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## Meadowbank Tasmanian Chardonnay 2016



Meadowbank was first planted in 1974, prior to the purchase of the estate by Gerald and Sue Ellis in 1976. The initial plantings were small, but the business was enthusiastically grown by Gerald into the premium offering that is seen today. Partnering with friend and winemaker Peter Dredge, the next chapter is now being written. 'Meadowbank' is the purest realisation of what the vineyard and Tasmania can offer. Located in the verdant Coal River Valley, north of Hobart in Tasmania, Meadowbank has two estate vineyards spanning over 50 hectares. The primary vineyard sites are at Cambridge and Glenora. Reflecting their cool climate origins, the winemaking team pick at physiological ripeness to elicit the most natural expression of their fruit.

**Region:** Southern Tasmania, TAS  
**Notes:** 'Slender chardonnay with both charm and length. This is fruit and acidity strung on a crackling wire. It's nervy, nectarine-like, citrusy, chalky and long. It doesn't lack texture, not at all, but the acidity keeps things geared towards the finish, where the flavours burst out into the distance. A great option for the cellar.' Campbell Mattinson.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2025  
**Food match:** Fish pie  
**Alc/Vol:** 12.5%



## Gundog Estate Riesling 2019



A boutique producer of premium wines, Gundog Estate engages passionate growers who deliver the highest quality fruit every year. In the winery, the winemaking team are lead by award-winning winemaker Matt Burton, who employs a thoughtful combination of new and old world practices to deliver high quality wines which balance fruit flavour and complexity whilst telling a story of the region. 2019 marks the release of Matt's third Canberra District Riesling. The grapes came from the Four Winds Vineyard, which were hand-picked and promptly delivered to Gundog's Hunter winery. Only the first 500 litres per ton of free-run juice was used, which was fined and racked prior to fermentation. As per the previous releases, Matt sought absolute purity of fruit expression, supported by a line of natural acidity.

**Region:** Canberra District, NSW  
**Notes:** 'This is Canberra District Riesling at its best! The product of an extended ripening season, this Riesling boasts remarkably pure citrus aromas and flavours in combination with a palate of impressive structure and drive. The wine is certainly packed with enough acidity to carry it for a very long time!' Matt Burton, Winemaker.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2026  
**Food match:** Sashimi platter  
**Alc/Vol:** 11.8%



## Simao & Co. Nebbiolo 2016



'Simon Killeen – formerly of Stanton & Killeen – has decided to go out on his own and launch his own wines. It's a brave step but he's taken to it like a duck to water. This is an exciting development for north-east Victorian wine and, by extension, for Australian wine. The range sources grapes from a range of interesting plots around Victoria's north-east. Simon's late father, Chris Killeen, was renowned as an experimenter, a champion of Portuguese varieties in Australia, and as the producer of Australia's best and most interesting Vintage Port.' Campbell Mattinson

**Region:** Alpine Valley, VIC  
**Notes:** This wine has all the lifted cherry notes, as you'd expect from cool Alpine Valleys fruit, followed by a palate that is finely tannic and so well built. Wonderfully aromatic, with rose-hip, sour cherry, grainy tannins, musk and red jubes. Exemplary, and a real benchmark for the Alpine Valleys region.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2024  
**Food match:** Roast goose with red cabbage  
**Alc/Vol:** 13.8%



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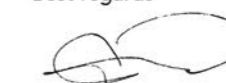
What a year it's been so far. This winter felt long and, whilst I love nothing better than curling up with a glass of something rich and delicious, I do love that I can always tell when the weather is turning warmer as I begin to look beyond more full-throated wines for those that offer refreshment and lighter layers of flavour.

Once again I've tried to include a mix of interesting finds and classic styles for you to enjoy. Which is why I jumped at the chance to include the Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Gris Les Prince Abbes 2016 for your Founders case. We tasted the entire Schlumberger range during an in-house Alsatian tasting, and all of the Schlumberger wines were incredible, outshining two other internationally renowned producers from the region. In this Pinot Gris, the notes of spiced turkish delight and dried pineapple are overlaid by mouthwatering acidity, keeping the palate refreshing and off-dry, rather than sweet. It's an incredibly vibrant wine that is complex, layered and delicious.

