Tumbarumba. Its vineyards sit at an altitude of 650m, making it truly unique. The Browns are best known as the family behind Moppity Wines in the Hilltops, with

Tasting Notes

A captivating nose of vivid red fruits and spice. Succulent, juicy summer berries on the powerful palate, lifted by white pepper, fragrant spice and fine integrated tannins. The finish is long and in complete harmony.

the Coppabella project based around a mature vineyard in Tumbarumba, which was the second vineyard planted in the region. Coppabella's wines focus on varietal & regional integrity. Experience a purity, elegance and delicacy that you won't find in other wine regions of mainland Australia.

Region Hilltops, NSW Cellar Up to 2028 Alcohol 14.0% Food Match Roast Duck w/ Pickled Mushrooms Code ITM315216

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RRP \$45.00 per bottle

Blind Corner Bernard 2021

Blind Corner was dreamt up by Ben & Naomi Gould in 2007 whilst living in an old red builders van as they attempted to visit every surf break and wine region in Western Europe. Upon arriving home in 2009, they set to work on their small 4Ha vineyard making wild wines in the shed. Fast-forward 17 years and Blind Corner now sits on 20Ha of certified Organic & Biodynamic vineyard. Ben & Naomi continue to stick to their aim of working

naturally within both the vineyard and winery, promoting transparency and minimising outside influences. Blind Corner wines are made using grapes and native yeasts with no additions, other than sometimes a minimal amount of sulphur. The Pétillant, Shiraz, Fortified & Qvevri wines are all sans soufre. This journey has caused them to become leaders within Australia in both regenerative farming and true natural winemaking.

Tasting Notes

Delightful aromas of clove, cherry, sultana, blackcurrant. Palate is rich, mouth-filling with grippy tannins and a complex fruit core set to unearth abundant richness for years to come.

Region Margaret River, WA Cellar Up to 2029 Alcohol 14.0%

Food Match Wagyu Beef Tomahawk Code ITM313647

RRP \$120.00 per bottle

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in their life as being soil and people. If both are healthy and happy then good things will follow. Now, more than ever, they identify regenerative agriculture as their guiding philosophy. It is a dynamic holistic system which is down to earth, but also futurist. It is input focused, not process or market driven. This way of farming is a struggle, but this brings tension to the wine, and truly expresses vineyard and variety.

Region McLaren Vale, SA Cellar Up to 2033 Alcohol 13.5% Food Match Rum & Raisin Dark Chocolate Code ITM311515

Allegiance Wines Local Legend Mataro Graciano Shiraz 2021

Allegiance Wines are made from Tumbarumba vineyard grapes and also those purchased from Australia's premium regions made to their winemaker's instructions. Their passion for creating premium wines has led them to produce many

Tasting Notes

Aromas of plums, mulberry and violets with hints of anise, chocolate and oak spice. The full flavoured palate shows fresh dark berry fruit, some cloves and chocolate characters, and a lingering finish.

Geoff Merrill Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Geoff Merrill has been making wines under his own label since 1980. He purchased the Mount Hurtle winery in 1985. The derelict building is now restored to its former glory and lies nestled in four acres of vineyard and garden with Tuscan inspired charm. The winery and 1500 square metre barrel hall completed in 1998 cope well with the rigours of modern winemaking. Geoff's winemaking philosophy is to make wine that allows regional, varietal and vintage expression

Tasting Notes

Complex aromas of soy, Asian spice, brined olives and ripe plum with hints of earth and leather. The fruit flavours are dark, intense and youthful with a fine cacao texture and a well defined acidity providing length, structure and a tight, concentrated mouth feel.

Hither & Yon **Aglianico 2019**

Born into wine, the Leask brothers have been able to group a selection of vineyards spread across McLaren Vale, between hills & sea, under their own family estate. Richard is the outside man, farmer and maker; Malcolm is the inside guy, director and creator. What started as their "bottle project" in 2011 has now endured and sprouted into a much-loved wine brand. The Leasks see the two most important things

Tasting Notes

Aromas of red plum, tobacco leaf, aniseed, ferrous notes. The palate is a wild ride, flavour rushes and lingers, savoury with refreshing length. Notes of sour cherry, liquorice, thyme and sage, with a stony edge to the tannins.





Ian and Suzanne Little present a terrific range of wines encompassing both traditional and emerging varieties. After many years making the benchmark varieties of the Hunter Valley, Shiraz, Semillon and Chardonnay, they were both very interested to experiment with new varieties from the Hunter

Tasting Notes

Bold nose, good toasty characters and spicy oak. Palate is rich, full bodied, with high acid and fine-grained tannins. Lot of guts and grit.



outstanding expressions from varied wine varietals and regions around Australia. The emphasis on quality is reflected in the enormous number of domestic and international medals along with fantastic reviews from wine critics.

Region McLaren Vale, SA Cellar Up to 2024 Alcohol 14.5% Food Match Chicken Tikka Code ITM311004



RRP \$30.00 per bottle



without excessive winemaker intervention. Geoff specialises in Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon and believes that great wine is a matter of balance. He strives for subtle, elegant and harmonious flavour, with an unwavering commitment to styles that can be enjoyed at table. Premium reds are released 3 years after harvest, while the reserve selection and Henley labels are held in the cellar for oak and bottle maturation for 5 years prior to release.

Region McLaren Vale, SA Cellar Up to 2032 Alcohol 14.5% Food Match Brazilian Beef Ribs w/ Chimichurri Code ITM314584

RRP **\$50.00** per bottle

Valley and further a field. They learnt by trial and error how to manage some of the vagaries of these new varieties and made some big discoveries along the way and no doubt there will be many more. They make wines that they like to drink and make wines to be enjoyed as much as the Littles enjoyed making them.

Region Hunter Valley, NSW Cellar Up to 2028 Alcohol 13.5% Food Match Roast Lamb Shoulder w/ Duck Fat Potatoes Code ITM307500



RRP \$32.00 per bottle