

# LOCALE

## RISTORANTE & BAR

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# WINES BY THE GLASS

## CHAMPAGNE|SPARKLING WINES

125ML

NV Laurent-Perrier Tours-sur-Marne FR	22
08 Moët & Chandon Épernay FR	28
NV Bellavista 'Alma Gran Cuvée' Franciacorta DOCG Lombardy IT	19
NV Ruggeri 'Quartese' Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Veneto IT	15
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## WHITE WINE

150ML

17 Stefano Lubiana Riesling Derwent Valley TAS	16
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16 Cullen Sauv Blanc Semillon Margaret River WA	16
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17 Payten & Jones 'Valley Vignerons' Chardonnay Yarra Valley VIC	14
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## ROSÉ

150ML

17 Chateau Peyrol Grenache Cinsault Côtes de Provence AOP FR	15
17 Collefrisio Montepulciano Terre di Chieti IGT	16
17 Medhurst Cab Sauv Shiraz Yarra Valley VIC	16

## RED WINE

150ML

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

## SPARKLING HALF BOTTLES 375ML

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

## WHITE HALF BOTTLES 375ML

16 Seresin Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough NZ	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 IT	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 IT	157
Crisp and luminous, the '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

- 16 Wirra Wirra 'Church Block' Cab Sauv|Shiraz McLaren Vale SA 30
- 15 Antinori 'Peppoli' Chianti Classico DOCG Toscana IT 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; with gentle earth and leather folded into dark berry and plum fruit with 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, elegantly textural tannins. Cherry and spice notes to finish.
- 14 Gaja 'Sito Moresco' Langhe DOC Piemonte IT 99  
A seamless blend of Nebbiolo, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Ruby red with vibrant aromas of red berries, spiced orange peel, roasted earth and savory minerals. A fruit-forward palate that is an absolute pleasure to drink.
- 13 Burlotto Barolo DOCG Piemonte IT 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 IT 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 IT 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 WINES

NV Bandini Prosecco DOC IT	45
16 Fasoli Gino 'La Corte del Pozzo' Prosecco DOCG, IT	59
NV Ruggeri 'Quartese' Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG IT	65
NV Marchese Antinori 'Montenisa' Franciacorta DOCG IT	95
NV Bellavista 'Alma Gran Cuvée' Franciacorta DOCG, IT	110
NV Berlucchi 'Cuvée Storica 61' Rose Franciacorta DOCG IT	135
NV Quartz Reef Brut Central Otago NZ	73
14 Domaine Chandon 'Cygnet' Pinot Meunier Rosé Upper Yarra VIC89	
14 Deviation Road 'Loftia' Adelaide Hills SA	103
10 Clover Hill 'Cuvée Exceptionnelle' Blanc de Blancs TAS	120

## 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 Cuvée Rosé Tours-sur-Marne	250
Krug 'Grand Cuvée' 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 Rosé' 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

# RIESLING

- 17 Frankland Estate Frankland River WA 62
- 17 Mac Forbes 'Spring' Strathbogie Ranges VIC 64
- 17 Adelina 'Polish Hill River' Clare Valley SA 65
- 17 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.
- 14 Valli 'Old Vine' Central Otago NZ 85  
Lime, grapefruit, orange blossom, green apple and mineral flavours are among the more obvious taste descriptors
- 17 Peter Zemmer 'Rohracker' Alto Adige DOC IT 85  
Elegant with delicate, soft florals, enticing acidity and lively scents of fresh peaches.
- 16 St. Michael Eppan 'Montiggl' Alto Adige DOC IT 96  
Intense aromas of white peach and stone fruit with mineral acidity make a truly captivating wine.
- 15 Pyramid Valley 'Rose Family Vineyard' Marlborough NZ 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 120  
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 slaty mineral expression.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC|SEMILLON AND BLENDS

