

# LOCALE

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# WINES BY THE GLASS

	SPARKLING WINES CHAMPAGNE	125ML
17	Col Vektoraz 'Brut' Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG IT	18
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NV	Laurent-Perrier 'La Cuvée' Tours-sur-Marne FR	22
09	Moët & Chandon 'Grand Vintage' Épernay FR	28

	WHITE WINES	150ML
18	Smallfry Riesling Eden Valley SA	14
18	Craggy Range 'Te Muna Road' Sauv Blanc Martinborough NZ	15
17	Cullen Sauv Blanc Semillon Margaret River WA	16
17	Unico Zelo 'Riversand' Fiano Riverland SA	15
17	Poderi del Paradiso Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Toscana IT	15
17	Kaltern Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC IT	15
17	Quartz Reef Pinot Gris Central Otago NZ	17
17	Varvaglione '12 e Mezzo' (Chardonnay Malvasia) Bianco Puglia IGP IT	14
16	Ca'Rugate 'Monte Alto' Soave Classico DOC Veneto IT	18
16	Caledonia Australis Chardonnay Gippsland VIC	18

	ROSÉ WINES	150ML
18	Collefrisio (Montepulciano) Rosato Terre di Chieti IGT Abruzzo	16
18	Medhurst Estate (Cab Sauv Shiraz) Yarra Valley VIC	16
17	Château Peyrol (Grenache Cinsault) Côtes de Provence AOP FR	15

	RED WINES	150ML
15	Vietti 'Perbacco' Nebbiolo Langhe DOC Piemonte IT	22
17	Dalrymple Pinot Noir Pipers River TAS	17
17	SC Pannell 'Basso' Grenache McLaren Vale SA	15
15	Hilberg-Pasquero 'Vareij' (Brachetto Barbera) Piemonte IT	16
15	Graffetta Nero d'Avola Sicilia DOC IT	16
16	Antinori 'Pèppoli' Chianti Classico DOCG Toscana IT	18
16	Silvio Nardi 'Tùran' (Petit Verdot Sangiovese) Sant'Antimo DOC Toscana IT	16
16	Sons of Eden 'Zephyrus' Shiraz Barossa Valley SA	18
15	Pietraventosa 'Ossimoro' (Primitivo Aglianico) Puglia IGT IT	18

## 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.
- 17 **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 mineral-astringent finish.
- 16 **Pieropan Soave Classico DOC IT** 60  
A delicate nose of almond blossom and marzipan; good depth of fruit on the palate, nicely balanced by a zingy acidity that enhances its length.
- 16 **Jim Barry 'The Florita' Riesling Clare Valley SA** 62  
Purity in a glass, this Riesling is from a magnificent micro site that shows aromas and flavours of lime 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.

## ROSÉ HALF BOTTLES - 375ML

- 17 **Triennes Méditerranée IGP France** 30  
Provence Rosé with a bouquet of strawberries and white flowers with hints of vanilla. The perfect accompaniment to a sunny summer afternoon.
- 17 **Domaine La Suffrene Bandol AOC France** 65  
Predominantly Mourvèdre, Lightly salmon-coloured. A delicate nose of candied citrus fruit and spices. A full balanced style, fresh, underlined by a nice aromatic persistence and great finesse.

# RED HALF BOTTLES - 375ML

- 16 Wirra Wirra 'Church Block' Cab Sauv|Shiraz McLaren Vale SA 30
- 16 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 Torbreck 'The Steading' Grenache|Mataro|Shiraz Barossa Valley SA 52  
The heart and soul of Torbreck: Vibrant aromas of dark cherry, blackberry, and star anise. Dense, succulent dark fruits with liquorice, plum, black olive, earth, white pepper and Asian spice. Complex yet elegant with a perfect balance of acidity and supple, silky 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.
- 13 Mastrojanni Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Toscana 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.
- 12 Ornellaia Bolgheri DOC Superiore Toscana IT 245  
A deep ruby, and a remarkably beguiling bouquet boasts rich fruit and spice notes. The palate is well-rounded and generous, with glossy tannins and a complete absence of any roughness. Predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot with Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.

