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## Nannup Estate Firetower Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Late in the 19th century, roaming cattle were constantly found grazing on the granite hills which are now home to Nannup Estate. In fact, the property was still owned by the descendants of the original settling family when purchased by Mark and Alison Blizard in 1998. The land forming the basis of the estate is the highest in the district, giving it the attributes needed to successfully grow quality wine grapes - during the growing season the vines enjoy long hours of sunshine followed by cool evenings and moderate coastal breezes in the afternoon - idyllic growing conditions. Abundant water, granite loam soils and low frost and disease pressure all contribute to reliable quality and consistent vintages. The grapes for this wine were picked at optimal ripeness, crushed into stainless steel fermenters for alcoholic fermentation, before maturation with French oak for 16 months.

Region: Nannup, WA

Notes: Blackcurrant, mint and eucalyptus spiced nose. Nice ripe palate with jammy red fruits balanced by a

touch of green capsicum. Cellar: Cellar up to 2023







# Willow Bridge Estate Dragonfly Shiraz 2018

Two hours south of Perth in the Ferguson Valley sub-region of Geographe is where you'll find Willow Bridge Estate. Jeff and Vicki Dewar bought the vineyard in 1996 and enlisted the expertise of Kim Horton and Dougal Herd to create premium wines that are exceptional value for money. Estate grown from the spectacular hillside vineyard in the Ferguson Valley of the Geographe wine region, fruit is sourced from 1998 plantings, in Jeff and Vicki's north facing Forrest, Jarrah and Blinman blocks. Dragonfly Shiraz is an expression of the juicy and generous varietal blackberry and blueberry fruits Willow Bridge attains in the Ferguson Valley, complemented by fine tannin and supporting French oak.

Region: Geographe, WA

Notes: Bright and fresh aromas of blueberry and black plum with french oak hints. The palate is delicious and textural with notes of sweet plums and dark berries with toasted French oak and long fine tannins.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2025

Food match: Pulled pork sliders

Alc/Vol: 14.0%







#### Plantagenet Lion's Circle Cabernet Merlot 2016

Plantagenet's story began in 1968, when English migrant, Tony Smith, bought a farm in the Shire of Plantagenet and planted Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. The first fruit was picked in 1974 and the wines showed exciting potential, enough for Smith to convert a local apple packing shed into a winery. Embracing the cool climate conditions of the Great Southern region, Smith went on to plant other varieties, including Riesling, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The vineyards all benefit from their coastal proximity, enjoying abundant rainfall and cool twilight breezes from the neighbouring Southern Ocean. In 1999, Plantagenet Wines was purchased by Lionel Samson & Son, Western Australia's oldest family-owned business, a company with a rich heritage of its own.

Region: Great Southern, WA

Notes: Soft and supple with the bright and generous red fruit characters balanced by savoury tannins and a

long flavorsome finish. Cellar: Cellar up to 2021 Food match: Duck tacos

Alc/Vol: 13.0%





# **Bayliss Road**Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Bayliss Road is the second label of Vinrock Wines and the range is made exclusively for The Wine Collective by winemaker, Michael Fragos. The Black Label range is extremely popular and it's easy to see why; every year the wines are rich, concentrated and full-flavoured. This parcel comes from the Luca vineyard, a boutique family vineyard in the heart of McLaren Vale. After gentle pressing, the free run juice and the pressing fractions were blended together and then aged for 12 months in a mix of new and old French Hogshead before release.

Region: McLaren Vale, SA

**Notes:** Rich, dark fruits fill the mouth in waves: blackcurrant, blackberry and mulberry, with subtle notes of chocolate and a soft tannin structure.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2024

Food match: Steak with a red wine reduction

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

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Aramis Wines has partnered with The Wine Collective (and formally The Wine Society) for many years and their wines always punch above their weight in terms of quality and price. And our latest collaboration is no different. The grapes for this Shiraz come from Aramis' stunning 64 acre vineyard, located in the southern foothills of the McLaren Vale region. Its unique position, just 2km away from the coast of the Gulf St Vincent, allows the vines to benefit from a maritime climate with cooling afternoon sea breezes coming in from the south west. These breezes prevent the fruit from overripening, enabling Aramis to produce elegant wines that balance rich primary fruit flavours with the characteristic earthiness and minerality associated with the region.

Region: McLaren Vale, SA

**Notes:** This classic McLaren Vale Shiraz is a smooth, rich wine with layers of delicious dark berry fruit and mocha. On the palate it's smoky, earthy notes and well integrated tannins provide a perfect balance to the bright fruit flavours.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2025

Food match: Mushroom bruschetta

Alc/Vol: 14.5%





# Alejandro Saperavi 2018

Alex Russell grew up in Melbourne's south and started home brewing at the age of 13. The day after his 18th birthday he started working in a bottle shop and enrolled in viticulture at La Trobe. After finishing his studies he moved to Mildura and enrolled in wine science at Charles Sturt University. He first made wine with Zilzie, then Angove, where he was introduced to the Riverland Vine Improvement Committee (RVIC). RVIC are a nursery business importing and propagating new or alternate varieties, usually from Europe. Alex became their experimental winemaker in a voluntary capacity whilst working for Angove. There he was exposed to everything from Albarino to Zinfandel. In 2014 Alex launched 'alejandro' with the release of a 2013 Carménère and a 2014 Montepulciano.

Region: Riverland, SA

Notes: The nose is bright and vibrant with notes of blueberry, aniseed and liquorice along with touches of vanilla and toasted oak. The palate is full bodied with intense dark fruit and a luscious mix of fruit, spice and tannin sweetness.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2023

Food match: Slow braised beef rib

Alc/Vol: 14.5%

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