

## BEVANDE NON ALCOLICHE

### WATER

San Pellegrino Sparkling 500ml	6
Acqua Panna Still 500ml	6
San Pellegrino Sparkling 1 litre	10
Acqua Panna Still 1 litre	10

### ITALIAN SOFT DRINKS

San Pellegrino Italian specialty soft drinks 200 ml:	
Chinotto	6
Aranciata Rossa (blood orange)	6
Limonata (lemon)	6
San Pellegrino SanBitter Red non-alcoholic aperitif	6
House Made Lemon Iced Tea	8

### SOFT DRINKS

Coca Cola 330ml	6
Coke Zero 330ml	6
Sprite 330ml	6
Fanta 330ml	6
Lift 330ml	6
Ginger Beer	6

### JUICE

Apple Juice	6
Orange Juice	6
Pineapple Juice	6
Tomato Juice	6
Guava Juice	6
Cranberry Juice	6
Pomegranate Juice	6

# BEERS

## ON TAP

Peroni Nastro Azzurro Italy 5.1% 9

Asahi Super Dry Black Lager Japan 5.5% 9

## BY THE BOTTLE

Stone & Wood Lager Byron Bay 11

Corona Mexico 9

Moretti Friuli Italy 9

Peroni Leggera Italy 9

Peroni La Rossa Italy 9

Nomad Brewing Co. Long Trip Saison Sydney 12

6.6% ALC/VOL A dry, tart and spicy brew, combining European and American hops with coffee beans, wattle seeds and Tasmanian pepper.

Menabrea Bionda Lager Italy 9

4.8% ALC/VOL Brewed using light barley malts and maize for a light, crisp Lager style. A more significant amount of hops than is usual for a Lager beer are added for increased aromatic complexity.

Birra del Borgo Imbranata Saison Italy 14

6.4% ALC/VOL Slight cloudy amber, citrus aroma, light body with heaps of citrus, lime, honey, very dry finish

Birra del Borgo Stella e Strisce Golden Ale Italy 14

3.7% ALC/VOL Refreshing, intense, crisp Golden Ale finishing with notes of pleasant bitterness.

Baladin Isaac Blonde Italy 14

5.0% ALC/VOL Aromas of coriander and peeled oranges leap from the glass. Refreshing, light-bodied, and very easy to drink.

Baladin Super Bitter Italy 14

8.0% ALC/VOL The generous use of American "Amarillo" hops strikes a perfect balance of caramel and dried fruit aromas with hoppy bitterness on the palate.

Brewfist La Bassa Real Pilsner Italy 14

5.2% ALC/VOL La Bassa is a low fermenting Pilsner from Brewfist, an Italian craft brewery. Golden colour with a generous and persistent foam. Fresh, dry and pleasantly hoppy taste.

Brewfist Caterpillar American Pale Ale Italy 14

5.8% ALC/VOL this is a fantastic well balanced American Pale Ale, big on flavour and its own unique character, giving you that blend of Danish flair and Italian passion.

## CIDER

Baladin Sidro Apple & Pear Cider Italy 12

# COCKTAILS

## LOCALE SIGNATURES

<b>LA PADRONA</b>	18
Light and refreshing Bulldog gin, Elderflower liqueur, cucumber, mint, soda water	
<b>AMALFITANO</b>	18
Lemon meringue in a glass Limoncello, Vanilla Absolute vodka, lemon juice, basil sugar syrup, egg white	
<b>MR PINK</b>	18
More Pulp Fiction than Reservoir Dogs Belvedere vodka, peach liqueur, guava juice, lime juice	
<b>LUSH</b>	18
Cuba meets France Fresh pineapple, Havana Rum 3, Cointreau, lime, mint	
<b>EARL GREY JULEP</b>	18
Royally refreshing Earl Grey infused vodka, Apricot liqueur, mint, lemonade, lime	
<b>SMOKING JOSE</b>	20
A smoky Mexican Vida de San Luis del Rio Mescal, 43 Vanilla liqueur, lime, pineapple juice	
<b>LA SIGNORINA</b>	18
Your first love...bitter sweet Pink grapefruit, Citrus vodka, Lychee liqueur, rose water, lemon	
<b>UNION JACK</b>	18
When a Londoner goes to Milan London n°1 gin, Campari, Rosso Antico, Agave syrup, grapefruit, lime, egg white	
<b>TEQUILA MOCKINGBIRD</b>	18
Mocking the classic Julep Espolon Reposado Tequila, Aperol, grapefruit juice, Agave syrup, mint	
<b>SAILOR'S CRUSH</b>	18
Gilligan loved Ginger?? Sailor Jerry Rum, ginger liqueur, cloudy apple, lime, ginger beer	
<b>LOCALE PASSION</b>	18
Passionately infused Vanilla infused Belvedere vodka, Madagascar vanilla liqueur, lemon caramel, passionfruit puree, cloudy apple	

Please ask our Bartender for your favourite Cocktail

# COCKTAILS

## LOCALE NEGRONIS

<b>CLASSIC</b>	18
Lord Negroni approved The original combination of London Dry Bulldog Gin, Cinzano red vermouth and Campari.	
<b>IL "NEGRONI"</b>	18
Bloody good Bulldog Gin, Cinzano Red vermouth, Campari, Aperol, blood orange, Campari sugar rim	
<b>DELUXE</b>	22
The Don drinks this one Malfy Italian Gin, Antica Formula Red vermouth, Cynar, Luxardo Italian bitter liqueur, orange bitters	
<b>DOWN UNDER</b>	20
Sam Kekovic drinks this one Four Pillars Spiced Negroni gin, Red Okar bitter liqueur, Maidenii vermouth	
<b>BARREL AGED</b>	22
Better than a glass of wine Four Pillars Bloody Shiraz gin, Cinzano 1757, Campari	
<b>CAMOMILLE</b>	18
The calming one Chamomile liquor, 78° Adelaide Hills gin, Punt e Mes liquor, Campari	
<b>BLONDE</b>	18
Blondes have more fun Gin Mare, Cinzano Bianco, Strega liquor, grapefruit bitters	

## LOCALE MARGARITAS

<b>MARGARITA CLASSICA</b>	18
Classically sour Espolon, Reposado tequila, Cointreau, lime	
<b>MARGARITA "IL PADRINO"</b>	18
Sicilian style classic Margarita yet sour and refreshing Espolon Reposado tequila, Solerno blood orange liqueur, blood orange, lime	
<b>PINK GRAPEFRUIT MARGARITA</b>	18
Rose coloured, bitter truth Espolon Reposado tequila, Cointreau, Campari, pink grapefruit, lime	
<b>COCONUT MARGARITA</b>	20
Sour in the tropics 1800 Coconut tequila, agave syrup, lime, roasted coconut rim	
<b>TOMMY'S MARGARITA</b>	18
Tommy's on the rocks Espolon Reposado tequila, agave syrup, lime, rocks	

# COCKTAILS

## A TWIST ON THE CLASSICS

<b>CHILLI PASSIONFRUIT CAIPIROSKA</b>	18
Hot passion Belvedere vodka, passionfruit, passionfruit puree, fresh lime, chilli, sugar syrup	
<b>SPICED UP MOJITO</b>	19
Castro went to Thailand Havana Club 3 year old, Australian Spiced Rum, ginger and lemongrass sugar syrup, soda water, mint, lime	
<b>MR. MILLERS MAI TAI</b>	22
Tall, strong and handsome Gunnery Spiced rum, apricot liqueur, lemon caramel, mint, lime, Black Seal rum	
<b>BOYS CLUB</b>	22
Secrets in the backroom Vanilla infused Zacapa 23 rum, citrus, star anise, cinnamon, peppercorn syrup, old fashion bitters	
<b>SNICKERS OLD FASHIONED</b>	19
Adults only Peanut infused Jack Daniels, salted caramel, chocolate bitters	
<b>LOCALE ESPRESSO MARTINI</b>	18
Want to hear a joke? Decaf! Belvedere Vodka, cold drip coffee liqueur, Nocello hazelnut liqueur, espresso	
<b>GREEN MARTINI</b>	19
If it is green it must be good for you...right? Botanist gin, Chartreuse Green, basil, cucumber, lemon	
<b>SALTED CARAMEL MARTINI</b>	18
Smart-arsed sweet heart Vanilla infused Belvedere vodka, Butterscotch schnapps, salted caramel	
<b>LOCALE SOUR</b>	18
First Wife's Club favourite Montenegro, Cointreau, lemon juice, egg white, orange bitters	

# COCKTAILS

## LOCALE SPRITZES AND SPARKLING

APEROL SPRITZ	14
Aperol, Prosecco, soda water, orange	
CAMPARI SPRITZ	18
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HUGO SPRITZ	18
St Germain Elderflower liqueur, green apple, mint, Prosecco, lime juice, soda water	
BITTER ITALIAN SPRITZ	18
Blood orange, Luxardo Italian bitter liqueur, lemon juice, Prosecco	
PEACH BELLINI	18
Peach liqueur, peach puree, Prosecco	
CLASSIC CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL	28
Let's keep it simple Hennessy V.S.O.P. Cognac, Angostura bitters, sugar, Laurent-Perrier	
KIR ROYAL	23
Another old-timer which never gets old Creme de Cassis, Laurent-Perrier	

## MOCKTAILS

VIRGIN CAMPARI SPRITZ	12
A bitter non-alcoholic aperitif. San Bitter, lemonade, soda water	
PASSIONITO	12
Like a passionfruit virgin Mojito. Combination of passionfruit, mint, lime, cloudy apple juice, lemonade	
VIRGIN LA PADRONA	12
Our signature cocktail in its virgin version. Elderflower syrup, lime juice, mint, soda water	
FOREST BERRY	12
The fruity cocktail Muddled strawberries, blueberries, raspberry puree, cranberry, lime	
APPLE SPRITZER	12
Refreshing non-alcoholic spritzer Cloudy apple juice, mint, lemon juice, apple syrup, soda water	
MIAMI	12
Like the old "tequila sunrise" Grenadine, cranberry juice, orange juice, pineapple juice, lemon juice	
ORGEAT PUNCH	12
Simply nice.... Orgeat syrup shaken with blood orange juice, soda water	

# WINES BY THE GLASS

## CHAMPAGNE AND SPARKLING WINES 125ML

Laurent-Perrier Tours-sur-Marne France	22
08 Moët & Chandon Épernay France	28
Bellavista Franciacorta Alma Gran Cuvée DOCG Italy	19
16 Fasoli Gino La Corte del Pozzo Prosecco DOCG Italy	14
Ruggeri Quartese Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Italy	15
Quartz Reef Rosé Central Otago New Zealand	18

## WHITE WINE 150ML

16 Stefano Lubiana Riesling Derwent Valley TAS	16
17 Craggy Range Te Muna Road Sauv Blanc Martinborough NZ	15
16 Cullen Mangan Sem Sauvignon Blanc Margaret River WA	16
16 Poderi del Paradiso Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Italy	15
16 Kaltern Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC Italy	15
17 Mac Forbes EB32 Carols Capers Arneis Yarra Valley VIC	16
16 Quartz Reef Pinot Gris Central Otago NZ	16
16 Cantine Pra Otto Soave DOC Italy	16
17 Payten & Jones Valley Vignerons Chardonnay Yarra Valley VIC	14
16 Millton Myrtle Opou Vineyard Chardonnay Gisborne NZ	16

## ROSÉ 150ML

16 Domaine Peyrol Côtes de Provence AOP France	15
16 Collefrisio Terre di Chieti IGT Italy	16
17 Medhurst Yarra Valley VIC	16

## RED WINE 150ML

16 Monte Dall'Ora Valpolicella Classico DOC Italy	16
15 Alois Lageder Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC Italy	20
16 Scorpo Noirien Pinot Noir Mornington Peninsula VIC	17
16 Oltretorrente Barbera Dolcetto Colli Tortonesi DOC Italy	15
15 Ciello Rosso Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane IGP Italy	16
16 Bonacchi Gentilesco Chianti DOCG Italy	14
15 Antinori Pèppoli Chianti Classico DOCG Italy	18
15 Pietraventosa Volere Volare Primitivo Puglia IGT Italy	16
15 Michael Hall Sang de Pigeon Shiraz Barossa Valley SA	16
15 Le Macchiole Bolgheri Rosso DOC   Super Tuscan Blend Italy	22

## WHITE HALF BOTTLES 375ML

- 16 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand 39  
Certified organic fruit, the palate is finely textured with ripe gooseberry, tropical fruit and citrus notes, framed by a fresh acidity to create a persistent finish.
- 10 Yering Station Chardonnay Yarra Valley VIC 49  
Concentrated fruit flavours of grapefruit are balanced by wonderful natural acidity.
- 16 Livon Pinot Grigio Collio DOCG Italy 53  
Butter-yellow colour and aromas of freshly sliced apples and steely minerality. It is quite round and supple on the palate. The ripe apple flavour carries through with a touch of lemon and a bit of creaminess to the minerally-astringent finish.
- 15 Jim Barry The Florita Riesling Clare Valley SA 60  
Purity in a glass, this Riesling is a magnificent micro site Riesling that shows aromas and flavours of lime dominated citrus married with stone fruit characters.
- 16 Gaja Rossj Bass Chardonnay|Sav. Blanc Langhe DOP Italy 157  
Crisp and luminous, the 2016 Langhe Rossj-Bass is Chardonnay enhanced with a tiny part Sauvignon Blanc. This second grape only constitutes 5% of the blend, yet its presence is felt in a big way. The wine presents pristine and sharply delineated tones of exotic fruit, peach and white rose.