# SPARKLING HALF BOTTLES - 375ML

NV Nino Franco Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Veneto IT	57
Florals, apple, pear and citrus fruits. Fine and persistent.	
NV Laurent-Perrier 'La Cuveé' Tours-sur-Marne France	65
Predominantly Chardonnay, defining the house style, for freshness and delicacy.	
NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims France	105
100% Chardonnay; elegant and luminous with florals and citrus characters. A great aperitif.	
NV Duval-Leroy 'Rosé Prestige Brut' Vertus France	110
Created from Premier Cru Chardonnay and Pinot Noir; this is salmon coloured with hints of amber. A wealth of aromas: wild cherries, figs and even a hint of ginger and geraniums.	

## SPARKLING WINES

NV Quartz Reef Methode Traditionnelle Brut Central Otago NZ	73
Pinot Noir and Chardonnay; exuding elegance and finesse. Royal gala apple and hints of lime and brioche. Focused and crisp with invigorating creamy acidity, beautiful balance and length.	
14 Domaine Chandon 'Cygnet' Rosé Upper Yarra Valley VIC	89
100% Pinot Meunier for the Upper Yarra Valley, this unusual expression shows red currant and pink grapefruit with ginger biscuit, alongside creaminess, fine bubbles and bright acidity.	
15 Deviation Road 'Loftia' Adelaide Hills SA	103
Chardonnay and Pinot Noir provide aromas of lemon zest precede the creamy mousse: Baked apple, fresh citrus zest with oyster shell minerality and citrus finish.	

## ITALIAN SPARKLING WINES

NV Bandini Prosecco DOC IT	43
16 Fasoli Gino 'La Corte del Pozzo' Prosecco DOCG, IT	59
NV Ruggeri 'Quartese' Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG IT	65
17 Col Vetoraz 'Brut' Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG IT	85
From the hillside vineyards of the Valdobbiadene region of the Veneto. Fine and aromatic bouquet, dry and intense, very harmonious.	
NV Marchese Antinori 'Cuvée Royale' Franciacorta DOCG IT	95
Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc from the Montenisa estate in the heart of Franciacorta, Lombardy. Aromas of white peach, apple and toast, rich and creamy with delicate persistence.	
NV Bellavista 'Alma Gran Cuvée' Franciacorta DOCG, IT	110
Full and inviting with hints of ripe fruit, pastries and candied citrus peel. A crunchy texture of elegance and harmony	
NV Berlucchi 'Cuvée '61' Rosé Franciacorta DOCG IT	135
Wild berries and ripe fruit, nicely blended with nuances of crusty bread. Refined and elegant with exceptional acidity and full body.	

## NON VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

Laurent-Perrier 'La Cuveé' Tours-sur-Marne	130
Duval-Leroy 'Brut Reserve' Vertus	135
Louis Roederer 'Brut Premier' Reims	147
Veuve Clicquot Brut Reims	155
Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Reims	189
Laurent-Perrier Cuvee Rosé Tours-sur-Marne	250
Benoît Déhu 'La Rue des Noyers' Fossoy	228
<small>8<sup>th</sup> generation Benoît makes this cuvée from a tiny parcel of family owned vines near the village of Fossoy. 100% Pinot Meunier, this is expressive, tightly wound and beguiling.</small>	
Dhondt-Grellet 'Le Bateau Grand Cru' Blanc de Blancs Flavigny	228
<small>Tiny production from the 60 year old chardonnay vines of the Grand Cru vineyard 'Le Bateau' in Cramant.</small>	
Agrapart 'Complantée Extra Brut Grand Cru' Avize	234
<small>A single vineyard, co-planted to six varieties and vinified together; a fascinating and wonderfully complex Champagne. Aromatically nuanced and textured, concentrated yet pure, fresh and mineral on the palate.</small>	
Krug 'Grand Cuvee' Reims	480

## VINTAGE CHAMPAGNE

08 Veuve Clicquot Reims	189
09 Moët & Chandon 'Grand Vintage' Épernay	175
08 Pol Roger Épernay	275
09 Dom Pérignon Reims	430
98 Dom Ruinart Reims	510
99 Salon 'Cuvée S' Le Mesnil-sur-Oger	995
96 Salon 'Cuvée S' Le Mesnil-sur-Oger	1850

# RIESLING

- 18 Smallfry Eden Valley SA 52
- 17 Frankland Estate Frankland River WA 62
- 18 Mac Forbes 'Spring' Strathbogie Ranges VIC 64
- 13 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.
- 17 Peter Zemmer 'Rohracker' Alto Adige DOC IT 85  
Elegant with delicate, soft florals, enticing acidity and lively scents of fresh peaches.
- 17 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.
- 09 Mitchell 'McNicol' Clare Valley SA 106  
This is a rich, luscious Riesling with the aged hallmarks of toast and butter. Preserved lemon and elegant acidity drive the concentrated rich fruit that dominates in this mouth-filling powerhouse of Riesling.
- 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.
- 18 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 slatey mineral expression.