Another wine I want to highlight is the Calmel et Joseph Terrasses du Larzac 2016, which hails from the relatively unknown Terrasses du Larzac appellation within the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France. While I am a big fan of Mourvèdre (known as Mataro in Australia) I don't think I've ever tasted one with so much complexity and layers of flavour. On top of the earthy, almost animal notes you would expect to find in a Mourvèdre based wine, there are notes of menthol, mint and tar alongside bramble and blueberry notes. The wine was very chameleon-like when I tried it; every time I swirled, sniffed and sipped, it had changed again! I found it both intriguing and delicious in equal measure and I'd love to know what you think of it.

I hope you enjoy your September wine plan pack. As always, if you have any feedback please don't hesitate to send me an email: [wineplans@thewinecollective.com.au](mailto:wineplans@thewinecollective.com.au)

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## Domaines Schlumberger Pinot Gris Les Prince Abbes 2016



Domaines Schlumberger is a family estate established in 1810. At present it is run by two generations working side by side: Alain Beydon-Schlumberger, 6th generation and Séverine and Thomas Schlumberger, 7th generation. All of their wines are estate-grown and produced on site. With an exceptional location, situated on the steep hillsides of the Vosges Mountains, the estate benefits from the best exposure where the incline of the slopes can reach 50°. The vineyard's topography and soil composition means yields are much lower than average for the region - only 45 hl/ha for the entire domaine. Even today, all vineyard work is carried out with teams of horses, who can navigate the steep slopes. 30 hectares are farmed biodynamically, to ensure great quality wines for the future generations.

**Region:** Alsace, France  
**Notes:** The nose is lifted and attractive with intense notes of rich, ripe yellow fruits, golden apple, quince and a characteristic smokiness. The off-dry palate is textural and luscious, with a voluminous, mouth-filling energy and drive. Wonderfully ripe fruits are balanced by linear acidity that focuses the wine through to the finish. Stunning.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2022  
**Food match:** Stir-fried mushrooms  
**Alc/Vol:** 13.5%



## Calmel et Joseph Terrasses du Larzac 2016



Laurent Calmel and Jerome Joseph joined forces in 1995, as negociants specialising in wines from the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France. Finding a shared passion for the wines of the Mediterranean and a fervent desire to establish the Languedoc as a region of both quality and value, they started to work with vineyards across the breadth of the region, exploring and championing what they refer to as its 'palette of terroir'. They take care to select only the most expressive fruit, and manage the winemaking and maturation processes themselves. Nowadays Calmel et Joseph has its own footprint, a stunning, organically farmed 200 hectare property on the outskirts of Carcassonne, with 20 hectares under vine. The size and sheltered nature of the property allows them to create a unique and sustainable ecosystem – they firmly believe in biodiversity and have complemented the vineyard sections with olive groves, lavender fields, almond orchards and beehives.

**Region:** Terrasses du Larzac AOC, France  
**Notes:** A blend of 50% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah and 25% Grenache, the fruit-packed nose offers its classic notes of blackcurrant and spice, layered with touches of menthol and aniseed. This vintage has superb balance, with a silky texture, velvety tannins, and aromas of eucalyptus, elderberry, crystallised fruit with rich toasted notes on the finish.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2025  
**Food match:** Roast lamb with black olive sauce  
**Alc/Vol:** 13.5%



## Hobbs Tin Lids Shiraz Cabernet 2017



Hobbs vineyard is home to some of the Barossa's oldest Shiraz, planted at the turn of the last century. The vineyard is nestled in the cool, beautiful Barossa Ranges, where the climate and distinct soil structure provide the ideal conditions for producing fruit of unique quality. Hobbs is owned by Greg and Allison, who, along with their family, moved to the historic 15 acre vineyard in 1995, leaving behind a city life for a new life among the vines. Managing their vineyard with sustainable agricultural practices, they make their premium range of wines by concentrating on preserving the complex balance of natural flavours of the grapes. The Barossa Ranges provide unique conditions for grape growing and the Hobbs vineyard is situated at the top of the ranges, overlooking Flaxman's Valley. A combination of wet, chilly winters and warm summers conspire with the unique local soils to produce grapes of rich character.

**Region:** Barossa Valley, SA  
**Notes:** A complex nose, with aromas of blueberries and prunes alongside notes of pepper, cigar box, herbs and hints of leather. There is a wonderful depth to the palate, with herbs and spices along with blueberries and soft, generous tannins. A well-balanced wine with great natural acid.  
**Cellar:** Cellar up to 2029  
**Food match:** 'Parrillada' - Argentinian mixed grill  
**Alc/Vol:** 15.3%



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