## RED HALF BOTTLES 375ML

- 15 Wirra Wirra Church Block McLaren Vale SA 30
- 14 Antinori Peppoli Chianti Classico DOCG Italy 46  
Lively and elegant, showing herb, black cherry and spice flavours backed by dusty tannins.
- 16 Brokenwood Shiraz Hunter Valley NSW 48  
Positive, bright crimson; right in the mainstream of modern or retro-modern medium-bodied Hunter Valley shiraz, with gentle earth and leather regional markers folded into dark berry and plum fruit plus a garnish of fine, savoury tannins.
- 13 Paringa Estate Pinot Noir Mornington Peninsula VIC 75  
A fraction of purple to the crimson colour; the super-fragrant bouquet leaps out of the glass, excluding black cherries and a dash of French oak; the palate has even greater elegance and length.
- 15 Mount Difficulty Pinot Noir Central Otago NZ 78  
Dense dark cherry notes lead into brown spice. A beautifully textured plush mid palate, with fine, elegant textural tannins. Cherry and spice notes to finish.
- 14 Gaja Sito Moresco Langhe DOC Italy 99  
Sito Moresco is Gaja's seamless blend of Nebbiolo, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Ruby red in the glass, sweet aromas of energetic red berries, spiced orange peel, roasted earth and savory minerals lead into a fruit-forward palate that is an absolute pleasure to imbibe.

## RED HALF BOTTLES 375ML

- 13 **Burlotto Barolo DOCG Italy** 110  
Red fruit, mint and liquorice, potpourri and a touch of earthiness. Medium bodied, fresh and lively, blood orange succulence and red berries and cherries, fine drag of dusty tannin, perfume and vigour to its long finish. Finely wrought and quite beautiful.
- 12 **Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Italy** 145  
Ripe dark-skinned berry, baking spice and Mediterranean brush aromas waft out of the glass. The full-bodied palate delivers wild cherry, black raspberry, star anise and salty mineral notes made bolder by alcohol warmth and big, velvety tannins.
- 14 **Antinori Tignanello Toscana IGT Italy** 145  
Bright red fruit up front, followed by vanilla, chocolate and leather, with spiciness and balsamic characters adding complexity. Subtle tannins and fresh acidity give the wine great length.

## SPARKLING HALF BOTTLES 375ML

- Nino Franco Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG 57
- Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims France 105
- Laurent-Perrier Tours-sur-Marne France 65
- Duval-Leroy Rosé Prestige Brut Vertus France 110

## NON VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

- Laurent-Perrier Tours-sur-Marne 110
- Duval-Leroy Vertus 135
- Louis Roederer Brut Premier Reims 147
- Veuve Cliquot Brut Reims 155
- Pol Roger Réserve Brut Épernay 160
- Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve Reims 165
- Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims 189
- Billecart-Salmon Brut Rosé Mareuil-sur-Ay 225
- Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rosé Tours-sur-Marne 250
- Krug Grand Cuvee Reims 480

## GROWER CHAMPAGNE

A. Margaine Cuvée Traditionnelle Premier Cru Villers-Marmery	130
Alexandre Filaine Cuvée Reims	158
Benoît Déhu La Rue des Noyers Fossoy	228
Dhondt-Grellet Le Bateau Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs Flavigny	228
Agrapart Complantée Extra Brut Grand Cru Avize	234
Egly-Ouriet Grand Cru Brut Rose Ambonnay	295

## VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

08 Veuve Cliquot Reims	189
08 Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage Épernay	175
06 Dom Pérignon Reims	430
98 Dom Ruinart Reims	510
09 Louis Roederer Cristal Reims	510
09 Louis Roederer Cristal Rosé Reims	950
99 Salon Cuvée 'S'Le Mesnil-sur-Oger	995
96 Salon Cuvée 'S'Le Mesnil-sur-Oger	1850

## SPARKLING WINES

NV Bandini Prosecco DOC Italy	45
15 Fasoli Gino La Corte del Pozzo Prosecco DOCG Italy	59
NV Ruggeri Quartese Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG It	65
NV Marchese Antinori Montenisa Franciacorta DOCG Italy	95
NV Bellavista Franciacorta DOCG Italy	110
NV Berlucchi Cuvée Storica 61 Rose Franciacorta DOCG Italy	135
NV Quartz Reef Central Otago New Zealand	73
NV Quartz Reef Rosé Central Otago New Zealand	85
14 Deviation Road Loftia Adelaide Hills SA	103
10 Clover Hill Cuvée Exceptionnelle Blanc de Blancs Tasmania	120

# RIESLING

- 17 Adelina Polish Hill River Clare Valley SA 59
- 17 Mac Forbes Spring Riesling Strathbogie Ranges VIC 60
- 16 Frankland Estate Frankland River WA 65
- 13 Ca di Frara Apogèa Riesling Oltrepò Pavese DOC Italy 65  
Body is medium and aftertaste has a pleasant almond bitterness. This is not your average riesling, but once you overcome the surprise you will enjoy it
- 16 Stefano Lubiana Derwent Valley TAS 66  
Farmed biodynamically, Steve and Monique Lubiana are harnessing the flavours of thousands of years of mineral deposits from their superbly positioned vineyard on a sweeping bend of the Derwent River. This Riesling is youthful and vibrant, with soft minerality, bright citrus and green apple.
- 12 Pewsey Vale The Contours Eden Valley SA 82  
Pale straw with green hues, the aromas are intense but restrained with classic lemon and a floral influence with nuances of bottle aged toast, clove oil and lemongrass.
- 15 Kühling-Gillot Nierstein Kabinett Riesling Rheinhessen Germany 85  
Carolin Spanier-Gillot was the first woman to receive Germany's coveted 'Vintner of the Year' title. This is zippy Riesling, with slatey minerality and a touch of the kerosene character so sought after in Rhein Riesling.
- 14 Valli Old Vine Central Otago New Zealand 85  
Lime, grapefruit, orange blossom, green apple and mineral flavours are among the more obvious taste descriptors.
- 15 Pyramid Valley Rose Vineyard Marlborough New Zealand 110  
Very low yields and labour intensive biodynamic viticulture create a powerful Riesling, at once rich and precise, full bodied, but with stark mineral cut.
- 17 Grosset Polish Hill Clare Valley SA 119  
The flavours are tight, fine and dry and show schisty minerality and bright lime zest flavours. It's delicately fragrant with lemon, lime and grapefruit as well as a slatey mineral expression.

# WHITE VARIETALS

- 16 Scarborough Vermentino Hunter Valley NSW 40
- 15 Bellwether Ant Series Bianco d'Alessano Riverland SA 55
- 15 Chalmers Vermentino Heathcote VIC 57
- 15 Kaesler Viognier Barossa Valley SA 57
- 17 Arfion Pinot Grigio Yarra Valley 63  
Red apple, rose and spicy cinnamon aromas with a hint of bread crust goodness. The palate is dry, savoury and textural with preserved lemon rind, fennel and pear.
- 16 Wanaka Road Pinot Gris Central Otago NZ 65  
This wine is all about texture and flavour. Pear, apples, & spicy tones are underlined by aromas of tropical fruit and a soft fullness of flavour. Nice acidity provides a refreshing backbone to the wine. A dry style that is extremely good with food.
- 17 Sigurd Riesling|Garganega Blend Barossa Valley SA 65  
Stonefruit and florals, spice and a hint of green camomile tea. It builds through the mouth with loads of texture built in but it cleans up nicely through the finish with a zing of grapefruit and orange blossom.
- 15 Telmo Rodriguez Gaba do Xil Godello Valdeorras Spain 65  
There's a hint of lanolin and wax as usual for Godello, but lemon-melon-pear are the main flavours. The texture is silky with mineral and a nip of fresh acid to finish.
- 14 Chalmers Fiano Heathcote VIC 68  
White flowers, fresh white stone fruits and flinty notes on the nose. Almond bitterness and savoury lees contact characters balance more stonefruit on the focused but generous, textured palate completed by a lingering, refreshing finish.
- 17 Mac Forbes EB32 Carols Capers Arneis Yarra Valley VIC 70  
Arneis hails from the great region of Piemonte in Italy. Mac developed this wine with his mother in mind to stop her from buying "boring" Pinot Grigio. Crisp, bright, mineral and racy, with a soft fruit lift and plenty of complexity.
- 16 Greywacke Pinot Gris Marlborough NZ 72  
A delicious combination of ripe summer fruits and delicate floral perfume - citrus blossom and elderflower entwined with nectarines and white peaches, mandarin and cantaloupe with a twist of lemon.
- 16 Unico Zelo River Sand Fiano Riverland SA 75  
A highly aromatic white, with scents of jasmine, apples, pear and grapefruit pith. It is wondrously textured, with softness of structure and acid, which helps the lemon and ginger flavours glide across the palate.

# WHITE VARIETALS

- 16 **La Petite Mort Amphora V.M.R. Ballandean QLD** 75  
Whole berries of Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne are fermented in a terracotta amphora for 20 days – skins and all! This results in an “amber wine” which is definitely something out of the ordinary. A fantastic wine with plenty to offer.
- 14 **Schlumberger Les Princes Abbés Pinot Gris Alsace France** 75  
Pear, smoke, apricot and honey. Rich and round in the mouth, with juicy, lively flavours of orchard fruits.
- 16 **Quartz Reef Pinot Gris Central Otago NZ** 77  
Lemon-gold with an alluring bouquet of nutmeg, honey, ginger and white peach. Voluptuous texture with spice and richness finishing beautifully dry.
- 14 **Schloss Gobelsburg Steisetz Grüner Veltliner Kamptal Austria** 86  
Lip-smacking refreshment. Zesty, with yeasty, earthy notes and refreshing grapefruit peel and a clean, zingy finish.
- 11 **Tyrrell’s HVD Semillon Hunter Valley NSW** 90  
From the 103 year old HVD vineyard, this wine shows lifted floral aromatics and a palate that is generous with soft citrus flavours. The acidity is soft making the wine quite approachable, a result of the warmer 2011 vintage.
- 14 **Castagna Harlequin Roussanne blend Beechworth VIC** 95  
Julian Castagna is one of Australia’s most important and influential biodynamic producer. This wine is fermented on skins, and full and textural with a honeyed spicy savoury overtone. Not your typical aromatic white, it has much more structure, texture and complexity.
- 16 **Latta Precarious Bianco O2 White Blend Western Zone VIC** 100  
This unusual white blend is very sophisticated and complex. With Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Vert and Viognier, you really feel the intensity of this vibrant blend. Whole bunches of Gewurztraminer were also added to the ferment for extra texture and aromatic complexity

# SAUVIGNON BLANC AND BLENDS

- 16 Totara Marlborough New Zealand 40
- 16 Hay Shed Hill Sauvignon Blanc|Semillon Margaret River WA 44
- 16 Te Mata Woodthorpe Vineyard Hawkes Bay New Zealand 55
- 17 Shaw & Smith Adelaide Hills SA 60
- 16 Craggy Range Te Muna Road Martinborough New Zealand 60
- 16 Josef Chromy Relbia Tasmania 62  
Located in Relbia, just ten minutes south of Launceston is the state of the art Josef Chromy winery, producing wines of great purity. Elderflower, gooseberry and passionfruit aromas with subtle notes of white flowers and melon.
- 16 Cullen Mangan Vineyard Sem|Sauv Blanc Margaret River WA 65  
Complex aromas of tropical fruit, freshly cut grass and lemon citrus. The palate has plenty of drive and displays intense notes of limes, lemon and gooseberry. Supported gently by French oak.
- 17 Dog Point Marlborough New Zealand 67  
Pioneers of organic viticulture in New Zealand, this wine offers a balance of classic Marlborough characters, balanced with smoky, flinty notes more commonly found in the Loire Valley of France.
- 16 Greywacke Marlborough New Zealand 73  
A musky fusion of sweet scented fruits - nectarines, peaches and nashi pears with a dash of orange zest - intermingled with a floral perfume reminiscent of star jasmine and citrus blossom.
- 15 Michael Hall Adelaide Hills SA 76  
Barrel fermented, combining blackcurrant, asparagus, flint and citrus with a delicate vanillin viscosity.
- 16 Sorrenberg Sauvignon Blanc|Semillon Beechworth VIC 86  
100% barrel fermented with natural yeast and extended lees contact. This wine has racy acidity, but at the same time is rich and full on the palate. Aromas and flavours of guava, gooseberries and a hint of freshly mown hay combine with citrus and minerality creating a long mouthfeel.
- 17 Cloudy Bay Marlborough New Zealand 90  
Fresh, aromatic and intense without going either overboard (or underboard for that matter) about it all. It feels cool and inviting. It takes nips out of you, but not big bites. It has a sense of balance.
- 13 Cloudy Bay Te Koko Marlborough New Zealand 135  
Te Koko is an intriguing and alternative style of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. Aromas of lemon thyme, mandarin blossom and stonefruit combine harmoniously with ginger spice and nutty and savoury tones, underlined by exotic tropical notes.