- 17 Hay Shed Hill Sauv Blanc|Semillon Margaret River WA 44
- 17 Te Mata Estate 'Woodthorpe Vineyard' Hawke's Bay NZ 55
- 17 Shaw & Smith Adelaide Hills SA 60
- 17 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Road' Martinborough NZ 60
- 16 Josef Chromy Relbia TAS 62  
A state of the art winery producing wines of great purity; elderflower, gooseberry and passionfruit aromas with subtle notes of white flowers and melon.
- 16 Cullen 'Mangan' Sauv Blanc|Semillon 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 NZ 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.
- 17 Greywacke Marlborough NZ 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.
- 17 Sorrenberg Sauv 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 NZ 90  
Fresh, aromatic and intense without going overboard about it all. It feels cool and inviting. It takes nips out of you, but not big bites. It has a sense of balance.
- 12 Tyrrell's 'Vat 1' Semillon Hunter Valley NSW 90  
An iconic wine from what was a classic vintage for Hunter Valley Semillon, showing a tightly structured palate with considerable length and breadth of citrus fruit flavours.
- 14 Cloudy Bay 'Te Koko' Marlborough NZ 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 savoury tones, underlined by exotic tropical notes.



# PINOT GRIS|GRIGIO|BIANCO

## Alto Adige

Italy's northernmost wine region; nestled right up on the border of Austria and known to locals as "Südtirol." Pinot Grigio is the most cultivated white variety in Alto Adige

- 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 'Punggl' Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC** 75  
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.
- 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 colour, 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 Sudtirol 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.

- 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 minerally astringent finish.
- 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.

# PINOT GRIS|GRIGIO|BIANCO

## Outside Italy

- 17 Sam Miranda Pinot Grigio King Valley VIC 53  
Designed to be true to the Grigio style: With natural acidity and 6 months on lees to add texture to the palate; Soft, supple, crunchy and crisp!
- 16 Wairau River Marlborough NZ 65  
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.
- 17 S.C. Pannell Pinot Grigio Adelaide Hills SA 68  
Quite perfumed with aromas of pears, florals and subtle spice. A richer and more concentrated wine than many Grigio styles but still beautifully fresh, with balance and length. Perfect with Andy's seafood pasta dishes.
- 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.
- 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.

# CHARDONNAY

- 16 Te Mata Estate Hawke's Bay NZ 55  
Aromas of white meadow flowers, French vanilla and floral, juicy peaches.
- 17 Payten & Jones 'Valley Vignerons' Yarra Valley VIC 60  
Rich, powerful, toasty and savoury, with great length and balance from bright acidity.
- 16 Millton 'Opou Vineyard' Gisborne NZ 65  
An old vineyard by NZ standards and certified Biodynamic.  
To quote the winemaker; "It smells like yellow and tastes like the words of AA Milne".
- 16 Kooyong 'Clonale' Mornington Peninsula VIC 68  
A complex nose with citrus varietal aromas meshed with classy oak. Seamless on the palate with long, fine cool-climate flavours.
- 17 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.
- 16 Craggy Range 'Gimblett Gravels' Hawke's Bay NZ 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 along 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.
- 14 Cloudy Bay Marlborough NZ 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.
- 16 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. 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 Burgundy France 120  
A balance of power and elegance, with soft minerality, vanilla, intense ripe fruits and a touch of brioche.

# CHARDONNAY

- 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.
- 14 **Ten Minutes by Tractor 'Wallis' Mornington Peninsula VIC** 145  
The Wallis vineyard produces a very particular expression of Chardonnay that, stands out. 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.
- 16 **Felton Road Bannockburn Central Otago NZ** 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 Burgundy 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 **Savaterre Beechworth VIC** 165  
This is the luxury car of Chardonnay, with all the trimmings: Toasty, woodsmoke, flint and sulphur all over the golden peach fruit. There's a nuts and kernel quality topped with honey. One for the big Chardonnay lovers but done beautifully.
- 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.

# ITALIAN CHARDONNAY

- 15 **Tormaresca Puglia IGT** 47  
Tormaresca is the world famous Antinori family's outpost in Puglia. Shows fairly restrained aromas of lemon citrus and white peach.
- 15 **Isole E Olena 'Collezione Privata' 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.
- 16 **Gaja 'Rossj Bass' Chardonnay|Sav Blanc Langhe DOP** 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.
- 15 **Gaja 'Gaia & Rey' Langhe DOC** 600  
Remarkably balanced and deeply sophisticated, the 'Gaia & Rey' shows why this 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. On the palate this wine really delivers; coating the mouth with a creaminess as the wine builds to a fresh, lingering finish. Deriving from Gaja's Treiso vineyard planted in 1979, this wine is named for Angelo Gaja's oldest daughter, Gaia Gaja, and his grandmother, Clotilde Rey.

