

## 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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Pinot Noir 2016








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Dave Mavor, winemaker and wine show judge

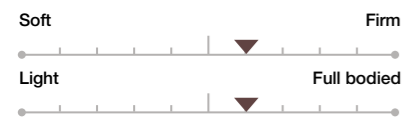
“ A pioneer of the Adelaide Hills region, Riposte winemaker and owner, Tim Knappstein, has over 50 years experience crafting rich and complex Pinots – just like this Pick of the Pack. ”

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### Eppalock Ridge Shiraz 2014

**Grown in:** Goulburn Valley/Heathcote, VIC  
**Made by:** Rod Hourigan  
**In the glass:** Medium density red.  
**On the nose:** Redcurrant, cherry, plum, earth and leather.  
**On the palate:** Medium weight and spicy with a mix of red and black fruit, earth and leather aged complexity. Excellent example of an aged Shiraz with obvious savoury oak and a silky smoothness to the tannin structure – a benefit of enjoying several years in bottle.  
**Pair with:** Aged cheddar, olives and walnuts  
**Best time to drink:** Now to 2020



**Enjoy it again – bottle price per:**  
 Single: \$35.00 6-pack: \$31.50 Dozen: \$29.75  
**Order code:** EPPAL30114



### Goodman Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

**Grown in:** Yarra Valley, VIC  
**Made by:** Kate Goodman  
**In the glass:** Deep, dense red black.  
**On the nose:** A powerhouse of cola, currant and prune, spearmint and herb plus deluxe oak perfume.  
**On the palate:** Massive yet surprisingly gentle flavours with dense layers of cola and cassis with deep, inky tannins and beautiful velvety balance.  
**Pair with:** Grilled vegetable lasagne  
**Best time to drink:** Now to 2023

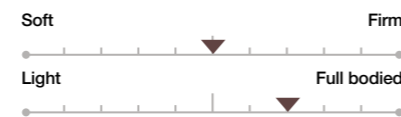


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### Massena The Moonlight Run Mataro Grenache Shiraz 2017

**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

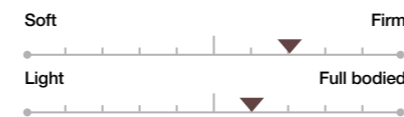


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### Mountadam Vineyards Patriarch Shiraz 2013

**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



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**Order code:** MOUNT30113



### Sam Miranda Myrrhee Barbera 2015

**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

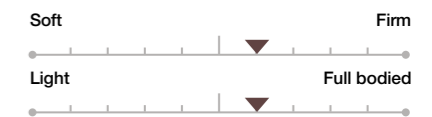


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### Riposte The Sabre Pinot Noir 2016

**Grown in:** Adelaide Hills, SA  
**Made by:** Tim Knappstein  
**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 – a full-bodied Pinot showing developed red plum, strawberry, complex tannins, mouth-watering acidity and cedar oak support.  
**Pair with:** Mushroom risotto with speck and thyme  
**Best time to drink:** Now to 2021



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#### Lake views

In 1978, Rod and Sue Hourigan established the first winery at Redesdale, in the Heathcote region. Originally known as Romany Rye, it was renamed Eppalock Ridge due to nearby Lake Eppalock.

#### Yarra calling

Kate Goodman honed her craft at wineries in South Australia and Victoria, as well as vintages in Europe and the US. She moved to the Yarra Valley in 2000, eventually setting up her eponymous wine business in 2012.

#### Hard day's night

This juicy style is the Massena take on the reds of the Southern Rhone. It was conceived during midnight drives in 1999, when the winemaker would crave a soft, seamless wine after a hard day's work.

#### Legend honoured

Patriarch Shiraz honours Mountadam's founder and one of the wine industry's great visionaries, the late David Wynn, who established the vineyard in High Eden in 1972.

#### Viva L'Italia!

Sam Miranda is the third generation of a prominent winemaking family who moved from Italy to Australia in the 1930s, so it is no surprise that he ended up in the King Valley making savoury Italian varietals.

#### Pinot perfection

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 with this often challenging Pinot Noir variety.