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- 16 **Te Mata Estate Hawke's Bay New Zealand** 55  
Aromas of white meadow flowers, French vanilla and floral, juicy peaches. The palate carries rock melon, sweet lemon, candied lime and complex notes of biscuit, stone-fruit and mixed nuts. Pure, clean and fresh.
- 17 **Payten & Jones Valley Vignerons Yarra Valley VIC** 60  
Unashamedly old school Australian Chardonnay, but structured and precise. Rich, powerful, toasty and savoury, with great length and balance from bright natural acidity.
- 16 **Millton Opou Vineyard Gisborne New Zealand** 65  
An old vineyard by NZ standards, planted in 1969 and certified Biodynamic. In writing this tasting note, I feel that it is best to quote the winemaker verbatim; "It smells like yellow and tastes like the words of AA Milne".
- 16 **Kooyong Clonale Mornington Peninsula VIC** 68  
Kooyong Clonale Chardonnay has a complex nose with citrus varietal aromas meshed with classy oak. Seamless on the palate with long, fine cool-climate flavours.
- 16 **Stefano Lubiana Primavera Derwent Valley TAS** 72  
The Derwent River has created an exceptional vineyard site with marine influences on 3 sides of the vineyard along with the stoney and silt soils providing ideal conditions for this textured and elegant Chardonnay.
- 12 **Moortangi Estate Yarra Valley VIC** 79  
The Yarra Valley Chardonnay shows aromas of peach fruit, ripe grapefruit and subtle toast/cashew nuts. The palate is lively and generous with stone fruit characters, and are carried through by a solid citrus backbone that cuts a fine line through the palate and brings freshness to the wine
- 16 **Craggy Range Gimblett Gravels Hawke's Bay New Zealand** 84  
Pale lemon straw. Bright nose of ripe apple, peach, freshly cracked river stones and the finest of oak. Wonderful concentration of rich stone fruits with citrus like acidity and good phenolic tension to carry the wine long towards the dry finish.
- 16 **Scorpo Estate Mornington Peninsula VIC** 94  
Paul Scorpo produces a Chardonnay of complexity and character. Aromas of nectarine, minerals and vanilla bean give way to a mouthfeel of peach and citrus and a lovely acid backbone.

# CHARDONNAY

- 14 Cloudy Bay Marlborough New Zealand 97**  
The nose is bright with aromas of stone fruit, white chocolate and a touch of smoke. Lemon balm and green plums combine with flint and char on a fleshy palate and lingering finish.
- 15 Shaw & Smith M3 Adelaide Hills SA 98**  
Sourced and grown in the Adelaide Hills, this is a fine example of how good Chardonnay from this region can be. This is a blend of 3 different cultivars of the Chardonnay grape. Bunch pressed and in part wild fermented. Partial malolactic fermentation imparts further complexity.
- 15 Michael Hall Adelaide Hills SA 104**  
Made in a generous style, the blend of grapefruit, peach and cream flavours filling the mouth with both flavour and texture. The finish then shoots dryness, in smoky/minerally form, straight at you, and beyond.
- 15 Cobaw Ridge Macedon Ranges VIC 110**  
Dedicated biodynamic farmers with their stella site set at 600-or-so meters above sea level in the cool upper reaches of the Macedon Ranges. The wine is made with no additions, no adjustments or chicanery. Full flavoured, generous, a touch savoury. Stacks in character and quality, from a good place and good people.
- 12 Medhurst Reserve Yarra Valley VIC 118**  
Grapefruit, white peach, oatmeal and mineral aromas introduce a rich, smooth palate, and a lingering aftertaste of fruit and toasty oak.
- 15 Billaud-Simon Chablis AC Bourgogne France 120**  
A balance of power and elegance, with soft minerality, vanilla, intense ripe fruits and a touch of brioche.
- 16 Bindi Kostas Rind Macedon Ranges VIC 122**  
An intense, mineral wine fully ripe but lean, taught and intense with savoury, creamy elements. Fragrant notes of orange blossom, nectarine stone, spice and subtle nuttiness are usual with a vibrant, tight, long palate highlighted by clean acidity, wonderful texture and fine length.
- 15 La Crema Russian River California USA 130**  
Ripe apples, fresh blossoms, a scant touch of citrus and mildly caramelly, wholly complementary oak merge seamlessly in the nicely filled aromas and like-minded flavours of this rich and very well-crafted wine. While moderately full-bodied, it shows fine acid balance and effortlessly avoids the least sensation of heaviness
- 13 Tyrrell's Vat 47 Hunter Valley NSW 135**  
A pioneer in the modern Australian Chardonnay stakes, the Vat 47 from the Hunter Valley has a silky bouquet of melon stone fruit and creamy oak that is followed by a palate of extraordinary balance and length.
- 14 Ten Minutes by Tractor Wallis Mornington Peninsula VIC 145**  
The Wallis vineyard produces a very particular expression of Chardonnay that, each year, stands out in the Ten Minutes by Tractor range. It has a high-toned finesse that is immediately recognisable with its expressions of minerals, herbs and citrus on the nose and precision with building power on the palate.

# CHARDONNAY

- 16 Felton Road Bannockburn Central Otago New Zealand 149**  
This winery retains its cult status by continually producing wines of poise, class and adhering to strict biodynamic principals. The Bannockburn Chardonnay is at this stage pert and linear, with floral and citrus notes.
- 13 Vincent Girardin Saint-Aubin 1<sup>er</sup> Cru AOC France 154**  
From the biodynamically farmed 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Murgers des Dents de Chien vineyard. 11<sup>th</sup> generation grower Vincent Girardin excels at producing whites with depth of fruit and exquisite balance.
- 15 Savaterra Beechworth VIC 165**  
This is the luxury car of Chardonnay, with all the trimmings. Toasty, woodsmoke, flint and sulphur all over the throbbing golden peach fruit. There's nuts and a kernel quality there also topped with honey and almonds. It rolls long through the mouth. Powerful long strides. One for the big Chardonnay lovers, no doubt. But done beautifully.
- 14 Vincent Girardin Meursault Les Narvaux AOC France 170**  
The 50 year old vines are adjacent to the famous premier cru parcel "Les Genevrières". Rich and powerful, balanced by lively citrus. Lots of excitement with good structure and a minerally undertow.
- 15 Yarra Yering Yarra Valley VIC 180**  
Grapefruit, white peach and kumquat aromas with hints of ginger and toast. The medium-bodied palate has a nice silky texture offset by vibrant acidity and a touch of oak before finishing long.
- 15 Gaja Gaia & Rey Langhe DOC 600**  
Remarkably balanced and deeply sophisticated, the '13 Gaia & Rey shows why this wine is arguably the most collectable Italian white. The nose bursts with succulent tropical, orchard and citrus fruits that are framed with spice, almond and wildflowers, but it's on the palate that this wine really delivers, coating the mouth with a creamy feel even as the wine builds to a fresh, lingering finish. Deriving from Gaja's almost nine-acre Treiso vineyard planted in 1979, this wine is named for Angelo Gaja's oldest daughter, Gaia Gaja, and his grandmother, Clotilde Rey.

# ITALIAN WHITE WINES

## Veneto

Located in the North-East of Italy, Veneto is the home of the amazing white wine of Soave (mostly garganega).

- 16 Cantine Pra Otto Soave Classico Superiore DOC 56  
Fresh, aromatic with slightly savory edge. Classic food wine.
- 16 Gini Soave Classico DOC 79  
White peach and a jasmine floral nose. Ripe with sweet orchard fruit on the palate, with honey and minerals.
- 15 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Téos Bianco Veneto IGT 85  
With no added sulfur, the Téos project springs from the desire to offer consumers a more healthy and natural wine, while keeping quality unchanged. Delicate and enveloping aroma of citrus fruit and medicinal herbs such as rosemary, mint, sage and thyme. Fresh, lingering and continually developing flavour.
- 16 Pieropan Calvarino Soave Classico DOC 113  
Brilliant straw yellow colour with greenish hints. The delicate nose is reminiscent of almond blossoms and marzipan. Good depth of fruit on the palate, nicely balanced by a zingy acidity that enhances its long length.
- 16 Quintarelli Bianco 140  
Giuseppe Quintarelli was known as 'the Master of the Veneto', and the name behind one of the most renowned estates in Italy. Made from 90% Garganega, with splashes of Trebbiano, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Saorin. Textural, racy, minerally, thrilling; a super-Soave and brilliant Noosa climate drinking!

## Trentino-Alto Adige

Trentino and Alto-Adige are often treated as an old, married couple. It makes more sense to treat them as two different regions that happen to be neighbours and combine forces when it suits. Both produce refreshing, bright whites that bridge the gap between Germany, Austria and Italy.

- 16 Kaltern Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC 59  
Lovely aromas and flavours of ripe pear, crisp apple, peach, and tangerine here with an extra layer of complexity from notes of melon, blanched almond, and a lovely floral element.
- 15 Peter Zemmer Pungol Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 75  
Peter Zemmer's Pinot Bianco shows a good sense of texture and density. This wine excels in terms of mouthfeel and lives up to the solid reputation of this versatile and naturally rich white grape. The wine has aromas are peach, stone fruit, citrus and finishes with lingering mineral notes.
- 16 Alois Lageder Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC 80  
A brilliantly straw-yellow wine with pronounced and expressive aromas of white flowers and somewhat spicy notes. It coats the palate with rich flavours of crisp apple and pear, and has a good, fresh finish.

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## Trentino-Alto Adige

- 16 **St. Michael Eppan Anger Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC** 89  
Aromas of Alpine wildflower and peach blossom unfold on this refined mountain white. The balanced palate offers Anjou pear, yellow apple, mineral, tangerine and white almond coupled with crisp acidity.
- 16 **St. Michael Eppan Schulthausen Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC** 89  
Straw yellow in color, this wine is dominated by intense aromas of ripe fruit, fresh flowers and a twist of almonds on the nose. Balanced and incredibly rich in the mouth, it has a lingering and clean finish. The wine is renowned for both its soft creaminess and lively acidity.
- 15 **Alois Lageder Porer Pinot Grigio Sudtirolo Alto Adige DOC** 100  
For over 150 years the Lageder family have been committed to creating terroir driven wine from Alto Adige. They have always had a sustainable, holistic approach, and are now Demeter certified biodynamic. This is a dynamic balance of acid and fruit sweetness, savouriness, power and delicacy.

## Friuli Venezia Giulia

Boasting some of the world's finest white wines. This northwest corner of Italy is renowned for perfumed, crisp whites.

- 15 **Grandis'ciutta Ribolla Gialla Collio DOC** 60  
Bright and refreshing, this opens with white spring flower and yellow stone fruit aromas. The linear palate evokes yellow peach, mature apple and juicy nectarine, brightened with tangy acidity. It finishes clean and crisp.
- 16 **Livon Pinot Grigio Collio DOC** 72  
Aromas of freshly sliced apples and steely minerality. The ripe apple flavour carries through with a touch of lemon and a bit of creaminess to the mineraly astringent finish.
- 16 **Livon Friuliano Collio DOC** 79  
It is straw yellow colour with greenish reflections. The bouquet is delicate and recalls almonds. On the palate it is tasty, medium-bodied, harmonic, it leaves the palate dry.
- 15 **Ronco del Gelso Latimis Isonzo Del Friuli DOC** 85  
This wine is a blend of Friulano, Riesling, Pinot Bianco and a small amount of Traminer Aromatico, in proportions that vary from vintage to vintage. It is a big, balanced, concentrated wine.

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## Friuli Venezia Giulia

- 15 **Vie di Romans Flors di Uis Friuli Isonzo DOC** 115  
The Flor di Uis is relatively light on its feet, with a graceful personality that is impossible to resist. High-toned floral notes from the Malvasia grace the impeccable finish. A blend of Malvasia, Friulano and Riesling.
- 15 **Jermann Pinot Grigio Venezia Giulia IGT** 124  
Deep straw yellow with subtle rose nuances. Intense, ample, fruity and persistent bouquet. Full-bodied, silky texture, remarkable balance, roundness and finesse.
- 15 **Vie di Romans Dessimis Pinot Grigio Friuli Isonzo DOC** 132  
A remarkable copper colour is retained in this wine, not through extended skin contact, but due to processing and handling in an oxygen free environment. This is structured, powerful and exciting Grigio.
- 13 **Livon Braide Alte Venezia Giulia IGT** 148  
Intense straw yellow colour, with golden reflections. The bouquet is intense, very complex, with spicy hints. On the palate it is warm, full-bodied, very elegant and complex. It evolves in the glass with the temperature changes.
- 15 **Livio Felluga Terre Alte Rosazzo DOCG** 195  
Created in 1981, Terre Alte is considered one of Italy's most prestigious white wines. The balanced blend of Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon grapes, estate-grown at Rosazzo in the historic Terre Alte vineyards, yields a superbly elegant wine with a profusion of intense fruit and flower aromas. A wine of outstanding structure, Terre Alte acquires a wonderfully complex bouquet of tertiary aromas with bottle aging.
- 07 **Gravner Ribolla Venezia Giulia IGT** 195  
Ribolla grapes are dated back more than a thousand years in this region. Fermented in Georgian amphorae buried underground, with long maceration, wild yeasts and no temperature control. After drawing off and pressing, the wine was poured back into the amphorae for five more months before ageing for six years in large oak barrels. Bottled without fining or filtration.

