

Catching up with Riposte's winemaker Tim Knappstein

Q What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given when it comes to winemaking?

A What determines the quality of a wine is not the barrels of wine that you put in a blend, but the ones you leave out. In other words, be ruthless when you select for quality. Don't include lesser wines just for the volume.

Q What's your biggest career highlight so far?

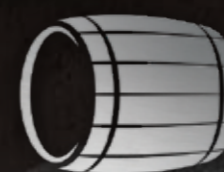
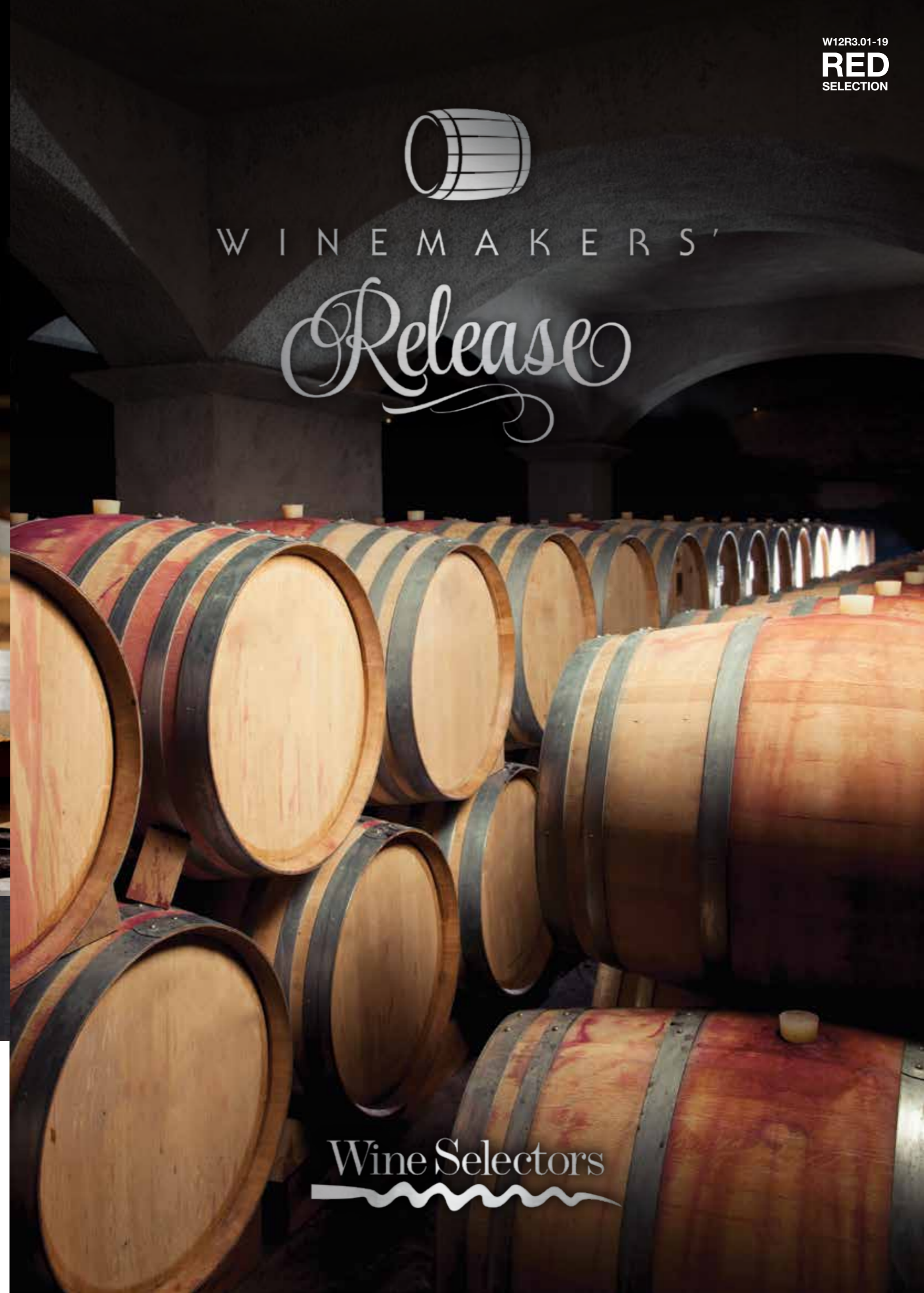
A I recently tasted a vertical of the last eight vintages of The Sabre, plus two Reserve wines, and realised that I had achieved one of my big ambitions. While collectively they had won a number of gold medals and trophies, what really thrilled me was that while they showed aged characters, they were still lively and 'together', rich and complex. I always wanted to make Pinot with legs!

