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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 n 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, crystalised 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%



Simao & Co.



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,



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 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: Grilled sausages Alc/Vol: 15.3%



Rockburn Pinot Noir 2016

Rockburn takes its name from the rugged, rock-strewn, burn-scarred landscape of Central Otago. The region is renowned for its stunning scenery of rugged mountains and picturesque lakes. Rockburn produce premium wines of intense varietal characteristics in the world's most southerly grape-growing region. Central Otago, at 45° south, has a climate similar to France's Burgundy, the great Pinot Noir producing region of the world. All of Rockburn's wines exhibit strong varietal characteristics and crisp acid, which is typical of the region. The 2016 vintage yielded beautiful fruit from each of Rockburn's Pinot Noir sites, which the winemaking team simply guided gently through to bottling with minimal handling. This 'hands-off' approach delivered a pure expression of Central Otago.

Region: Central Otago, New Zealand

Notes: An expressive nose and deeply fruited palate displaying vibrant notes of red and black cherry, rich mocha and supple, silky tannins leading onto a very long finish. As always this wine shows classic elegance, integrity and balance.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2022 Food match: Pot roasted chicken

Alc/Vol: 14.5%





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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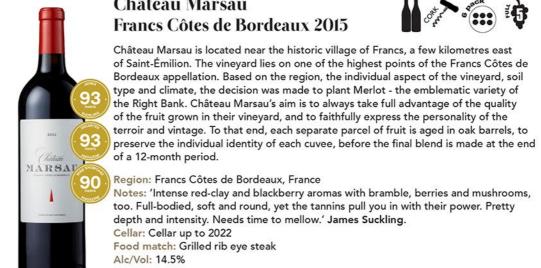
Houghton **CW Ferguson Cabernet** Malbec 2014

Three British Army officers (Thomas Yule, Ninian Lowis and Richmond Houghton) established Houghton in 1836, just four years after the fledgling colony of Western Australia was founded. Their first commercial vintage, produced by Dr John Ferguson in 1859, was a modest 25 gallons. John Ferguson, a Scottish surgeon, purchased the property that year and was winemaker until 1863. His son Charles Ferguson took over the company in 1875. In 1880, Houghton received its first wine award, the 'Order of Merit' at the Great Melbourne Exhibition. This was the first of many triumphs that have paved the way for Houghton to become Western Australia's most awarded winery. The reason Houghton is Western Australia's most awarded winery has everything to do with the people behind the wines. Home to only 13 winemakers in its entire 180-year history, today's senior winemaker Ross Pamment, has been part of the Houghton team for almost 30 years and he continues to build on the enviable reputation shaping the Western Australian winemaking landscape.

Region: Great Southern, WA

Notes: 'Strength of character. This is one of those red wines you almost feel as though you can lean on, its bold black fruit, planks of wood and waves of tannin are all suggestive of power and size. Mint, lavender, bay and anise flavours make contributions but blackcurrantwrapped-in-cream is the main force here. It's a monty for the cellar.' Campbell Mattinson, Halliday Wine Companion.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2030 Food match: Gratin dauphinoise Alc/Vol: 14.0%



Château Marsau Francs Côtes de Bordeaux 2015









intriquing 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

What a year it's been so far. This winter felt long and, whilst I love nothing better than curling

is turning warmer as I begin to look beyond more full-throttled wines for those that offer

up with a glass of something rich and delicious, I do love that I can always tell when the weather

Once again I've tried to include a mix of interesting finds and classic styles for you to enjoy. The first wine I'd like to draw your attention to is the Hobbs Tin Lids Shiraz Cabernet 2017. This is an absolute classic from the Barossa. Hobbs have chosen to follow the less is more philosophy - focusing on making smaller quantities of premium wines, and boy, does it show. This is a big wine, yet elegant and so very, very concentrated. It's drinking beautifully now but will age very

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

don't hesitate to send me an email: wineplans@thewinecollective.com.au

Best regards



Hello Founder's wine club member.

Welcome to your September wine plan!

refreshment and lighter layers of flavour.

Sarah Linhart Wine Buyer

gracefully indeed.

Cellar: Cellar up to 2022 Food match: Grilled rib eye steak

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