## Piemonte

Piemonte is not usually thought of as white wine country, but two characterful wines are well worth looking out for. Gavi, made from the local Cortese grape is dry, creamy and appley. Arneis in local dialect means "Little Rascal". Despite being difficult to grow, it is remarkably easy to drink.

- 16 **La Morella Il Monte Cortese Colli Tortonesi DOC** 65  
This Cortese comes from most importantly an organic farmer, who has been tending his lands this way since 1983 in Colli Tortonesi. The wine is clean, simplistic, and unadulterated. A refreshing dry white best suited to seafood or own its own as an *aperitivo*.
- 16 **Mauro Molino Roero Arneis DOCG** 76  
Straw yellow in colour with greenish highlights, intense floral and fruity aromas, well-structured with a balanced acidity and a long finish.
- 15 **Marchesi di Barolo Gavi di Gavi DOCG** 80  
Apples and green almonds on the nose, with an overtone of chamomile flowers. Gently fruity on the palate with balanced mineral notes.

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## Piemonte

- 16 **Michele Chiarlo Rovereto Gavi di Gavi DOCG** 95  
Made from the Cortese grape grown around the Village of Gavi, this wine is dry, spicy with a pleasant mineral and floral tone and a mouth-watering, refreshing and long finish.
- 16 **Gaja Rossj Bass Chardonnay|Sav. Blanc Langhe DOP Italy** 205  
Crisp and luminous, the 2016 Langhe Rossj-Bass is Chardonnay enhanced with a tiny part Sauvignon Blanc. This second grape only constitutes 5% of the blend, yet its presence is felt in a big way. The wine presents pristine and sharply delineated tones of exotic fruit, peach and white rose.
- 13 **Gaja Gaia & Rey Chardonnay Langhe DOC** 600  
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## Marche

The Marche region is well known for the quality of its whites made from the prolific Verdicchio grape. In terms of overall quality though, Verdicchio in all its forms undoubtedly ranks among Italy's finest white wines.

- 14 **Belisario Terre di Valbona Verdicchio di Matelica DOC** 48  
The palate is fuller bodied than the nose initially give out. The acidity is well balanced, the texture is appealing and the finish is long and quite rich.

## Toscana

Tuscany is one of the most famous and prolific wine regions anywhere in Europe. Its vineyards produce an array of internationally recognised wines in various styles. These go far beyond the well-known reds, and include dry whites such as Vernaccia di San Gimignano and sweet Vin Santo.

- 15 **Marchesi Mazzei Belgardo Vermentino di Toscana IGT** 52  
Medium bodied, large fruit (yellow peach) aromas, pleasingly mineral taste
- 16 **Podere del Paradiso Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG** 54  
Perfumes of wildflowers and fresh apricots show on the nose, chalk dust and white pepper blend with poached white fruits and a touch of honey.
- NV **Bibi Graetz Casamatta Bianco Toscana IGT** 58  
Lovely perfumes of fresh red apple, honeydew melon and magnolia flowers, while there is very good depth of fruit and a rich, flavourful finish.
- 16 **Poggio Al Sole Chiara Toscana IGT** 60  
Light pale-green in colour, this wine consists of a blend of 85% Chardonnay and 15% Bianco di Sangiovese. This is a racy, mineral-driven wine with crisp notes of citrus, melon and green apple. Perfect *aperitivo* wine.

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## Toscana

- 16 **Tenuta di Ghizzano Il Ghizzano Bianco Costa Toscana IGT** 75  
Made from traditional Tuscan white grapes: Trebbiano, Vermentino and Malvasia Bianca. This is a fresh and fruity wine, easy drinking, but not at all simple. Long, fine acidity and subtle grip makes this a wonderful match with any seafood dish on the Locale menu.
- 15 **Isole E Olena Collezione Privata Chardonnay Toscana IGT** 139  
Rich aromas of toasted almonds with buttery notes. On the palate, there is great balance between rich, ripe fruit, creamy brioche and complex minerality.
- 15 **Gaja Ca' Marcanda Vistamare Toscana IGT** 165  
The playful name of this wine was inspired by the sea breeze, sun, and cheerful and light-hearted outlook of the Tuscan coast. The vineyards used for Vistamare actually enjoy a panoramic view of the Tuscan horizon and their grapes are gently inebriated by the saltine air and brilliant colours of the Tuscan sea. Vermentino and Viognier.

## Campania

Campania is the "shin" of Italy's boot, anchored by its capital, Naples. Its name comes from Campania felix, a Latin phrase roughly meaning "happy land". The region has strong historical links to wine and vine, dating back to the 12th Century BC, and is one of Italy's very oldest wine regions.

- 16 **Ciro Picariello Greco di Tufo** 95  
Named after the nearby village of Tufo, this stunning wine is savory, minerally, long and complex with orange blossom, citrus peel and lemon characters.

## Abruzzo

Italy is seldom known for the simplicity of its wines, yet the ruggedly mountainous region of Abruzzo offers an abundance of delightful, uncomplicated wines that tend to represent very good value.

- 16 **Contesa Pecorino Abruzzo DOC** 59  
Pale yellow colour. Intense and persistent. Smooth taste, fresh and balanced
- 16 **Cirelli La Collina Biologica Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOC** 65  
This wine is made by one of Abruzzo's rising stars in organic viticulture, Francesco Cirelli. Shining yellow hue, with white peach, musk melon, golden delicious apples bedding a wilting floral note on this organic trebbiano. Sweet hay and melon tinged finish.

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## Puglia

The southern portion of the region is a flat and fertile peninsula that forms the characteristic heel of the Italian "boot". Puglia has always been the engine-room of Italian wine production.

- 15 **Tormaresca Chardonnay Puglia IGT** 47  
Tormaresca is the world famous Antinori family's outpost in Puglia. Shows fairly restrained aromas of lemon citrus and white peach.
- 14 **Cantele Teresamanara Chardonnay Salento IGT** 98  
Silky in the mouth, velvety and mellifluous, with freshness and sweet spices imparted by selected wood used during aging. The finish wins over the drinker with its length and its terroir expression.
- 16 **Guttarolo Verdeca Gioia Del Colle IGP** 115  
Vineyard work is excellent, organic and done entirely by hand. While the wines are unmistakably Pugliese, full of wild, sun-drenched fruit, they have a balance often missing in the region, one that allows the grape and place to sing and the drinker to enjoy that hazy minerality that karst soils bring.

## Sicilia

One of Europe's oldest wine growing regions, the island is home to some unique varietals not found anywhere else. Many modern Sicilian producers have embraced ancient farming and winemaking techniques, resulting in expressive wines that are equal to the best of any of the great regions of Italy.

- 14 **Feudo Arancio Grillo Sicilia DOC** 40  
A wine that shows balanced citrus fruit and floral characters and delicate acidity.
- 14 **Tasca Regaleali Bianco Sicilia DOC** 65  
Green apple and pear flavours are carried over from the nose to form the basis, hints of grapefruit and white peach add further interest.
- 16 **Graci Etna Bianco DOC** 82  
Tight, crisp and clean, perfectly balanced taste of the wine reveals an interesting mix of shades of ripe stone fruit and tropical fruit with spicy mineral notes.
- 15 **I Vigneri Aurora Carricante** 120  
Reminiscent of top Premier Cru white Burgundy while still showing the pure terroir of Etna with exotic spice, flinty mineral and a lovely pale yellow/gold colour, with sexy white peach, tropical notes and kumquat as well as soft butterscotch, salty chalk and lemon marmalade.

## Sardegna

The island of Sardegna's remote Mediterranean location off the Western Italian coast gives its wines a unique character seldom found on the mainland despite being made from common varietals. In the rocky northeast of the island, the region of Gallura's heat and marine winds create such optimal conditions for ripening the white grape Vermentino that Vermentino Di Gallura is the island's first and only DOCG.

- 16 **Cantina Tondini Karagnanj Vermentino di Gallura Superiore DOCG** 90  
A radiant bright yellow hue in the glass, the wine is intensely aromatic with a bouquet of ripe peach, grapefruit and orange blossom. The palate is fruity and rich, yet tapered off beautifully by a mineral finish and linear, mouth-watering acidity.

# ROSÉ WINES

- 15 **Palama Alba Rossa Salento Rosato IGP Puglia Italy** 48  
Rosé obtained by the wine-making of the local Negroamaro and Black Malvasia grapes. Brilliant rosè-coloured, fresh dry-flavoured, it best suits hors d'oeuvres and or pasta dishes with tomato sauce.
- 16 **A Mano Rosato Puglia IGT Italy** 50  
Bright pink in colour with a lively, youthful perfume of ripe strawberries and a touch of fresh mint. On the palate it is surprisingly full-bodied with good structure, perfectly balanced with a delicate fruit character and zesty, lightly spiced finish.
- 17 **Domenica Nebbiolo Rose Beechworth VIC** 55  
Pale in colour, this rose has a savoury bouquet of rosehips, dried flowers and blood orange which flow through to a dry, textural palate. The Nebbiolo delivers a chalky, clean mouthful, and bright natural acidity carries the fruit through to a long finish.
- 16 **Collefrisio Rosato Terre di Chieti IGT Italy** 55  
Light pink in colour, this wine is made with 100% Montepulciano from Abruzzo. The wine is slightly floral on the nose, yet rounded and refreshing on the palate with flavours of fresh red cherry, strawberry and peach. A well-structured rose perfect for summer drinking.
- 17 **Medhurst Yarra Valley VIC** 62  
Redcurrant, touch of creaminess, maybe a suggestion of fennel or similar. Clean lines, excellent flavour – delivered sotto voce – very subtle powdery texture and a tangy fresh strawberry finish of good length.
- 16 **Domaine Peyrol Côtes de Provence AOP France** 65  
An elegant pale pink colour with salmon reflections. The nose is perfumed and complex with notes of red berries, grapefruit punctuated with floral notes. A wonderful example of Provence rose to be enjoyed on a hot afternoon.
- 14 **Leone De Castris Five Roses Salento IGT Puglia Italy** 70  
A crisp attack with pleasing roundness, however balanced by alcohol, good body and intense flavours. The finish is persistent with flavours of raspberry, cherry and plum.
- 16 **Farr Rising Saignée Geelong VIC** 72  
Farr Rising Saignée is part of the rosé revolution that is happening in Australia right now. Bright pink, tinged with magenta, complexity is added through barrel fermentation; immaculate length and balance.
- 15 **Scorpo Mornington Peninsula VIC** 75  
Vibrant salmon pink in colour this wine exhibits musk, raspberry, strawberry and rose petals on the nose. Clean, crisp acid finish, with a hint of fine tannin.
- 16 **Graci Etna Rosato Sicily IGT Italy** 82  
The red grapes Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio, and white grapes Carricante and Catarratto. Intervention of any kind is extremely limited, both in the vineyard and in the cellar.
- 16 **Mac Forbes Woori Yallock Yarra Valley VIC** 90  
If you're going to make a rosé, and you're Mac Forbes, you make it from your best immaculately-farmed vineyard, from the same pinot noir you would use for your single vineyard offering but picked for the style. No mucking about, straight to the upper echelon.
- 16 **Domaine Tempier Bandol AOC France** 120  
This cult rosé is made from 20 year-old Mourvèdre, Grenache and Cinsault vines. Farmed organically, the yields are low, which explains the intense concentration and distinct expression of each varietal in this wine. An intense fruit and floral nose make this an attractive rosé.