Q The Riposte The Sabre Pinot Noir 2016 is our Pick of the Pack – what makes this such a standout?

A It's a multi-vineyard and multi-clonal wine, it's made of many small batches fermented, pressed and aged separately in the best French oak barriques that we can buy, 20% of them new. My son Nick and I constantly taste through up to 100 of these barrels, aiming to create a rich, layered and complex wine which reflects the individual vintage. Typically we will reject up to 20% of the barrels available, often because the wine just doesn't fit what we're aiming for – see best advice!



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Riposte The Sabre
Pinot Noir 2016



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Angas & Bremer PW1 Malbec 2016



“The Angas and Bremer Rivers provide deep alluvial soils and sub-soil moisture, and this Gold and Trophy winner is testament to Malbec’s regional potential.”

Grown in: Langhorne Creek, SA

Made by: Peter Pollard

In the glass: Inky red to black.

On the nose: Concentrated dark berry fruit and toasty oak.

On the palate: A monster! Saturated with flavour showing as intense dark berry fruit and oak. Very powerful, yet well-balanced with a good interplay of tannins and acidity.

Pair with: Moroccan lamb with cous cous

Best time to drink: Now to 2024

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$40.00 6-pack: \$36.00 Dozen: \$32.00

Order code: ANGAS30716



Fraser Gallop Estate Misceo Cabernet Blend 2016

“Crafted with fruit from Margaret River’s Wilyabrup sub-region, the name behind this wine, Misceo, means ‘mix’ – and what a harmonious mix it is!”

Grown in: Margaret River, WA

Made by: Clive Otto

In the glass: Medium red black.

On the nose: Bordeaux-like complexity of briar, redcurrant, blackberry, and gun smoke.

On the palate: Red and black fruits throughout with dried herb and briar, deep iodine-like Petit Verdot tannins, lovely savoury oak and hints of clove and cedar to finish.

Pair with: Cheddar, muscatels and olives

Best time to drink: Now to 2024

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$30.00 6-pack: \$27.00 Dozen: \$25.50

Order code: FRASE30616



KEITH TULLOCH WINE

Keith Tulloch Pinot Shiraz 2016

“From regions that each do very well in the right producer’s hands, and Keith Tulloch is more than a safe pair of hands, this unique blend delivers in spades.”

Grown in: Tumberumba, Hunter Valley, NSW

Made by: Keith Tulloch

In the glass: Deep garnet colour.

On the nose: Quite a rich raspberry, strawberry, plum and black pepper perfume.

On the palate: Medium to full-bodied with plum and blackberry fruit flavours, firm dry tannin structure, tangy acidity and good length. A Pinot-dominant blend with a lovely foundation of Shiraz.

Pair with: Margherita pizza with rocket salad

Best time to drink: Now to 2020

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$42.00 6-pack: \$38.70 Dozen: \$35.70

Order code: KEITH30616

LECONFIELD

Leconfield Cabernet Sauvignon 2016



“Leconfield Wines was established by the visionary Sydney Hamilton, a renowned vigneron and 4th generation winemaker – this Gold medal winner speaks to his vision!”

Grown in: Coonawarra, SA

Made by: Paul Gordon

In the glass: Deep, dark red.

On the nose: Blackcurrant, mulberry, bay leaf and cedar oak.

On the palate: An iron fist in a velvet glove – powerful yet polished with a solid core of black fruit, very fine yet powerful tannin drive and a long, generous finish.

Pair with: Tagine with dates and olives

Best time to drink: Now to 2024

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75

Order code: LECON30216



PREMIUM HUNTER VALLEY WINES

Margan Vineyards Shiraz Tempranillo 2017

“The two varieties, Shiraz and Tempranillo, share strong black fruit flavours and a muscular tannin frame – so it makes sense that they work so well together in this expertly balanced blend.”

Grown in: Hunter Valley, NSW

Made by: Andrew Margan

In the glass: Vibrant dark red purple.

On the nose: Ripe dark berry and spice lift.

On the palate: Youthful and intense with cherry, raspberry and red plum fruit and youthfully tart acidity, clove, anise and vanillin complexity, fresh herb and spice notes.

Pair with: Tapas or mezze

Best time to drink: Now to 2023

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75

Order code: MARGA30617



Massena The Moonlight Run Mataro Grenache Shiraz 2017

“The Massena is a take on the reds of the Southern Rhone, dreamt up by winemaker Jaysen Collins, who craved a soft, seamless wine after a hard day’s work.”

Grown in: Barossa Valley, SA

Made by: Jaysen Collins

In the glass: Deep red.

On the nose: Plum, blackberry, tobacco and black pepper.

On the palate: Powerful and expressive with a lovely mix of fruit and savoury elements. Dark fruit and clove with fine, lingering tannins.