# SAUVIGNON BLANC|SEMILLON AND BLENDS

- 17 Domaine Naturaliste Sav Blanc|Semillon Margaret River WA 48
- 18 Te Mata Estate 'Woodthorpe Vineyard' Sav Blanc Hawke's Bay NZ 55
- 16 Save our Souls Sav Blanc Yarra Valley VIC 58
- 18 Shaw & Smith Sav Blanc Adelaide Hills SA 60
- 18 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Road' Sav Blanc Martinborough NZ 60
- 15 Mahi 'Boundary Farm' Sav Blanc Marlborough NZ 65  
The influence of barrel-ferment and time on lees makes for a textural style while still retaining freshness. Restrained stone fruit and guava with apple and baked bread.
- 17 Cullen 'Mangan' Sav 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
- 17 Greywacke Sav Blanc Marlborough NZ 73  
A fusion of sweet scented fruits; nectarines, peaches and nashi pears with orange zest. A musky, floral perfume of jasmine and citrus blossom, grassy aromas but with complexity from a mineral edge.
- 17 Michael Hall Sav Blanc Adelaide Hills SA 76  
It is Michael Hall's precise approach to winemaking which makes his wines ooze class and attention to detail. A little spicy oak and some chalky texture from time on skins, the fruit really sings. Paw paw, lemon sherbet, yoghurt and basil.
- 17 Latta 'Quartz Bianco' Sav Blanc Pyrenees VIC 78  
A fascinating depiction of Sauvignon Blanc from a quartz riddled vineyard in Moonambel, Pyrenees: treated oxidatively, with a long and slow ferment followed by lees contact and full malo-lactic fermentation, and zero SO<sub>2</sub> added at any point. Creamy leesy characters, some sea spray notes, salted baked figs and a crushed rock minerality.
- 12 Tyrrell's 'HVD' 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' Sav Blanc 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

- 17 **Kaltern Pinot Grigio Alto Adige DOC** 60  
Ripe pear, crisp apple, peach and tangerine with an extra layer of complexity from notes of melon, blanched almond, and a lovely floral element.
- 17 **Peter Zemmer 'Punggl' Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC** 75  
Aromas of peach, stone fruit and citrus finishing with lingering mineral notes. Textural with good balance of density and acid.
- 17 **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.
- 17 **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 'Schulthauer' Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC** 89  
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.
- 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.

- 17 **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 mineral astringent finish.
- 17 **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.
- 16 **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!
- 18 **Arfion Pinot Grigio Yarra Valley VIC** 60  
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.
- 18 **Portsea Estate Pinot Gris Mornington Peninsula VIC** 65  
Lemon and lime, citrus rind, freshly sliced apple, nuanced barrel ferment characteristics. Fresh and focused acidity balanced with a fine mid-palate texture.
- 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 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.
- 17 **'Ted' by Mount Edward Pinot Bianco Central Otago NZ** 75  
Textural, perfumed and refreshing. White pear and peach aromas with some nutty-nougat savouriness. Palate is etched with chalkiness, nutty and fresh.
- 17 **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.
- 16 **Henschke 'Innes Vineyard' Pinot Gris Adelaide Hills SA** 78  
Intense aromas of nashi pear, honeysuckle and almond blossom with nuances of ginger spice and white nectarine. Stone-fruit and elegant layers of baking spices. Beautifully balanced with fine acidity to create texture and a long, crisp finish.