# WHITE VARIETALS

- 17 Scarborough Vermentino, Hunter Valley NSW 40
- 16 Bellwether 'Ant Series' Bianco d'Alessano Riverland SA 55
- 16 Chalmers Vermentino, Heathcote VIC 57
- 17 Kaesler Viognier, Barossa Valley SA 57
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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 blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Vert and Viognier is very sophisticated and complex. Whole bunches of Gewurztraminer were also added to the ferment for extra texture and aromatic complexity

# 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 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 'Télos Bianco' Veneto IGT 85  
With no added sulfur, the Télos 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.
- 15 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.

## Friuli Venezia Giulia

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- 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 Friulano 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. It is a big, concentrated yet balanced wine.
- 16 Zuani Bianco 'Vigne' Collio DOC 90  
Friulano joining forces with Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Pinot Grigio to produce a balanced wine with complex, rich fruit enhanced by balanced acidity and lingering mineral notes.
- 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.

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## Friuli Venezia Giulia

- 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.
- 08 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.

## Valle D'Aosta

Tucked in Italy's North West corner above Piemonte and surrounded by the Alps, the Valle d'Aosta is home to the highest elevated vineyards in all of Europe.

- 16 Les Cretes 'Mont Blanc' VINO Bianco 65  
This blend of Pinot Grigio, Bianco, Chardonnay and Muller Thurgau gives a very tight & delicate wine with aromas of hay and alpine flowers. Citrus, crushed rocks and green melon on the palate; a very precise and chiselled wine with lots of personality.

## 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.
- 16 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.
- 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.

# ITALIAN WHITE WINES

## 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 far beyond the well-known reds:

- 15 Marchesi Mazzei 'Belguardo' Vermentino di Toscana IGT 52  
Medium bodied, large fruit (yellow peach) aromas, pleasingly mineral taste
- 16 Poderi 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  
This multi-vintage blend of Vermentino is bright, saline and full of energy. Lovely perfumes of fresh red apple, honeydew melon and magnolia flowers and a very good depth of fruit with 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.
- 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 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 Vermentino and Viognier grapes are gently inebriated by the saline air and brilliant colours of the Tuscan sea.

## Marche

The Marche region is well known for the quality of its whites made from the prolific Verdicchio grape: it undoubtedly ranks among Italy's finest white wines.

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

## Abruzzo

Italy is seldom known for the simplicity of its wines, yet the rugged 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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## Campania

Campania is the "shin" of Italy's boot, one of Italy's very oldest wine regions, even its name comes from the Latin Campania Felix, roughly meaning "fruitful land".

- 16 **Ciro Picariello Greco di Tufo** 95  
Named after the nearby village of Tufo, this stunning wine is savory, mineral, long and complex with orange blossom, citrus peel and lemon characters.
- 15 **Antonio Caggiano 'Béchar' Fiano di Avellino DOCG** 98  
Elegantly structured, aromas of pressed yellow flower, Mediterranean brush, citrus zest, toasted hazelnut and a drop of honey. Fresh acidity provides balance.

## 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.

- 16 **Guttarolo 'Carsia' 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.

## Basilicata

Winemaking in Basilicata dates back over a thousand years, compared to the rest of Italy however, the total wine production is very small. Aglianico, a full bodied red grape, is the star.

- 16 **Madonna delle Grazie 'Leuconoe'** 115  
Aglianico is here vinified as a white wine resulting in a light bodied wine with a delicate shade of pink; herbaceous, lime and white peach notes, fresh and zesty, a perfect blend of savoury, salty and fruity characters.

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## Sicilia

One of Europe's oldest wine growing regions, the island is home to some unique varietals not found elsewhere. 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.

- 16 Feudo Arancio Grillo Sicilia DOC 40  
A wine that shows balanced citrus fruit and floral characters and delicate acidity.
- 15 Graci Etna Bianco DOC 82  
Carricante and Cataratto producing a tight, crisp and perfectly balanced wine, with accents of stone and graphite underscored by pear, green plum and anise notes.
- 15 I Vigneri 'Aurora' 120  
Reminiscent of top Premier Cru white Burgundy while still showing the pure terroir of Carricante from 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 Vermentino that the island's first and only DOCG is Vermentino Di Gallura.