# PINOT NOIR

- 16 Beautiful Isle Deviot, TAS 56  
Don't let the bottle fool you. This is pinot that's made seriously, yet in an enjoyable "drink now" style. The aromas are perfumed cherry and spice with a full-bodied berry palate and bright, alluring acidity.
- 16 Wairau River Marlborough NZ 65  
The Pinot Noir shows lifted aromas of ripe cherries and spice. The palate is soft and generous with delicate primary fruit characters of wild berries shadowed by subtle toasty oak.
- 16 Scorpo Noirien Mornington Peninsula VIC 72  
Scorpo Noirien Pinot Noir has lovely varietal aromas - sappy, mulchy, dark cherry. Supple, long and textured. Attractive sour cherry rhubarb finish.
- 15 Marion's Vineyard Deviot TAS 75  
Pure ripe fruit from a perfect year. Opulent, fragrant, beguiling. Aromas reminiscent of the Tamar valley including undergrowth and sour cherry. A full yet supple palate with cranberry-like acidity to finish.
- 14 Riposte The Sabre Adelaide Hills SA 77  
Bright colour in the glass is followed by a lifted floral nose with a savoury edge. The palate is fresh, clean and superbly powerful. A delight.
- 16 Ten Minutes by Tractor 10X Mornington Peninsula VIC 80  
Deeply flavoured, predominantly savoury release with tobacco, sap, wood smoke and forestry characters threading strands of intricate flavour through black cherry, almost olives fruit. No shortage of length, complexity or beauty
- 15 Yering Station Yarra Valley VIC 90  
Loads of lovely Pinot character on the nose with ripe cherry gamey notes and hints of "forest floor". Silky in texture the lingering flavour is enhanced by a touch of oak.
- 15 Alois Lageder Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC Italy 93  
Fruit comes from selected vineyards in Pochi and Appiano at an altitude of 300m to 450m. Elegant and pretty, but with great length and development. Fresh, bright red fruit is balanced by spice and soft, silky tannins.
- 16 Yabby Lake Mornington Peninsula VIC 95  
Attractive rose petals, dark cherries and spice aromas. The palate is fine, tight and dry with a cherry and plum centre, balanced, savoury tannins.
- 14 Seresin Leah Marlborough NZ 96  
Savoury, spicy and earthy aromas with plum, berry and herbal notes. The palate is focused and plush with feminine red fruits, namely strawberry and ripe cherry.
- 16 Michael Hall Adelaide Hills SA 98  
This wine shows a beguiling interplay of glace cherry and wild strawberry, cinnamon, pomegranate, mossy bark, a hint of celery and soft talcum tannin.
- 14 Craggy Range Te Muna Road Martinborough NZ 110  
Medium-full bodied and elegantly proportioned, a concentrated core of savoury dark red berry and earthy fruit flavours is complexed by nuances of game and dried herb detail. This is an elegantly rich, complex and savoury flavoured Pinot Noir with freshness and fine structure.

# PINOT NOIR

- 16 **Ten Minutes by Tractor Estate Mornington Peninsula VIC** 112  
There's some beef here. It's a spicy, stewy, brooding pinot noir with a wealth of earth-like notes rising up from beneath. Fine, strict tannin completes a pretty impressive picture.
- 14 **Cloudy Bay Marlborough NZ** 115  
The palate is juicy but balanced by rich forest floor, clove and savoury flavours. Good tension between acid and fine tannins offers a well-rounded palate with appealing length.
- 16 **Two Paddocks Estate Central Otago NZ** 117  
Intense bright purple cherry fruits, plums, lots and lots of strawberries and raspberries and some maraschino; there is such depth on the nose. The palate has beautifully soft and supple tannins that sit smooth and even.
- 15 **William Downie Gippsland VIC** 140  
The Gippsland Pinot Noir is wonderfully balanced with blackcurrant, blackberry and hints of clove and nutmeg. Beautifully dense and concentrated on the palate, lifted violets and florals shine through along with the inextricably long finish.
- 13 **Geantet-Pansiot Pinot Fin Bourgogne France** 140  
Founded in 1954, this wine has powerful fruit, but enough restraint not to be a blockbuster. Intense aromas of small red and black berries, with good balance and no hard edges.
- 14 **The Escarpment Kiwa Martinborough NZ** 146  
Complex, concentrated and intriguing, with fleshy blackberry and plum flavours at the core, showing highlights of black walnut, sandalwood, dried pine needle, black pepper and musky Darjeeling tea. The tannins are refined and plush, and the finish is epic.
- 15 **Kooyong Ferrous Mornington Peninsula VIC** 149  
Sweet, fresh, black-cherry and liqueur-cherry aromas that turn gloriously rich and almost opulent in the mouth. A complex pinot, with a glossy texture and wonderful balance.
- 12 **Savaterre Beechworth VIC** 150  
The extremely densely planted Savaterre vineyard sees low input biodynamic viticulture. This is a terroir driven pinot of great power, structure and intensity, seasoned in new, tight grained French oak.
- 15 **Mt Difficulty Packspur Vineyard Central Otago NZ** 152  
Leading with soft, velvety brambly wild raspberry, violet and wildflower florals. Rich red fruit gives the palate breadth, and is cleansed and lengthened by herbaceous savoury notes and elegant tannin and acid structure.
- 13 **Alois Lageder Krafuss Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC Italy** 160  
In comparison with the 2015 vineyard blend, this wine, in Burgundian terms, is the "La Tâche" of Italy. Elegant up front, but complete in its luscious intensity.
- 15 **Two Paddocks The Last Chance Central Otago NZ** 162  
One of the most unlikely places to grow grapes on earth is Two Paddock's Earnsclough vineyard. Concentrated, with firm and juicy black cherry and blackberry flavours that are generous and velvety, showing a range of star anise and black tea details. A fresh loamy earth note lingers on the long, powerful finish.
- 16 **Felton Road Cornish Point Central Otago NZ** 165  
The wine leads with attractive florals that are exotically perfumed with distinct old-fashioned rose and violets. An uncrowded palate showing opulent, rich deep fruits. Mocha, velvety and seductive tannins that lusciously coat the palate.

# PINOT NOIR

- 15 **Ata Rangi Martinborough NZ** 168  
Rosy, dark cherry, ripe and fleshy, a slip of vanilla oak. Medium bodied, smattering of orange peel and blood orange juice, silky tannin, gentle warmth, and a bold and sappy finish. Truly Grand Cru New Zealand Pinot Noir.
- 16 **Felton Road Block 3 Central Otago NZ** 185  
Dark fruit aromas are intertwined with roasted cinnamon spice and crushed herbs. Spiced chocolate notes with a fine tannin backbone.
- 16 **Felton Road Block 5 Central Otago NZ** 185  
Beautifully perfumed with distinct floral aromas of rose petal and violets that are supported by the hallmark dark cherry and spice.
- 12 **Dry River Marlborough NZ** 190  
30% whole bunch. Very fine, expressive, pure red cherry fruit nose showing lovely finesse and fine spiciness. Very fine palate with fresh, taut red cherries. So linear and bright with real purity and firm but fine tannins and keen acidity.
- 13 **Bass Phillip Premium Gippsland VIC** 230  
So sure-footed and confident, it almost has a swagger. Cherry, sweet cinnamon and cedar oak, dried flowers, a little earthy bass. Medium bodied, silky and precise, with delectable savoury and fruit sweet switching, layered and complex already, laced up tight with ultra-fine pixel tannin, and long smashed strawberry and spice finish.

# RED VARIETALS

- 16 **Chalmers Nero d'Avola Heathcote VIC** 56  
Vivid crimson colour; a frisky and very fragrant bouquet with raspberries leading the way; as they continue to do so on the light-bodied, fresh palate, tannins and oak are on a leave of absence.
- 16 **Save Our Souls Sangiovese Yarra Valley VIC** 60  
From cult winemaking legend, William Downie, this fresh and vibrant wine is abundant in soft black fruit and elegant florals. A long, fine tannin structure lends itself to a wide variety of food from our menu.
- 15 **Shobbrook Novello Nebbiolo blend Adelaide Hills|Barossa SA** 60  
Tom Shobbrook is regarded as one of the leaders of the natural wine movement in Australia. This amazingly slurpable red is made from Nebbiolo from the Hills, blended with 90-year-old Grenache and splashes of early picked Shiraz and Muscat de la Petit Grains. It's great chilled, so ask for an ice bucket!
- 15 **Yangarra GSM Blend McLaren Vale SA** 65  
Flavour bomb of sweet oak, molten chocolate and raspberry coulis with a backbeat of earth, licorice and spice. It's got great balance of fruit and structure. The tannins are fine, grainy and moreish. The main theme is Grenache with its purple berry lift and violet notes. This is the quintessential McLaren Vale red.
- 16 **Cullen Mangan Merlot|Malbec|Petit Verdot Margaret River WA** 72  
Very attractive blend of raspberry, cherry and plum flavours. Already balanced wine that is backed by fine grained tannins. A juicy and pure fruit – driven wine
- 14 **Latta Overture Nebbiolo John's Pyrenees VIC** 78  
A Menthol and gum leaf perfume with lovely pure cherry and red fruit, tinged with orange peel and aromatic herbs. It's cool and medium bodied, with ultra-fine but firm tannin offering an insistent and shady grip. It's made with no additions save a little SO<sub>2</sub> at bottling.

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- 16 Unico Zelo Taboo Merlot Adelaide Hills SA 83**  
Sourced from a specialist Merlot vineyard in Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills and harvested with precision timing, resulting in a style rarely found in Australia. Structured tannins and vibrant acidity give length to the rich and brooding black fruit, while finishing subtly and delicately.
- 14 Tarrawarra Estate Yarra Valley VIC 85**  
The "K Block" shows a dense core of sweet plum and blackcurrant fruit framed by toasty oak and some beautifully subtle herbaceous notes in the background.
- 17 Ochota Barrels Fugazi Grenache McLaren Vale SA 85**  
A fake Italian word that literally translates to "fake", it's a good thing there's nothing at all "fugazi" about this incredible Grenache from winemaker Taras Ochota. His Grenache is a wine that's ahead of its time, setting the tone for a more elegant, pure-fruited, medium-bodied style of McLaren Vale Grenache.
- 13 Nittnaus Kalk and Schieser Blaufränkisch Burgenland Austria 88**  
Biodynamically farmed grapes with no additions or adjustments to the wine. There is a freshness and vibrancy along with depth of flavour which makes this wine quite smashable, but also keeps your interest.
- 12 Pizzini Nebbiolo King Valley VIC 117**  
Red cherries, plummy depths and raspberry highlights provide balance to the strict, assertive tannin which marks Nebbiolo, making for a medium-bodied wine that can be enjoyed now.
- 15 Luke Lambert Nebbiolo Yarra Valley VIC 128**  
Luke says 2015 was just about perfect for him, with regards to Nebbiolo, and he picked riper and later, as the acids were holding on well. This is the first release to be raised in one of Luke's impressively big foudres. This is one of the most exciting release of Australian Nebbiolo to date.
- 10 Castagna Un Segreto Sangiovese|Shiraz Beechworth VIC 160**  
Julian Castagna is arguably Australia's most important and influential biodynamic producer, and this is one of his flagship wines. It opens with notes of fresh rich humus, turmeric, graphite, old polished leather with beautiful red fruit that creates a vibrant aromatic lift.
- 10 Roda 1 Reserva Rioja Spain 210**  
All blue-black and sooo beautiful to smell: black animale meat'n'blood, plus road metal minerals gain pretty violet florals. The palate features astonishing tannin maturity, great spiciness with fine oak tucked away in at the back, while the fruit runs in the plum and cola range. It's power with enormous finesse and unfolds like a perfectly told story.

# SHIRAZ

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| 15 | Kaesler Stonehorse Barossa Valley SA  | 55  |
| 14 | Chalk Hill McLaren Vale SA  | 56  |
| 16 | Dandelion Lionheart Barossa Valley SA   | 60  |
| 14 | Red Claw Heathcote VIC  | 62  |
| 16 | Pat and Bill's Gippsland VIC  | 63  |
| 15 | Michael Hall Sang de Pigeon Barossa Valley SA   | 68  |
| 15 | Dutschke Neighbours Barossa Valley SA   | 74  |
| 16 | La Petite Mort Amphora S.V. Ballandean QLD  | 75  |
| 15 | Marion's Vineyard Syrah Deviot TAS  | 75  |
|    | Crimson in colour and flavour. Underneath a layer of white pepper, there's a waft of cranberry and pomegranate which continues to the palate. There's a delicious savouriness, completely unlike its warmer counterparts across the Bass strait.  |     |
| 10 | Moortangi Estate Cambrian Heathcote VIC   | 85  |
|    | The fruit was handpicked, open fermented, and aged in a mix of old and new French oak. Deep red colour and a bouquet of plum, red cherry, cardamom and vanilla  |     |
| 15 | Shaw & Smith Adelaide Hills SA  | 105 |
|    | Black and red fruits combining with silky fine-grained tannins expanding across the palate.   |     |
| 13 | Paringa Estate Mornington Peninsula VIC   | 108 |
|    | The palate combines power and finesse with dense blackcurrant pastille and plum wrapped in fine tannins. An outstanding Shiraz with vibrant fruit character and exceptional length that will reward careful cellaring.  |     |
| 15 | Lightfoot and Sons River Block Gippsland VIC  | 110 |
|    | The River Block sits on a limestone bluff alongside the Mitchell River. Planted in a seam of rich red soil layered over the limestone with a gentle easterly aspect, the River Block Yields Shiraz of complexity and elegance.  |     |
| 15 | Wirra Wirra RSW McLaren Vale SA   | 138 |
|    | It smells of bitter chocolate, blackberry liqueur, sweet currants, exotic spices and perfectly integrated oak. It is medium to full-bodied, yet it has seamless elegance, with a great depth of sustained flavour, and ripe, finely balanced tannins. A top vintage and a must have for your wine cellar. |     |
| 13 | Yalumba Steeple Vineyard Barossa Valley SA  | 143 |
|    | A dynamic scent between a fresh coastal forest all bright and compelling and the warm black fruits like plums and blackberries dusted with unsweetened chocolate.   |     |