# CHARDONNAY

- 16 Te Mata Estate Hawke's Bay NZ 55
- 17 Payten & Jones 'Valley Vignerons' Yarra Valley VIC 60
- 16 Millton 'Opou Vineyard' Gisborne NZ 65  
To quote the winemaker; "It smells like yellow and tastes like the words of AA Milne".
- 17 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  
Restrained and well structured, combining juicy acidity and fine oak tannins with some lovely lemon and nectarine fruit. A textured and elegant Chardonnay.
- 16 Caledonia Australis Gippsland 78  
Aromas of fresh cut hay, quince and spiced apples, orange blossom and honeysuckle. Vibrant and textured with layers of bright citrus and savoury, flinty, wet slate characters.
- 17 Vasse Felix Margaret River WA 80  
Subdued yet complex: Creamy texture, polished acidity. Lemon blossom, lime and ginger, hints of brioche and spicy oak. Not overtly fruity; delicate and textured, with pure balance.
- 14 Domaine Naturaliste 'Purus' Margaret River WA 88  
Bright aromas of lime, orange blossom and honey suckle. Flavours of nashi pear, stone fruit and dried figs with notes of hazelnut and vanilla bean.
- 15 Eastern Peake 'Intrinsic' Ballarat Highlands VIC 95  
Vibrant straw yellow, lime and lemon aromas over oatmeal, butterscotch and yeasty notes with flint and citrus enhanced by subtle savoury oak. The finish is dry and lingering.
- 15 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.
- 16 Shaw & Smith M3 Adelaide Hills SA 98  
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.
- 17 Michael Hall Adelaide Hills SA 104  
An elegant vintage: Flavours of grapefruit, pomello, aromatic herbs and smoky minerality fill the palate balancing acidity with texture.
- 15 Cobaw Ridge Macedon Ranges VIC 110  
Dedicated to biodynamics in the cool upper reaches of the Macedon Ranges. Full flavoured, generous, a touch savoury. Stacks of character and from a good place and good people.
- 16 Holyman Tamar Valley TAS 112  
Almond and ginger biscuits, grapefruit citrus with a touch of smoke and white flower perfume. Crackling with energy, yet juicy and approachable.

# CHARDONNAY

- 13 **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.
- 17 **Mac Forbes 'Woori Yallock' Yarra Valley VIC** 122  
Elegant intensity with grilled almond and marzipan, a whiff of smoke and a creamy character. A sweep of grapefruit and nectarine with long, refined, mouth-watering acidity.
- 16 **La Crema Russian River Valley California USA** 130  
Ripe apples, fresh blossoms, a scant touch of citrus and mildly caramelly; subtly complementary oak merges seamlessly in this rich and very well-crafted wine.
- 16 **Savaterre Beechworth VIC** 165  
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.
- 16 **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.

## ITALIAN CHARDONNAY

- 17 **Tormaresca Puglia IGT** 47  
Tormaresca is the Antinori family's outpost in Puglia. Restrained aromas of jasmine flower, citrus and white peach. Fragrant and savoury with well balance acid and fruit.
- 17 **Marchese Antinori 'Bramito della Sala' Umbria IGT** 92  
These vineyards surround the medieval castle at Castello della Sala. Delicate white flower notes and light citrus fruit. The palate is crisp with good body and mineral notes which make the finish and aftertaste enjoyably savoury.
- 16 **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, 'Rossj-Bass' is Chardonnay enhanced with a tiny part of Sauvignon Blanc. 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.

# WHITE VARIETALS

- 17 Scarborough Vermentino Hunter Valley NSW 40
- 16 Bellwether 'Ant Series' Bianco d'Alessano Riverland SA 55
- 15 Chalmers Vermentino Heathcote VIC 57
- 17 Kaesler Viognier Barossa Valley SA 57
- 17 Forest Hill Gewürztraminer Great Southern WA 60  
Aromas of honeysuckle and rose petals. Fresh lychee and ginger on the palate finishing with fresh citrus and mineral notes.
- 16 Eloquesta 'A Boy with Fruit' White Blend Mudgee NSW 62  
Co fermented Semillon and Viognier; skin contact leading to herbaceous flavours of pine, lemon leaf, sea spray and sweet basil. The palate is smooth and rich with vibrant passionfruit, lemon drop and white plum and refreshing acidity.
- 16 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.
- 17 Chalmers Fiano Heathcote VIC 68  
White flowers, fresh white stone fruits and flinty notes. Savoury almond characters balance more generous stone fruit on the palate with a refreshing finish.
- 17 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.
- 17 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' White Blend Beechworth VIC 95  
Julian Castagna is one of Australia's most important and influential biodynamic producer. This is his Roussanne, Sauvignon and Semillon blend; fermented on skins for 30 days giving it palate weight and a delicious mouthfeel. It is full, structured and textural with a honeyed spicy, savoury overtone.
- 16 Latta 'Precarious Bianco O2' White Blend Western Zone VIC 100  
This is an unusual but very sophisticated and complex blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Viognier. Whole bunches of Gewürztraminer were also added to the ferment for extra texture and aromatic complexity. It has beautiful acidity, a certain juiciness, a kiss of briny flor and a slightly chalky finish. Spicy, musky, fruity, saline.