- 16 Cantina Tondini 'Karagnanj' Vermentino di Gallura Superiore DOCG90  
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' Rosato Salento IGT Puglia IT** 48  
Rosé made from local Negroamaro and Black Malvasia grapes. Brilliant rose-coloured, fresh dry-flavoured.
- 16 **A Mano Rosato Puglia IGT IT** 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 Rosé Beechworth VIC** 55  
Pale in colour, this rosé 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.
- 17 **Collefrisio Rosato Terre di Chieti IGT Abruzzo IT** 55  
Light pink in colour, this wine is made with 100% Montepulciano. Slightly floral on the nose yet rounded and refreshing on the palate with flavours of fresh red cherry, strawberry and peach. A well-structured rosé perfect for summer drinking.
- 17 **Medhurst Yarra Valley VIC** 62  
Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz provide clean lines, excellent flavour, very subtle powdery texture and a tangy fresh strawberry and redcurrant finish.
- 17 **Chateau 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.
- 15 **Leone De Castris 'Five Roses' Salento IGT Puglia IT** 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.
- 17 **Farr Rising 'Saignée' Geelong VIC** 72  
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 DOC Sicily IT** 82  
Nerello Mascalese gives a bone-dry rosé with strawberries and herbs, spice and wildflowers, and a touch of blood orange. Shimmering with acidity, a sturdy mineral core.
- 15 **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 62  
This pinot is 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  
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  
Bright berry fruit and cherry nose with flint, oak and spices. Dark cherries, mushroom and spices on the savoury palate with silky tannins. Wonderful structure and persistence.
- 16 Ten Minutes by Tractor ‘10x’ Mornington Peninsula VIC 80  
Deeply flavoured, predominantly savoury with tobacco, sap, wood smoke and forestry characters threading strands of intricate flavour through black cherry, almost olives fruit.
- 15 Marion’s Vineyard Deviot TAS 85  
Opulent, fragrant, and beguiling. Aromas reminiscent of the Tamar valley including undergrowth and sour cherry. A full yet supple palate with cranberry-like acidity to finish.
- 15 Yering Station Yarra Valley VIC 90  
Loads of classic 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.
- 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.
- 15 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.
- 15 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.
- 14 Craggy Range ‘Te Muna Road’ Martinborough NZ 120  
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 with freshness and fine structure.
- 16 Yabby Lake Mornington Peninsula VIC 138  
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 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.

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- 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.
- 13 **Two Paddocks 'The Last Chance' Central Otago NZ** 142  
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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 12 **Savaterre Beechworth VIC** 160  
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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 15 **Bass Phillip Premium Gippsland VIC** 215  
Cherry, sweet cinnamon and cedar oak, dried flowers, a little earthy bass. Medium bodied, silky and precise, delectable layered and complex, with ultra-fine tannins and long smashed strawberry and spice finish.

# ITALIAN PINOT NOIR

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

- 15 **Alois Lageder Pinot Noir Alto Adige DOC** 93  
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  
This wine is, in Burgundian terms, the "La Tâche" of Italy. Elegant up front, but complete in its luscious intensity.

# 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.
- 16 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 and fine, grainy and moreish. The main theme is Grenache with its purple berry lift and violet notes. This is the quintessential McLaren Vale red.
- 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.
- 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.
- 12 Vinea Marson Sangiovese Heathcote VIC 122  
Concentrated nose of dark cherry, dried prunes and spicy cloves with hints of roasted coffee beans and a lick of vanilla. The palate is complex - briary notes with rich dark cherry.
- 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 so 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|SYRAH

- 14 Chalk Hill McLaren Vale SA 52
- 14 Red Claw Heathcote VIC 62
- 15 Michael Hall 'Sang de Pigeon' Barossa Valley SA 68
- 15 Kay Brothers 'Basket Pressed' McLaren Vale SA 72
- 15 Dutschke 'Neighbours' Barossa Valley SA 74
- 16 La Petite Mort 'Amphora' Shiraz|Viognier Ballandean QLD 75
- 15 Marion's Vineyard Syrah Deviot TAS 90  
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.
- 15 Kaesler 'Reach for the Sky' Barossa Valley SA 92  
Dark fruited opulence of the Barossa but with an air of freshness and lift. Blackberries, touches of boysenberry, charcoal and chocolate. Fine, silt like tannins compliment and complete this wine.
- 14 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 & 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 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills SA 115  
Black and red fruits combining with silky fine-grained tannins expanding across the palate.
- 14 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.
- 15 Kay Brothers 'Block 6' McLaren Vale SA 185  
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

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- 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.
- 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.