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- 15 **Giaconda Warner Vineyard Beechworth VIC** 159  
Feminine and highly aromatic on first impression. As each layer is peeled away, the definitive elements of Shiraz are slowly revealed. Aromatic notes of briar, rose petals and violets dampened by the earthy morning dew, give way to earth, wood spice, black pepper, aniseed, graphite, clove and cinnamon. The palate is lively and spicy with red to black fruits, crunchy acid backed by a frame of fine powdery tannin.
- 14 **Kay Brothers Block 6 McLaren Vale SA** 165  
It's silky smooth, rolling with boysenberry, hazelnut and chocolate, nutty spices, coconut, coffee and smoked meat. Full bodied, but not heavy, with a glycerol feel, cool acidity and supple pliant tannin. Flows along beautifully – all umami and yummy – and rolls long on the finish
- 14 **Wirra Wirra Chook Block McLaren Vale SA** 215  
Only produced in exceptional vintages in tiny quantities from the biodynamically farmed Chook Block vineyard, planted in 1960. A layered and voluptuous wine with a core of opulent black fruit and McLaren Vale dark chocolate character, supported by fine, grainy tannins.
- 14 **Henschke Mount Edelstone Eden Valley SA** 300  
Deep crimson with deep purple hues. Pure and complex, with lifted aromatics of violets, dark plums, fresh blackberries and blueberries, and aromas of crushed sage and cracked black pepper. The palate shows incredible purity and balance, with rich plum and blackberry fruit flavours, rosehip florals and savoury spice notes, finishing long with lingering plum skin and sage, and layers of fine, silky tannins.
- 09 **Torbreck RunRig Barossa Valley SA** 380  
Ideal flowering and fruit set, along with slow ripening heralded one of the greatest RunRigs to date. This is a rarity in that it did not require the usual addition of Viognier. Aromas of raspberries, apricots and cassis, with a rich palate of blackberry, anise and dark chocolate.
- 06 **Torbreck RunRig Barossa Valley SA** 400  
A powerful vintage possessing a dense, almost ink like hue. Aromas of red and black fruit meld with smoke, graphite and melted tar. The concentrated, multi layered palate exhibits marmalade, scorched earth and slow roasted meats.
- 05 **Torbreck RunRig Barossa Valley SA** 420  
The freshness of a slightly cooler and longer ripening vineyard is still apparent after ample bottle aging. Bright red fruits and graphite combine seamlessly with game meats and wet earth. Still vibrant in acidity and deep rich fruit, with leather and spice slowly working towards the foreground.

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- 12 Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley SA 1250  
This flawless Hill of Grace is the ultimate iron fist in a velvet glove. While the fruit remains supreme, there are long savoury. Fragrant dark cherry and berry aromas and flavours are supported by French oak.
- 10 Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley SA 1100  
The 2010 is a beautifully balanced wine; from a season that was perfect in many ways. I could sit and savour the nose on this wine for hours; exotic spices, sage, pepper and rich layers of blackberry, plum and cedar. These amazing old vines delivered a complex palate of dark brooding flavours, texture and refined silky tannins with incredible length.
- 09 Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley SA 1190  
Deep red with crimson hues. Complex aromas of red currants, blackberry and marzipan with hints of five spice, dried herbs, black pepper, smoked charcuterie and layers of fine French oak. The palate is deep, rich and textural with a beautiful expression of berry fruits and spice, finishing with long, fine velvety tannins.
- 08 Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley SA 1250  
The nose is attractive and enticing with aromas of sweet blackberry, blueberry. The palate is rich and concentrated with spicy plum, crushed herbs and Dutch licorice flavours. An amazing balance of acid, fruit intensity, weight and length create a powerful palate that finishes with long, fine tannins.
- 07 Henschke Hill of Grace Eden Valley SA 1290  
Fine grained oak aromas, freshly lathed wood, dried herbs peeking through anise, pepper, five spice and then a lift of iodine wet earth note and the wash of dark, wild, brambly berry fruit. Elegant and medium bodied to taste with long, ropes of supple tannins laid like broadloom. It's seamless, notably long in flavour and layered to pleasing extreme.

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- 14 Bleasdale Mulberry Tree Langhorne Creek SA 52  
Aromas of mixed berries, dark chocolate and violets. The palate is smooth with blackcurrant and spicy oak flavours and finishes with fine chalky tannins.
- 15 Smallfry Eden Valley SA 65  
Suzi Hilder and Wayne Ahrens are serious, hands on winemakers. They are custodians of two historical certified biodynamic vineyards. Red and black forest fruits nestled in a bed of slightly grippy tannin. Fruit, structure, depth and complexity. Remarkable value for money given all the hard work put into their carefully cultivated vines.
- 09 Mitchell Sevenhill Clare Valley SA 68  
Dark crimson colour. Medium weight with a soft elegant structure, displaying refined flavours of blackcurrant, cedar and spice.
- 12 Zema Family Selection Coonawarra SA 68  
Complex dark fruits highlighted by hints of black currant, mulberry and dark chocolate. This palate is dominated by a concentration of ripe black berry fruits and has great depth and persistence. These characters are underwritten by complex toasty oak. It will take time to develop and show its full potential.

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- 13 **Zema Cluny Cabernet|Merlot Coonawarra SA** 68  
This Cabernet blend is from the Zema family's non-irrigated hand-pruned vineyard the fruit lovingly crafted into an affordable premium wine.
- 13 **Medhurst Yarra Valley VIC** 72  
Ripe and rich fruit spectrum - red cherries, blackberries, loquats and mulberries, all supported by cinnamon and spice aromas.
- 14 **Vasse Felix Margaret River WA** 96  
This was the first red wine to be produced in Margaret River, and has been made every year since 1972. A bouquet of spice, floral and savoury earthy notes combine with chocolate, while the palate is silky, with gentle mouth-coating tannins.
- 10 **Bellweather Coonawarra SA** 110  
Milk chocolate and classic very fine grain tannins. Hand pruned and picked, natural yeast fermentation.
- 14 **Wirra Wirra The Angelus McLaren Vale SA** 138  
A reaffirmation of the ability of McLaren Vale to produce Cabernet Sauvignon of great authority and power; black fruits are the order of the day, the tannins skilfully moulded, the oak integrated.
- 14 **Langmeil Jackamans Barossa Valley SA** 149  
Langmeil Jackamans Cabernet Sauvignon has developed a deliciously intense perfume of blackcurrants and mulberry with rich dark chocolates after two years in new and seasoned French oak hogsheads. A powerful wine from mature vines.
- 13 **Leeuwin Estate Art Series Margaret River WA** 149  
A gentle entry leads to a generously textured mid palate, finishing fine, with long and silky tannins. Classical blackcurrant and cherry fruits meet with dusty well integrated oak
- 15 **Hickinbotham Trueman McLaren Vale SA** 150  
Very deep, bright red/purple colour, with a superbly ripe, fruit-driven bouquet displaying ripe mulberries and blackberries, with traces of raspberry and violets - and barely a glimpse of leafy pyrazines. The palate is medium to full-bodied and firm of tannin, a thread of sinew, with all things in perfect balance.
- 13 **Howard Park Abercrombie Great Southern WA** 188  
The deep and dark ruby colour implies the intensity and richness that is abundantly delivered on bouquet and palate.
- 11 **Cherubino Frankland River WA** 188  
Inky black, the wine has strong classic bay leaf and earth cabernet tones. Very focussed, mouth-filling with super fine tannins. Oak is supporting the intense fruit. Medium bodied, destined for a long life.

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- 15 Cullen Diana Madeline Margaret River WA 195**  
A blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Biodynamic Cullen Vineyard. Structured and fruit driven with blackberries and spice with fine grained tannins.
- 15 Hickinbotham The Peake Cabernet|Shiraz McLaren Vale SA 230**  
A blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon and 44% Shiraz, the 2015 The Peake Cabernet Shiraz has a deep garnet-purple colour and a profound nose of baked cherries, blackberry coulis and blueberry compote with hints of cedar, violets, dark chocolate and a waft of wild thyme. Full-bodied, rich and opulent, it has a seductively complex and plushly textured palate, with tons of black fruit and spice layers, finishing long and perfumed.
- 05 Domaine de Trévallon Baux de Provence Cabernet|Shiraz FRA 250**  
This is one of the greatest estates of Provence, even though it is classified as Vin de Pays des Bouches due to its frowned upon blending of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, and despite the blend's historical significance. Fermented in open foudres with minimal sulphur since the 1970's, this wine was natural before its time.
- 14 Mount Mary Quintet Yarra Valley VIC 295**  
The 2014 Quintet shows all the attributes of a quintessential Mount Mary Quintet. This release seems slightly more dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon characters rather than Merlot. As Dr. John would say "Good Cabernet should smell like Cabernet, let's not over-complicate it".
- 12 Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon|Shiraz SA 590**  
A blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Biodynamic Cullen Vineyard. Structured and fruit driven with blackberries and spice with fine grained tannins.

## ITALIAN RED WINES

### Veneto

Located in the North-East of Italy, Veneto is home to the famous Valpolicella and Amarone. The grapes for Amarone are dried to intensify the sugars of the fruit, which make these wines wonderfully intense.

- 14 Cantine Pra Morandina Valpolicella DOC 61**  
Vibrant ruby red in colour with fresh cherry and plum aromas.
- 16 Michele Allegrini Valpolicella DOC 63**  
Vibrant ruby red in colour with fresh cherry and plum aromas.
- 16 Monte Dall'Ora Saseti Valpolicella Classico DOC 63**  
Biodynamically farmed grapes with no additions or adjustments to the wine. There is a freshness and vibrancy along with depth of flavour which makes this wine quite quaffable, but also keeps your interest.
- 16 Le Salette Valpolicella Classico DOC 68**  
Alluring aromas of exotic spice, purple flower, dark-skinned berry and a balsamic note lead the nose. The concentrated palate delivers dried cherry, ripe plum, mint, licorice and a hint of game alongside velvety tannins that wrap around the finish. It nicely balances weight and finesse.

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- 13 Bertani Secco Bertani IGT 125**  
An intense red colour with ruby highlights. Hints of redcurrants, blackberries and cocoa powder on the nose, together with spicy notes of black pepper, cloves and nutmeg. On the palate a pleasant flavour of red fruit, sour cherries, concentrated cherry and black tea, followed by fine, powdery tannins with a coffee bean finish.
- 13 Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone Classico DOCG 140**  
On the palate it's ample and sweet, with moderate berry fruit that has some prune accents supported by peppery spice and tannins that have a peppery balsamic burr, and flow into a fairly long bitter finish with a cocoa underpinning.
- 13 Le Salette La Meregga de Valpolicella Amarone Classico DOCG 175**  
There is a great persistence, purity and focus to this wine. Blackcurrant and cranberries are interwoven with cream and gentle oak spice. An edgy sweet and sour fruit character creeps through. This is fresh and very drinkable.
- 11 Tenuta Sant'Antonio Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 180**  
Campo Dei Gigli is the oldest Sant'Antonio vineyard and is dedicated to the lily, the flower that symbolises Tenuta Sant'Antonio. Wild fruits, woody hints and mineral tones with aromas of liquorice, black pepper, tobacco, spices and chocolate.
- 11 L'Arco Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOCG 195**  
Made only from autochthonous grapes (corvina, rondinella, molinara). The best clusters are selected to dry in the cellar for 100 days. Red garnet coloured, with rich ripe cherry and dark berry flavours.
- 09 Giuseppe Quintarelli Rosso Ca' del Merlo Veneto IGT 285**  
Brooding notes of black fruits, succulent red berries, peppery spices, the smoke of a roaring fire, melted chocolate, worn saddle leather, and sun-warmed loam burst from the glass of this elegant, balanced Ca' del Merlo. The silky wine grasps the palate with velvety tannins as it releases a sweet inner perfume that complements its savory mineral core. As you'd expect from a Quintarelli wine, this Rosso builds to a lingering and kaleidoscopic finish.

## Trentino – Alto Adige

Trentino is an autonomous wine-producing province in the far north of Italy, bordering Lombardy to the west and Veneto to the south and east. The province forms the southern half of the Trentino-Alto Adige region, the other half being Alto Adige (Sudtirol to its largely German-speaking population).

From the Trentino region, we are highlighting one of the truly exciting producers of Italian wine. Elisabetta Foradori is largely responsible for resurrecting Trentino's much forgotten Teroldego grape from the brink of extinction and producing some of Italy's finest, most age worthy wines. All wines are wild fermented with indigenous yeast and Demeter certified biodynamic.

From Alto Adige, the sustainable, holistic working methods of Alois Lagedar yield a wonderful balance of natural acid and tannin. These are some of the finest Pinot Noir wines in Italy.