# ITALIAN WHITE WINES

## Veneto

Located in the North-East of Italy, Veneto is the home of the amazing white wines of Soave, made mostly from the Garganega grape.

- 16 Cantine Pra 'Otto' Soave Classico DOC 56  
Fresh, aromatic with slightly savory edge. Classic food wine.
- 17 Inama 'Vin Soave' Soave Classico DOC 68  
Not a fruit driven style: there is aromas of field flowers; chamomile, elderflower, iris. Minerality on the palate with a finish of almond, typical of classic Garganega.
- 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.
- 16 Ca'Rugate 'Monte Alto' Soave Classico DOC 85  
A barrel fermented Garganega with rich golden yellow colour. Intense, lingering bouquet; scented with wild flowers, ripe fruit and almonds. A beautifully structured wine.
- 15 Tenuta Sant'Antonio 'Télos Bianco' Veneto IGT 85  
The Télos project, with no Sulphur addition, is the desire to offer a healthy and natural wine, while keeping quality unchanged. Garganega and Chardonnay with a delicate and enveloping aroma of citrus fruit and herbs such as rosemary, mint, sage and thyme. Fresh, lingering and 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 Giuseppe Quintarelli Bianco Secco Veneto IGT 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 Garganega, with splashes of Trebbiano, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Saorin. Textural, racy, minerally, thrilling; a super-Soave and brilliant Noosa climate drinking!

## Trentino

Nestled in Italy's far north, high in the Dolomites, Trentino is home to Elisabetta Foradori and her Fontanasanta Vineyard.

- 16 Foradori 'Fontanasanta' Manzoni Bianco Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 95  
The Fontanasanta (Holy Water) estate is planted on rich red clay and white limestone soils. Biodynamic farming and winemaking, with the soft guidance of Elisabetta Foradori, has resulted in a wine of great purity, restrained power and energy.

## Friuli Venezia Giulia

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

- 17 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.
- 16 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.

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- 17 **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.
- 12 **Livon 'Braide Alte' Venezia Giulia IGT** 148  
Chardonnay dominant blend with 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. A blend of Friulano, Pinot Bianco and Sauvignon Blanc yields a superbly elegant wine with a profusion of intense fruit and floral aromas. A wine of outstanding structure, Terre Alte acquires a wonderfully complex bouquet of tertiary aromas with bottle aging.
- 09 **Gravner Ribolla Venezia Giulia IGT** 195  
Ribolla grapes date back more than a thousand years in this region. Gravner uses Georgian amphorae buried underground, with long maceration, wild yeasts and no temperature control. After five months in amphorae the wine spends 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.

- 17 **Les Cretes 'Mont Blanc' Vino Bianco** 65  
Pinot Grigio, Bianco and Chardonnay: A tight and delicate with aromas of hay and alpine flowers. Citrus, crushed rocks and green melon on the palate; very precise and chiseled with lots of personality.

## Piemonte

Piemonte is not usually thought of as white wine country, but a few characterful wines are well worth looking out for: Cortese, grown around the Village of Gavi. Arneis, meaning "Little Rascal" and Favorita, similar to Vermentino.

- 16 **Fratelli Alessandria Favorita Langhe DOC** 74  
Perfumed, fresh, pure and very persistent. Aromas of peach with a hint of spice and white flowers. There is delicate concentration and a tangy, almost salty finish.
- 17 **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  
This wine is dry and spicy with a pleasant mineral and floral tone and a mouth-watering, refreshing and long finish.