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON|MERLOT AND BLENDS

- 14 **Bleasdale 'Mulberry Tree' Cab Sav 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 Cab Sav 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.
- 10 **Mitchell 'Sevenhill' Cab Sav Clare Valley SA** 68  
Dark crimson colour. Medium weight with a soft elegant structure, displaying refined flavours of blackcurrant, cedar and spice.
- 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.
- 15 **Medhurst Cab Sav Yarra Valley VIC** 72  
Ripe and rich fruit spectrum - red cherries, blackberries, loquats and mulberries, all supported by cinnamon and spice aromas.
- 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
- 15 **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 'K Block' Merlot 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.
- 14 **Goodman Cab Sav Yarra Valley VIC** 90  
Medium bodied and refreshing in style this is a classic Yarra Valley cabernet sauvignon. Blackcurrant and violet aromas dominate the nose with the subtle undertones of French oak. The palate is long, the tannins fine and grainy.
- 13 **Bellwether Cab Sav Coonawarra SA** 110  
Lovely purity, precision, perfume and finesse: violet and pencil shaving to nose. Concentrated yet vivid red and black berry, cherry and cassis.
- 15 **Vasse Felix Cab Sav Margaret River WA** 120  
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.
- 14 **Langmeil 'Jackamans' Cab Sav Barossa Valley SA** 135  
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.

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON|MERLOT AND BLENDS

- 14 Wirra Wirra 'The Angelus' Cab Sav McLaren Vale SA 148  
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.
- 13 Leeuwin Estate 'Art Series' Cab Sav Margaret River WA 159  
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' Cab Sav McLaren Vale SA 168  
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' Cab Sav 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 Cab Sav 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.
- 15 Cullen 'Diana Madeline' Cab Sav|Merlot Margaret River WA 195  
A blend of 87% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot with a dash of Malbec and Cabernet Franc from the Biodynamic Cullen Vineyard. Structured and fruit driven with blackberries and spice with fine grained tannins.
- 15 Hickinbotham The Peake Cab Sav|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.
- 14 Mount Mary 'Quintet' Yarra Valley VIC 295  
The 2014 'Quintet' blend of 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec. Gorgeous aromas of blackberry, cassis, olive, tobacco and minerals these follow through on the palate which is very fine and detailed.
- 12 Yalumba 'The Caley' Cab Sav|Shiraz Coonawarra|Barossa SA 590  
'The Caley' is the pinnacle of a long winemaking journey of excellence. Bringing together the linear elegance, firm tannins and persistent acid structure of Coonawarra Cabernet with the voluptuous, textural richness of Barossa Shiraz.

# 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.

- 16 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, liquorice and a hint of game alongside velvety tannins that wrap around the finish. It nicely balances weight and finesse.
- 09 I Campi 'Campo Ciotoli' Valpolicella DOC 90  
Black Cherry and Blackberry notes with classy, smooth tannins and fine length.
- 11 Sant'Antonio 'Monti Garbi' Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore DOCG 95  
Smooth and understated but with rich smoky mineral characters and flavours of black cherry coulis, baked plum, tea leaf and dark chocolate. Soft yet powerful, fresh and full-flavored with supple tannin and a spicy aftertaste.
- 13 Bertani 'Secco Bertani' Veneto 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.
- 05 I Campi 'Campo Prognare' Valpolicella Superiore DOC 130  
Structured and fragrant, a fine balance of flavours of sun-dried black cherry, blackberry coulis and pomegranate, with notes of vanilla, dried herb and ground spice. Displays a lovely silky texture and an elegant smokey 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 Valpolicella delle 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. This is fresh and very drinkable.
- 09 Giuseppe Quintarelli 'Rosso Ca' del Merlo' Veneto IGT 285  
As you'd expect from Giuseppe Quintarelli, this is elegant, balanced and brooding; black fruits, succulent red berries, peppery spices, dark chocolate and a savory mineral core. The velvety tannins build to a lingering and kaleidoscopic finish.