Pair with: Charcuterie, pickles and sourdough

Best time to drink: Now to 2022

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$30.00 6-pack: \$27.00 Dozen: \$25.50

Order code: MASSE30617



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Dave Mavor, winemaker and wine show judge

“A pioneer of the Adelaide Hills region, Riposte winemaker and owner, Tim Knapstein, has over 50 years experience crafting rich and complex Pinots – just like this Pick of the Pack.”

PICK of the PACK



Mountadam Vineyards Patriarch Shiraz 2013

“Patriarch Shiraz honours Mountadam’s founder and one of the wine industry’s great visionaries, the late David Wynn.”

Grown in: Barossa Valley, SA

Made by: Con Moshos

In the glass: Dark red with a brick hue.

On the nose: Savoury and fresh with cedar, leather and oak aromas.

On the palate: Sweet, deep and fleshy with ripe curranty fruit and cedary oak. Flavourful and complex, nicely balanced, layered and long with lovely bottle development.

Pair with: Grilled sirloin with herb butter

Best time to drink: Now to 2021

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$40.00 6-pack: \$36.00 Dozen: \$34.00

Order code: MOUNT30113



Pepper Tree Limited Release Venator Shiraz 2017

“The grapes for this wine were sourced from the best soils across several sub-regions of the Hunter Valley.”

Grown in: Hunter Valley, NSW

Made by: Gwyn Olsen

In the glass: Deep purple.

On the nose: Dark berries, toast and pepper.

On the palate: Medium bodied yet with a concentration of black and blue fruit, anise, black olive and black pepper complexity, fine yet deep tannins and well integrated deluxe vanillin oak.

Pair with: Roasted vegetable and pesto lasagne

Best time to drink: Now to 2023

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75

Order code: PEPPE31117



Sam Miranda Myrree Barbera 2015

“Sam Miranda is a third generation winemaker whose family moved from Italy in the 1930s. His strong connection to Italy is evident in his savoury Italian varietals.”

Grown in: King Valley VIC

Made by: Sam Miranda

In the glass: Full, deep red.

On the nose: Currant, plum and cedar lift.

On the palate: Full-bodied and generous with a dark core of fruit, making for a dense yet velvety wine. The palate is rich and inky with solid tannin intensity and has a refined finish.

Pair with: Tomato and olive ragu on pappardelle

Best time to drink: Now to 2022

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75

Order code: SAMMI31715



Terra Felix The Regionals Pinot Noir 2016



“Established in 2001, Terra Felix is Latin for ‘lucky earth’ or ‘lucky country’, which is how owner Peter Simon’s father described Australia when he migrated from Austria.”

Grown in: Yarra Valley, VIC

Made by: Willy Lunn

In the glass: Pale ruby.

On the nose: Spicy with red and black berry fruit lift.

On the palate: Layers of raspberry and cherry, vanillin oak and fine tannins with savoury oak support. Velvety and textural with a touch of confectionery and a long, satiny finish.

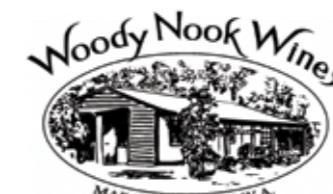
Pair with: Cured salmon and beetroot salad

Best time to drink: Now to 2020

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$32.00 6-pack: \$28.80 Dozen: \$27.20

Order code: TERRA30416



Woody Nook Cabernet Merlot 2014

“The wine quality from this boutique vineyard has never been better thanks to increasing vine age and many years of continuous winemaking experience.”

Grown in: Margaret River, WA

Made by: Neil Gallagher

In the glass: Deep red purple.

On the nose: Blackberry, dark cherry, black pepper and five spice.

On the palate: Decadent with fine tannin structure. A huge core of black fruit, spicy complexity and a long, lingering finish.

Pair with: Pistachio crusted lamb with pea cous cous and tahini cucumber sauce

Best time to drink: Now to 2022

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75

Order code: WOODY30614



Riposte The Sabre Pinot Noir 2016

“With a long history of judging, Tim enjoys the opportunity to taste and experience a wide range of Australian cool climate wines, and is a master of Pinot Noir.”

Grown in: Adelaide Hills, SA

Made by: Tim Knapstein

In the glass: Deep garnet.

On the nose: Strawberry, dark cherry and plum with earthy notes and kitchen spice.

On the palate: Very ripe and juicy, showing developed red plum, strawberry, complex tannins, mouth-watering acidity and cedar oak support.

Pair with: Mushroom risotto with speck

Best time to drink: Now to 2021

Enjoy it again – bottle price per:

Single: \$40.00 6-pack: \$36.00 Dozen: \$34.00

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