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## Toscana

Tuscany is one of the most famous and prolific wine regions anywhere in Europe. Its vineyards produce an array of wine 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
- 17 **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; 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.
- 16 **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 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 suggests. The acidity is well balanced, the texture is appealing and the finish is long and quite rich.
- 15 **Bisci Verdicchio di Matelica DOC** 62  
Pale straw yellow in colour with lovely green reflections. An intense and complex nose with white flowers, almond and green apple. It is well structured yet fresh and balanced.

## Abruzzo

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
- 17 **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".

- 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.

- 17 Varvaglione '12 e Mezzo' Bianco Puglia IGP 60  
Organic blend of Chardonnay Malvasia and Fiano; its elegant aromatic bouquet of floral and citrus notes lead to a palate that is fresh and long, with more citrus and white flowers.
- 16 Guttarolo 'Carsia' Verdeca Gioia Del Colle IGP 115  
'Carsia' refers to the Karst soils on which this Verdeca is grown. Dry and saline offering wonderful freshness, minerality and a reflection of its soils. Organic and additive free.

## 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 varieties 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.

- 17 **Feudo Arancio Grillo Sicilia DOC** 40  
A wine that shows balanced citrus fruit and floral characters and delicate acidity.
- 17 **Graci Etna Bianco DOC** 82  
Carricante and Catarratto producing a tight, crisp and perfectly balanced wine, with accents of stone and graphite underscored by pear, green plum and anise notes.
- 17 **Eduardo Torres Acosta 'Versante Nord' Terre Siciliane IGT** 139  
Hand harvested from 6 sites on the north face or 'versante nord' of Mt. Etna; this is a field blend of the native white grape Minella, with other local varieties including Catarratto and Carricante. Aromas testify to the rich volcanic soil and the salty Ionian Sea; an intense core of tangy citrus – grapefruit, mandarin, preserved lemons, with a minerality and saline texture.

## Sardegna

The remote island location of Sardegna gives its wines a unique character. In the rocky northeast of the island, the heat and marine winds of the region of Gallura create optimal conditions for ripening Vermentino. Creating the island's only DOCG: Vermentino di Gallura DOCG.

- 16 **Cantina Gallura 'Gemellae' Vermentino di Gallura DOCG** 55  
This wine bursts from the glass with citrus, orange blossom, honeyed pineapple, delicate white peach, white grapes, bitter almond and just a touch of salty caper brine.
- 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.

# ROSATO|ROSÉ

- 17 Poggio Anima 'Raphael' Rosato Terre Siciliane IGT IT 48  
Syrah with a dash of Zibbibo: Juicy red berries with spice and herbs and light floral notes.
- 17 A Mano Rosato Puglia IGT IT 50  
Bright pink with a lively, perfume of ripe strawberries and a touch of mint. Full-bodied, lightly spiced finish.
- 18 Domenica Beechworth VIC 55  
Pale in colour, this Nebbiolo rosé has a savoury bouquet of rosehip, dried flowers and blood orange. Chalky, textural palate and bright natural acidity carries through to a long finish.
- 18 Collefrisio Rosato Terre di Chieti IGT Abruzzo IT 55  
Light pink, this Montepulciano rosé is floral on the nose yet rounded and refreshing with fresh red cherry, strawberry and peach. A well-structured rosé perfect for summer drinking.
- 18 Medhurst Yarra Valley VIC 60  
Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz provide clean lines, excellent flavour, very subtle powdery texture and a tangy fresh strawberry and redcurrant finish.
- 17 Poggio Al Sole 'Primavera' Rosato Toscana IGT IT 62  
Made entirely from Sangiovese, this is fresh, crisp and lively with delicate strawberry, tangerine and red cherry finishing deliciously dry.
- 17 Chateau Peyrol Côtes de Provence AOP France 65  
An elegant pale pink colour. The nose is perfumed and complex with red berries, grapefruit and floral notes. A wonderful example of Provence rose to be enjoyed on a hot afternoon.
- 16 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.
- 18 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.
- 17 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  
Picked for the style. No mucking about, straight to the upper echelon. If you're going to make a rosé, you make it from your best immaculately-farmed pinot noir.
- 17 Domaine Ott\* 'Clos Mireille' Côtes de Provence AOP France 120  
With a history of 120+ years this is fine and precise: Elegant salmon pink with aromas of melon, mandarin, dried apricot and cardamom. Fresh and lively with citrus peel and soft white peach. A touch of salinity from the vineyard's coastal aspect completely it.
- 17 Domaine Tempier Bandol AOC France 120  
A cult rosé made from 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