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## Trentino

Trentino is in the far north of Italy, bordering Lombardy to the west and Veneto to the south and east. Elizabetta 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.

- 14 Foradori Teroldego Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 95  
An elegant wine with lifted aromas of red berries, flowers and mint. Amazing structure and saline backed minerality.
- 16 Foradori Teroldego 'Sgarzon' Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 134  
"Sgarzo" means vine shoot in the local dialect. The wine is fermented in clay amphorae, firm yet polished tannins frame a core of expressive red fruit in this harmonious, impeccably balanced Teroldego: Black cherry, gravel, smoke, liquorice and dark spices.

## 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  
Notes of sweet cherry, cassis and crushed flowers. Savoury and crunchy with Blueberry, plum and some red berries with fresh earth notes and light, fine tannins.
- 13 Amalia Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 59  
Pleasing aromas of red fruit 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.
- 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  
Predominantly Nebbiolo, Dolcetto and Barbera this blend is a great introduction to the refined elegance of the wines of Piemonte: Intense and rich on the nose, it is both concentrated and harmonious. Bright summer berries and flowers lead to graphite, tobacco and warm spices.

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## Piemonte

- 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 **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 Barbera acidity lifting and accentuating the red fruit characters. Blackberries, savoury spice and nutmeg blend with ripe plums and supple tannins. Long, elegant finish.
- 14 **Albino Rocca Barbaresco DOCG** 145  
Sweet tobacco, mint, liquorice 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.
- 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 'Ravera' Barolo DOCG** 169  
Brilliant garnet-red in colour 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, liquorice, 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.
- 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.

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## Piemonte

- 13 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, this is all about finesse and pure texture.
- 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 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.

## 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  
Smooth and well-balanced. Gentle tannins and the persistence make this so easy to drink.
- 16 Bonacchi 'GentileSCO' Chianti DOC 50  
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  
Dark crimson in colour. The nose exhibits spicy dark cherry aromas, some cedar and light dried meat notes. Supple and savoury with dark cherries, dried meats and spicy cedar. Soft fine-grained tannins.
- 15 Poggio Anima 'Belial' Sangiovese Toscana IGT 60  
Bright and fresh flavours of red cherry and flinty red berries with a touch of pipe tobacco. The clean, long finish offers hints of underbrush and herbs.

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- 14 Ormanni Chianti DOCG 65  
Aromas of cherry, cranberry and orange and a touch of spice. The palate is expressive.
- 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 is very fresh, with 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 with the varietals notes of plum and black cherry. Soft and earthy characters of savoury plum with a good structure and well-balanced tannins.
- 15 Le Volte dell'Ornellaia Toscana IGT 89  
Ornellaia's 'Le Volte' is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. A depth of dark fruit with dried herbs and spice. The mouthfeel is dense and quite smooth despite the tannins, with a delightful minty finish. Fine acidity ties everything together
- 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  
Lively red fruits and blackberries complement undertones of ripe cherries and pomegranate seeds. On the palate, the wine is fresh and fruit-forward with silky tannins that evolve through the finish.
- 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, 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.

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- 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 liquorice with 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.
- 11 **Casanova di Neri 'Tenuta Nuova' Brunello di Montalcino DOCG** 220  
'Tenuta Nuova' is a pioneering and visionary vineyard project: a place where nobody has planted Sangiovese before. The bouquet is very expressive and intense, with notes of young red fruit, blackberry and the typical balsamic. Persistent and rich, with silky tannins and a superb length. A combination of elegance and power.
- 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, liquorice, clove and chopped herb flavours accent a juicy core of ripe black cherry fruit.
- 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  
Powerful and elegant Brunello: Intense ruby red colour with garnet highlights. Clean, sophisticated, intense and complex aromas with hints of anise, ripe wild berries and a light touch of vanilla. Warm with supple tannins, great structure and good length.
- 12 **Frescobaldi 'CastelGiocondo' Brunello di Montalcino DOCG** 205  
Pronounced notes of raspberry and pomegranate are elegantly accompanied by floral notes of violet. The nose is complex and well-blended: spicy notes of black pepper and clove, tobacco and leather; harmonious and well-defined with elegant tannins and mineral persistence.
- 14 **Antinori 'Tignanello' Toscana IGT** 220  
The 'Tignanello' vineyard proves Sangiovese, Cabernet France and Cabernet Sauvignon. 2014 had very different growing conditions compared to most. The resulting 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.