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## Trentino – Alto Adige

- 14 Foradori Teroldego Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 95  
The Campo Rotaliano is a well-demarcated geographical area, a sort of recess of the Adige Valley tucked between the mountains. Its history and origin are closely tied to the Noce River, which, over the centuries, has deposited huge quantities of limestone, granite and porphyry debris. Within this small plain, depending on the soil composition, various micro zones can be distinguished, bearing various names given by the local vintners. The wines from the vineyards with a predominantly sandy soil are blended to produce "Foradori" wine.
- 14 Foradori Teroldego Sgarzon Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 134  
"Sgarzo" means vine shoot in the Campo Rotaliano. The vines that grow in the Sgarzon vineyard are particularly vital and benefit from the cooler climate that distinguishes this site. Teroldego's character changes, it is enriched with an unusual freshness. The eight months spent on the skins in amphorae (tinajas from Villarobledo, Spain), retain and amplify its distinctiveness. Along with the Morei vineyard, the Sgarzon strongly expresses the great variability that this variety.
- 15 Alois Lageder Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC 93  
Fruit comes from selected vineyards in Pochi and Appiano at an altitude of 300m to 450m. Elegant and pretty, but with great length and development. Fresh, bright red fruit is balanced by spice and soft, silky tannins.
- 13 Alois Lageder Krafuss Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC 160  
In comparison with the 2015 vineyard blend, this wine, in Burgundian terms, is the "La Tâche" of Italy. Elegant up front, but complete in its luscious intensity.

## Piemonte

Nebbiolo, the greatest Italian red varietal is grown and made here, with Barolo the epicentre for the finest Nebbiolo wines. Lighter, fresher Dolcetto and Barbera wines are great value, easy drinking styles, perfect for kicking back in the Locale Bar, and work well straight from the ice bucket.

- 16 Oltretorrente Barbera|Dolcetto Colli Tortonesi DOC 58  
Oltretorrente vineyards are located in Paderna in the evocative hilly area of Tortona. Their organic methods significantly reduce the yields, but this is of benefit to the complexity and structure of wines: in fact, the old vines produce less but the plants are more balanced and grapes are richer and deeper in their characteristics.
- 13 Amalia Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 59  
Pleasing aroma, with red fruity and almonds. The sensations are exalted by a great breadth and persistence.
- 16 Prunotto Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 65  
This is full-bodied, grippy, plum-fruited, spicy with great length.
- 16 Elvio Cogno Mandorlo Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 70  
The nose is intense and persistent, with scents of red berries. It is a full-bodied, elegant and round wine, with notes of red and black fruit and almond.

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- 14 Renato Corino Barbera d'Alba DOC 75  
Simply stunning, elegant, clean, full fruit and velvety texture with notes of brown spice, deep red fruit and cassis. Good acidity and balancing tannins. Medium length finish.
- 15 Carussin Lia Vi Barbera d' Asti DOCG 85  
Lia Vi is the characteristic Barbera d'Asti, young, intense and fun. Its name was born from the research of the various natural bird nests that are found in its vineyard. A delicious crunchy Barbera, made with natural yeast and a minimum of sulphur. The wine exudes vitality that keeps you reaching for more.
- 15 G.D. Vajra Langhe Rosso DOC 85  
A blend of Nebbiolo, Dolcetto, Barbera, Albarossa and Fresia, the bottling in the words of Gusippe Vajra, is meant to be an introductory wine for the region of Piedmont. The wine is always a crowd pleaser, jumping from the glass with crushed red fruit and black spice notes.
- 13 Aldo Conterno Conca tre Pile Barbera d'Alba DOC 126  
Deep ruby red, with dark berry perfumes overlaid with spiced, dark plum and cherries. On the palate, it is concentrated and full-bodied, with the classic Barbara acidity lifting and accentuating the red fruit characters. Blackberries, savoury spice and nutmeg blend with ripe plums and supple tannins. Long, elegant finish.
- 14 Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo DOC 115  
As one would expect from Nebbiolo the nose of this wine has a somewhat split personality; savoury aromas of earth, tar, tobacco and leather contrasted with lifted floral overtones, violets, cherries, the works.
- 13 Albino Rocca Barbaresco DOCG 145  
Sweet tobacco, mint, licorice and dark cherry all lift from the glass. Aromatic and lifted in style, there is also plenty of tannic grip and enough structure for interest, although this is an early drinking style.
- 01 Aldo Conterno Quartetto Langhe DOC 150  
This wine leans toward Nebbiolo, appropriately, but in a diluted form from Cabernet, Barbera and Dolcetto component additions. In the mouth it's medium but rich, ripe, ready, completely void of any tannins and shows good balancing acidity.
- 13 Massolino Barolo DOCG 155  
Red fruits, sweet almonds, spiced biscuit, roses and herbs. Medium bodied, supple and almost juicy red fruits, cool acidity, almond biscuit again, some new leather, but fragrant and energetic from front to back. The tannin is ample, but not forbidding, and the balance and length is spot on.
- 12 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera DOCG 169  
Brilliant garnet-red in color with orange highlights. Firm, elegant and potent on the nose, it has scents of rose, mint and tobacco, scents that meld over the course of time into spice, coffee, licorice, truffle, leather and minerals. A full-bodied, rounded bouquet of great structure and balance, redolent of plum jam and withered brambles. The persistent chocolatey aftertaste is harmonious and enticing.
- 12 Aldo Conterno Il Favot Langhe Nebbiolo DOC 176  
Rose petals, scorched earth, baking spices and tar hold the juicy succulent red fruits.
- 11 Aldo Conterno Il Favot Langhe Nebbiolo DOC 195  
The medium weight palate shows soft accessible fruit with light to medium tannins on a medium length finish.

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- 11 **Sottimano Cottá Barbaresco DOCG** 180  
Sweet floral and spice notes meld into a core of dark red and black hued stone fruits, tobacco, smoke and new leather. The characteristic pliant, juicy Cottá fruit is there, but it is complemented by expressive floral overtones.
- 10 **Viberti Bricco delle Viole Barolo Riserva DOCG** 180  
Bricco delle Viole is one the largest crus in the village of Barolo, standing between 400-500m above sea level on mainly south and south-east on limy-clayey soil. This powerful wine shows aromas of raisined red and black fruit and spices. Hints of earth, particularly minerals, and wild flowers follow.
- 12 **Fratelli Alessandria Monvigliero Barolo DOCG** 185  
Monvigliero sings of the vineyard's steep, white-talc slopes, with its pale, red-rose colour, and rose-petal scent, along with vintage-specific notes of violet creams. This is a haunting, ethereal, fresh, mandarin-skin and rose-petal beauty, wrapped up by the finest of tannins and a salty lick.
- 12 **Vietti Castiglione Barolo DOCG** 195  
Sweet red cherry, pomegranate, wild flowers and spices all meld together in a sensual, radiant wine endowed with striking presence and intensity. In 2012, the Castiglione is especially lifted, radiant and expressive, with striking purity and nuance.
- 12 **Capellano Piè Rupestris Otin Fiorin Barolo DOCG** 199  
Cappellano has been quietly producing some of the greatest Barolo, flying under the radar and shunning the scoring system due to a firm belief that winemaking is an art-form that cannot be encapsulated by numbers. Grown on original rootstock and made naturally with long maceration.
- 11 **Luciano Sandrone Le Vigne Barolo DOCG** 275  
Rose petal, mint, crushed flowers, sweet red berries and cinnamon are some of the many notes that take shape in the glass. A wine of exquisite perfume and aromatic lift, the 2011 Le Vigne is all about finesse and pure texture. With time in the glass, the 2011 blossoms into a layered, head-turning wine. This is a great effort from Sandrone.
- 06 **Aldo Conterno Cicala Barolo DOCG** 315  
Cicala is the most fruit-driven, but also the most tannic and most age-worthy of the estate's trio of single-vineyard Barolos. Thickly textured with concentrated forest fruit, its layers of mineral, liquorice, and smoke add complexity that mellows into a fine, lingering finish.
- 13 **Gaja Barbaresco DOCG** 575  
On the palate, there are flavours of cherry, plum, spice, leather. Quite juicy with savoury ripe chalky tannin that is more on the mid palate than the front of mouth but present throughout and introducing a liquorice element. Carries long on the palate with touches of rose.
- 13 **Ceretto Bricco Rocche Barolo DOCG** 615  
The 2013 Barolo Bricco Rocche is another magnificent wine from Ceretto. The interplay of aromatics, fruit and structure is simply dazzling. All of the perfume of Bricco Rocche comes through, but there is also more than enough acidity, structure and overall depth to provide for many years of exceptional drinking. Aromatic intensity, tension and layered fruit are some of the signatures. Truly exceptional.

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## Toscana

For its strength of image this province is easily the best known and most evocative. The principle grape is Sangiovese. Often blended with other varieties, it has become one of the highest selling wines in the modern world.

- 15 **Antinori Santa Cristina Toscana IGT** 43  
On the palate the wine is smooth and well-balanced. The finish is characterized by gentle tannins and the persistent flavour of the grapes which make it so delicious and easy to drink.
- 16 **Bonacchi Gentilesco Chianti DOC** 50  
The aging in oak barrels gives this wine ruby red colour with garnet hues. It has an intense aroma and a dry velvety flavour. Lots of acidity and tart cherry notes. Medium-bodied and smooth. Cries out for food.
- 16 **Fiore Nero Chianti DOC** 53  
Intense and lively ruby-red colour. Rich aroma of wild berries, violet notes, and hints of spice. On the palate it is full bodied and well balanced, with soft, elegant tannins.
- 15 **Rocca di Castagnoli Fattoria di Scannano Chianti DOCG** 60  
Semi translucent dark crimson red colour with a tinge of black around the edges and a dark red hue. The nose exhibits spicy dark cherry aromas followed by some cedar and light dried meat notes. Light and savoury with good fruit the palate has flavours of dark cherries, dried meats and spicy cedar. Soft fine grained tannins.
- 16 **Le Ragnaie Poggio Anima Toscana IGT** 60  
Poggio Anima Sangiovese is a well-priced Sangiovese is organically farmed from 15-year-old vines. Full-bodied with a mixed palate of red fruit, wild herbs (sage and rosemary), and exotic spices.
- 15 **Antinori Pèppoli Chianti Classico DOCG** 69  
Lively and elegant, showing herb, black cherry and spice flavours backed by dusty tannins. There's moderate length on the finish.
- 15 **Casale Colli Senesi Chianti DOC** 75  
Bright, vibrant, fresh and energetic. Delicate fragrance of violet and iris, lingers on the palate. Crisp, crunchy and fun.
- 15 **Bibbiano Chianti Classico DOCG** 75  
Intense ruby red with distinct purplish notes. On the nose, this wine is very fresh, with particularly pleasant fruity notes of black cherry and currant. Very well balanced and harmonious on the palate with medium structure and remarkable acid.
- 15 **Talenti Rosso di Montalcino DOC** 85  
Intense, fresh and fruity scent with the varietals notes of cherry, plums and black cherry. Soft and mineral taste with a good structure and well-balanced tannins.
- 14 **Ormanni Chianti Classico DOCG** 85  
Aromas of cherry, cranberry and orange and a touch of spice. The palate is expressive of the Barberino Val d'Elsa commune, where Sangiovese takes on a brooding, austere character, though maintaining a generous, fruity core.
- 14 **Tenute dell'Ornellaia Le Volte DOC** 89  
Le Volte demonstrates a good depth of dark fruit with accompanying dried herbs and spice. The mouthfeel is dense and quite smooth despite the tannins, with a delightful minty finish. Fine acidity ties everything together

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- 14 Isole e Olena Chianti Classico DOCG 92  
Dark fruit and pressed flowers on the nose. Tight, young and grippy palate with racy plum and cherry fruit, touches of pepper and an aromatic, herby finish. A wine of depth and fascinating complexity.
- 15 Poggio Scalette Chianti Classico DOCG 96  
The notes of Chianti Classico-style Sangiovese dominate the nose and fuse perfectly with a Cabernet which is equally important in characterizing this wine. On the palate the wine is highly pleasurable, supple, round, and soft in texture and savoury as well. Tonic and vibrant sensations characterize a notably elegant finish and aftertaste.
- 15 Le Macchiole Bolgheri Rosso DOC 104  
A rich and layered red with plum and currants. Full bodied, with plenty of juicy ripe fruit with fine tannins to give the wine drive. Made from predominantly Merlot, with Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah.
- 13 Casanova di Neri Rosso di Montalcino DOC 108  
Hints of maraschino cherry, violets and red fruits. Great fineness in the mouth with tannin that is still young but of excellent quality. Long lasting, elegant and persistent. This really is baby Brunello. While very drinkable right now, it also has serious power and structure.
- 15 Montesecondo Tin Toscana IGT 110  
Meaning "clay" in Arabic, Tin is 100% Sangiovese fermented and matured in Amphorae, not particularly common in Chianti, an area still rife with big industrial scale production. Amphorae always make for very elegant and fresh wines that seem to be full of energy and life. A truly unique expression of Tuscan Sangiovese.
- 14 Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 110  
An intense ruby red in colour, the wine offers a fruity and floral nose with additional notes of spices and toasted oak. The palate is supple and balanced and the toasty and fruity sensations linger on a fragrant and persistent finish.
- 12 Pian delle Vigne Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 163  
Velvety and rich, this wine whooshes across the palate with considerable softness and roundness, yet it's also remarkably structured; this Brunello mixes accessibility with longevity in a wine that's replete with chewy tannins and vibrant acidity.
- 11 Isole e Olena Cepparello Toscana IGT 180  
Lovely seductive bouquet of cherries, dark berries, coffee, spices and some liquorice. Some oak and vanilla in the back. With time in decanter a nice meaty note appears. Good acidity, nice grip, medium plus in the body, firm but still quite soft tannins.
- 08 Casanova di Neri Tenuta Nuova Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 220  
Tenuta Nuova is a pioneering and visionary vineyard project embodying the belief and passion of Casanova di Neri. Tenuta Nuova means new property; Tenuta Nuova is a place where nobody planted Sangiovese before balsamic and red fruit notes, while in the mouth shows itself with ripen and silky tannins which are supported by a vibrant finish.
- 12 Baricci Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 185  
Enticing perfumed berry, violet, new leather and truffle scents emerge in this textbook Brunello. On the savoury, full-bodied palate, licorice, clove and chopped herb flavours accent a juicy core of ripe black cherry fruit.