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- 09 **Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino DCG** 230  
This is a standout expression with long and polished notes of dried fruit and tobacco presented in a smooth and seamless fashion. It has an even prettier nose with ethereal balsam herbs, tar, liquorice and pressed violets emerging as the wine evolves in the glass. It shows good structure and balance.
- 14 **Gaja Ca'Marcanda 'Magari' Bolgheri DOC** 350  
With lush Merlot dominance and spicy Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc characters, 'Magari' expresses the essence of Bolgheri, rich and well-rounded with an elegant, silky finish. Inky dark, exploding with aromas of juicy berries, exotic spices, cigar 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  
Sassicaia means "the place of many stones," and refers to the region's gravel soil. Cooler-than-average temperatures in this vintage lead to lifted aromas of dewy herbs and summer strawberries the palate is vibrant and focused—almost ethereal—delivering raspberry compote, Marasca cherry, star anise and cinnamon framed in elegant tannins. Weightless and loaded with finesse, revealing subtle spice notes along with a saline earthiness that recalls the wine's coastal origins.
- 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.

## 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  
This is a vibrant, light red style of wine beaming with juicy red berry fruit that's best enjoyed chilled. A wine with wonderful energy, perfect for a relaxing afternoon in Noosa.
- 12 **Antonelli Rosso di Montefalco DOC** 95  
Sangiovese accompanied by Sagrantino and Montepulciano make for an intense and fruity wine with hints of cherry and wild berries. The palate is balanced and well structured. The freshness provided by the Sangiovese gives it an excellent drinkability.

## 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 ruby coloured in the glass with aromatics showing black cherry, forest floor and musk. Fruit dominates the palate via soft tannins and mild acidity.

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## Puglia

Rio, our restaurant owner, has a particular affinity with this region as he was born and raised there. It forms the characteristic heel of the Italian "boot". This region is mitigated by constant sea breezes and long-established bush vines offer some resistance to drought. On these lands, they grow indigenous grapes such as Nero di Troia, Aglianico, Primitivo, Salice Salentino.

- 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 liquorice and spice notes.
- 15 **12 e Mezzo Negroamaro 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.
- 15 **Pietraventosa 'Volere Volare' Primitivo Puglia IGT** 63  
This is an unfiltered wine, made by selected 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.
- 15 **Pietraventosa 'Ossimoro' Murgia IGT** 75  
Grown on gravelly 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
- 14 **Varvaglione '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 Negroamaro 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.

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- 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 **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 varieties 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' Rosso Etna DOC** 55  
Nerello Mascalese with a small amount of Nerello Cappuccio; vibrant ruby red and aromatic; raspberry, blackberry and wild flowers interwoven with elegant mineral freshness.
- 14 **Graffetta Nero D'Avola Sicilia DOC** 58  
Aromas of ripe red fruit combine with leather and mineral notes. The palate it is velvety, with a juicy and soft finish.
- 13 **Feudo Arancio Riserva Sicilia DOC** 59  
This Nero d'Avola offers ripe wild cherry, crushed raspberry, cinnamon and vanilla flavours. Smooth, velvety tannins support the juicy flavours and give it a polished texture.
- 14 **Marchese Mazzei 'Zisola' Sicilia Noto Rosso DOC** 85  
Deep red in colour, ripe notes of black cherry and stewed plum with some liquorice, spice, cedar and earth. Medium in weight with velvet smooth tannins, this wine is elegant yet concentrated with great depth.
- 15 **Occhipinti 'SP68' Rosso Vittoria Classico IGT** 90  
'SP68' is the road which passes by the winery and, according to Arianna Occhipinti, is "the most ancient wine route in existence". A blend of Frappato and Nero d'Avola aged in stainless steel, this wine is bright and aromatic with a high-tone raspberry note.
- 14 **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.

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- 14 **COS Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico DOCG** 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 Sardegnan 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, gravely/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.