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- 11 Le Ragnaie Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 185**  
This is very pretty and supple on the palate, yet with flavours that are also quite forward. Dried cherries, sweet tobacco, wild flowers, mint and anise meld together in a delicate.
- 10 Tenute Silvio Nardi Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 190**  
Silvio's daughter, Emilia Nardi, took over her father's company in 1962, and has since been producing fine and structured Brunella. Hints of anise, ripe wild berries and a touch of vanilla. Supple tannins, great structure and good length.
- 12 Frescobaldi Castel Giocondo Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 205**  
Castelgiocondo Brunello di Montalcino is a clear ruby red with garnet highlights. Pronounced notes of blackberry are elegantly accompanied by floral notes such as violet. The nose is complex and well-blended: spicy notes of black pepper and clove, tobacco and leather, and "jus de viande" reflect well the evolution of the wine. Resonating tannin textures, mellow structure with a long and elegant finish.
- 14 Antinori Tignanello Toscana IGT 220**  
In 2014 Tignanello faced very different growing conditions compared to most. The wine is beautiful and balanced with sweet tannins and a supporting oak texture that is neatly folded at the back. The wine is all about measure and proportion, and it aspires to these goals with an impressive sense of natural harmony. This is not an overtly powerful or muscular expression. Instead, it shows a tasty, almost savory form of elegance. Ultimately, this wine is more finessed and delicate than previous vintages.
- 09 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 230**  
Canalicchio di Sopra has been family owned since it was founded in 1962. Intense fruit flavours with a harmonious hint of forest floor.
- 14 Gaja Magari Ca'Marcanda Magari Bolgheri DOC 350**  
Inky dark, exploding with aromas of juicy berries, exotic spices, cigar wrapper and fresh-cut herbs. This was a warm, ripe vintage, so the wine holds immediate appeal.
- 14 Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 395**  
Tenuta San Guido claims that the 2014 vintage in Bolgheri was unlike other wine areas as precipitation was scarce. The slow maturing of the Cabernet grapes helped the phenolic ripening producing distinctive aromas and flavours never achieved in other vintages. Aromas of red berry, blue flower, menthol, exotic spice and a whiff of French oak take shape on this impeccably balanced radiant red. The palate is vibrant and focused—almost ethereal—delivering raspberry compote, Marasca cherry, star anise and cinnamon framed in elegant tannins.
- 07 Gaja Rennina Brunello di Montalcino 650**  
The designation Rennina first appears in the High Middle Ages and is derived from the late-Roman name of the estate, Fundus Rescianum, denoting a state-owned farm. Since the Gaja family's acquisition of the historic estate in 1994, three growing sites have been devoted to the cultivation of Sangiovese grapes for the production of Brunello di Montalcino: Santo Pietro (St. Peter), Castagno (Chestnut Tree), and Pian dei Cerri (Turkish Oak Flats). Here, lime-rich subsoils, southwest exposure, and ventilation arriving from the Tyrrhenian sea to the west deliver well-balanced Brunello di Montalcino, defined by its characteristic red fruit notes, minerality, and polished tannins.

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## Umbria

Bordering on Tuscany and right above Rome is the lesser-known and lesser-travelled region of Umbria. It's here where you'll find some of the most amazing, delightfully undervalued Italian wines.

### 16 Ajola Rossetto Sangiovese

85

On the border between Lazio and Umbria, Jacopo, Gigi and Australian Patricia are three young winemakers who produce extremely special natural wines with no sulphites. They aim to construct a new and healthy way of farming, picking up the pieces from the rubble left by industrial agriculture. The 2016 Rossetto is a vibrant, light red/dark rosato style wine beaming with juicy red berry fruit that's best enjoyed chilled. A glugable wine with wonderful energy, perfect for a relaxing afternoon in Noosa.

## Abruzzo

Italy is seldom known for the simplicity of its wines, yet the ruggedly mountainous region of Abruzzo offers an abundance of delightful, uncomplicated wines that tend to represent good value.

### 13 Tenuta Terraviva Lui Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC

78

This organic Montepulciano D'Abruzzo is macerated in stainless steel then fermented in old French barriques for 12 months before bottle aging for 6 months before release. Ruby colours the glass while aromatics showing black cherry, forest floor and musk. Fruit dominates the palate via soft tannins and mild acidity.

## Puglia

The southern portion of the region is a flat and fertile peninsula that forms the characteristic heel of the Italian "boot". Puglia has always been the engine-room of Italian wine production. This region is mitigated by constant sea breezes - especially from both sides of the southerly Salento peninsula - and long-established bush vines offer some resistance to drought. On these lands, they grow indigenous grapes such as Nero di Troia, Aglianico, Falanghina, Primitivo, Salice Salentino. Rio, our restaurant owner, has a particular affinity with this region as he was born and raised there.

### 13 Conte Onofrio Spagnoletti Castel del Monte DOC

49

Uva di Troia – the dark-skinned grape on which most Castel del Monte red wines are based – is a local grape variety capable of creating high-quality wines with some of southern Italy's most characterful wines.

### 15 Cantine Ionus Lectus Nero di Troia IGP

55

This medium to full bodied red features notes of raspberry, cherry, dark forest fruits and plums introducing a smooth finish of licorice and spice notes.

### 15 12 e Mezzo Negromaro del Salento IGP

55

Ruby red wine with shades of purple, the nose presents fascinating scents of wild berries. The palate is marked by notes of vanilla with long persistence.

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- 15 **Pietraventosa Volere Volare Primitivo Puglia IGT Italy** 63  
This is an unfiltered wine, made by selectioned grapes of the noble vineyard Primitivo of Gioia del Colle. Soft and well structured, with aromas of spices and red fruits.
- 09 **Agricola Vallone Vereto Salice Salentino Riserva DOP** 70  
Bright colour, with lively sour cherry fruit supported by dusky brambly bitterness and smoky acidity while the tannins are bright and smooth, flowing into a clean bitter finish that continues at length.
- 13 **Leone De Castris Salice Salentino Riserva DOC** 70  
Wine of an intense red colour with garnet coloured hints, made of Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera. On the nose, fruity sensations of blackberry and black cherry, notes of basil and sweet spices due to the refinement in oak barrels. On the palate, smooth and balanced with a strong but never intrusive tannin. Long lasting finish.
- 13 **Pietraventosa Ossimoro Murgia IGT** 75  
Grown on gravely Limestone, the wine shows explosive aromas of ripe plum and ripe pickled cherries. Rich and powerful on the palate with spice and ripe fruit flavours. Finishes fresh with a slight noble bitter chocolate note. 75% Primitivo , 25% Aglianico
- 08 **Masseria Maime Negromaro Salento IGT** 96  
Deep ruby red colours with aromas of plums and sour cherries, with muscular flavours of summer fruits and oak. Chewy mouth feel with full body and a long finish.
- 13 **Papale Primitivo di Manduria DOP** 105  
The Primitivo selection comes from grapes carefully selected in the heart of DOP and harvested by hand in small boxes, Papale was born from this gold line. Ruby red, with a round and soft taste that invokes aromas of jam and berries. A wine that admirably identifies its territory with its important structure, while respecting the elegance that sets it apart.
- 15 **Guttarolo Negromaro Puglia IGT** 115  
Vineyard work is excellent, organic and done entirely by hand, while Cristiano eschews the use of additives entirely in hope of making the sort of wines he likes to drink. While the wines are unmistakably Pugliese, full of wild, sun-drenched fruit, they have a balance often missing in the region, one that allows the grape and place to sing and the drinker to enjoy that hazy minerality that karst soils bring.
- 08 **Rivera Il Falcone Castel del Monte Riserva DOC** 125  
This blend opens up with aromas of cherry, blueberry, sweet balsamic, leather, earthy and spicy. The palate has great structure with firm and gritty tannins, lively acidity and good fruit concentration. An explosion of flavours on the finish with a trace of minerality and silky tannins. A full-bodied red with a lot of personality, strongly recommended.
- 08 **Bocca di Lupo Castel del Monte DOP** 126  
Lots of juicy berry and plum, with hints of spice and mineral.  
Full-bodied with spicy fresh fruit on the palate, firm tannins and a clean, mineral finish.

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- 08 **Rivera Puer Apuliae Nero di Troia Castel del Monte DOC** 165  
Named after King Federico II who left an important cultural mark on southern Italy, Puer Apuliae ("the son of Puglia") is an iconic wine made using indigenous Nero di Troia grapes. The wine opens with soft chocolate, ripe cherry, espresso, spice and blackberry aromas. The mouth feel is soft, plush and firm.
- 12 **Gianfranco Fino Es Primitivo di Manduria DOC** 195  
Intense, opaque ruby red. Purple rim. Consistent. Nice, complex rich nose. Very fine, with red fruits and sweet spices. Wonderful at taste: velvety, wrapping my mouth with integrated tannins and fruit.

## Sicilia

One of Europe's oldest wine growing regions, the island is home to some unique varietals not found anywhere else. Many modern Sicilian producers have embraced ancient farming and winemaking techniques, resulting in expressive wines that are equal to the best of any of the great regions of Italy.

- 15 **Cottanera Barbazzale Etna DOC** 55  
Barbazzale Rosso, Nerello Mascalese with a low percentage of Nerello Cappuccio, is vibrant ruby red, perfect for first-time wine drinkers. Delightful scents of raspberry and blackberry, wild flowers interwoven with light mineral scents. Very pleasant freshness on the palate, with a fresh tasting hint of acid.
- 15 **Ciello Rosso Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane IGP** 56  
Medium bodied and juicy with crunchy plummy fruit, dark spice, coffee and tobacco. Organic farming, wild yeast ferment and 60% whole bunch, resulting in wonderful, long, fine tannins.
- 13 **Feudo Arancio Riserva Sicilia DOC** 59  
Made entirely with Nero d'Avola, this round, chewy red offers ripe wild cherry, crushed raspberry, cinnamon and vanilla flavours. Smooth, velvety tannins support the juicy flavours and give it a polished texture. It's savory and accessible and will offer pure drinking enjoyment over the next few years.
- 14 **Mazzei Zisola Sicilia DOC** 85  
Deep, dark red colour with dark red hue. The nose displays very ripe notes of black cherry and stewed plum followed by some liquorice, spice, cedar and earth. Medium in weight, the palate delivers flavours of black plums and dark cherries followed by some earth and spice. A dry finish with velvet smooth tannins, this wine is elegant and concentrated with great depth.
- 16 **Occhipinti SP68 Rosso Vittoria Classico IGT** 90  
A blend of Frappato and Nero d'Avola from Sicily's Arianna Occhipinti. 'SP68' is the road which passes by the winery and, according to her, is "the most ancient wine route in existence. Aged in stainless steel, this wine is bright and aromatic with an unmistakable high-tone raspberry note.

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- 16 Occhipinti Siccagno Nero d'Avola Terre Siciliane IGT 110  
Siccagno is a Nero d'Avola superstar. These estate vines average 30 to 35 years old and are biodynamically farmed and harvested by hand. The wine is meaty, spicy, and earthy edged with fresh cherry and berry fruit. Quite grippy and structured with nice freshness and purity.
- 14 COS Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico IGT 105  
The Cerasuolo di Vittoria is a deep ruby red colour. It has aromas of dried cherry, chocolate, smoke, herb and spice. It gains some liquorice notes with time in the glass. Soft round fruity medium bodied palate with a good dose of acidity.
- 12 Masseria Setteporte Nerello Mascalese Etna DOC 135  
Dark raspberry and coffee with seemingly endless depth. Fruit heft, elegant black pepper, dark flowers and dirt, come-hither tannins, spring leaves, chocolate and ink, and then an entire, complex derivative phase for a heart-tugging finish and bitter, ocean spray tannins, surprisingly parallel to the bouquet; every sip a relay.
- 14 Girolamo Russo Feudo di Mezzo Etna Rosso DOC 149  
Nerello Mascalese with small percentages of Nerello Cappuccio. Sweet and soft crushed fruit nose, on the palate wonderful fragrant fruit, floral and smoky. Elegant but with textured body.

## Sardegna

No discussion on Sardinian wines would be complete without mentioning Cannonau(Grenache), the island's most planted variety. Concentrated in the centre of the island, it gives its best on warm, gravelly/pebbly soils that limit its natural productivity. The wines are generally high in alcohol and lower in acidity providing for nice round flavours suitable to the Australian palate for big reds.

- 15 Sardus Pater Foras Cannonau 65  
Intense ruby red colour. Mediterranean bouquet, complex, blueberry and ripe-blackberry aromas. warm, soft, sweet tannins of rare intensity in the mouth.

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