- 17 **Portsea Estate 'Back Beach' Mornington Peninsula VIC** 60  
Aromas of rose petals and dark berry fruit, soft and round with balanced freshness.
- 18 **Arfion 'Spring' Yarra Valley VIC** 62  
Made to drink early: Red fruits, Campari notes and earthy aromas. Juicy fresh and vibrant.
- 16 **Beautiful Isle Deviot TAS** 64  
An enjoyable "drink now" style. Perfumed cherry and spice with a full-bodied berry palate and bright, alluring acidity.
- 17 **Vinea Marson Yarra Valley VIC** 65  
Fragrant violet and red cherry notes, fresh raspberries, strawberries and hints of dried herb. Lightly weighted with spiced red cherries and earth.
- 17 **Dalrymple Pipers River TAS** 72  
Dark plum and cassis. Richness on the palate is balanced by bright natural acidity and fine tannins. Hints of earthiness, Dutch liquorice, and black olive add complexity.
- 17 **Ashton Hills 'Piccadilly Valley' Adelaide Hills SA** 82  
Powerful with lots of spice and lots of charm. Anise, florals, sweet red cherry, rosewater and dried spice. Earthy and a little meaty.
- 16 **Mahi Marlborough NZ** 85  
A full and rich bouquet, this wine is ripe and supple with good complexity. Dark cherries and plums combine with soft tannins to give a well-rounded finish.
- 15 **Marion's Vineyard Deviot TAS** 88  
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 **Domain Road Central Otago NZ** 92  
Lifted aromas of violets, plums and cherry. Rich dark fruits with pretty raspberry and a hint of leather and spice. A complex wine with good depth and concentration with a long finish.
- 16 **La Crema 'Monterey' California USA** 95  
Aromas of black plum, cherry, rhubarb and hints of earth. Plush and richly textured with juicy, yet balanced acidity and integrated toasty barrel spice.
- 17 **Stuart Proud 'Offshore' Mornington Peninsula VIC** 95  
Beautifully elegant and vibrant. Made with minimal intervention, this is a pure and refreshing expression of Mornington Peninsula fruit.
- 16 **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.
- 17 **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.
- 16 **Ten Minutes by Tractor Mornington Peninsula VIC** 112  
There's some beef here. It's a spicy, brooding pinot noir with a wealth of earthy notes rising up from beneath. Fine, strict tannin completes a pretty impressive picture.

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- 16 Holyman Tamar Valley TAS 112  
Forest floor with spice, rose petals and vanilla balanced by plum, cranberry and red cherry. Bright Campari, dried herbs and hints of mushroom with a complex smoky oak edge.
- 17 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 Craggy Range 'Te Muna Road' Martinborough NZ 120  
An elegant concentrated core of savoury dark red berry and earthy flavours with nuances of game and dried herb. This is elegantly rich, complex and savoury with fine structure.
- 17 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 and balanced, savoury tannins.
- 15 Kooyong 'Haven' 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.
- 16 Mt Difficulty 'Packspur Vineyard' Central Otago NZ 152  
Velvety bramble and wild raspberry, violet and wildflower. Rich red fruit gives the palate breadth and is lengthened by herbaceous savoury notes and elegant tannin and acid.
- 16 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.
- 12 Dry River Martinborough 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.

# ITALIAN PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noirs from the Alto Adige, Italy's northernmost wine region, yield a wonderful balance of natural acid and tannin. These are some of the finest Pinot Noirs in Italy.

- 16 Peter Zemmer 'Rolhüt' Alto Adige DOC 85  
Softly full and supple with harmonious sour cherry, bramble fruits and spice. Velvety and elegant with a subtle touch of oak.
- 13 Alois Lageder 'Krafuss' 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

- 17 Chalmers Nero d'Avola Heathcote VIC 56  
Vivid crimson colour; very fragrant bouquet with raspberries; light-bodied and fresh palate.
- 17 Save Our Souls Sangiovese Yarra Valley VIC 60  
Fresh and vibrant; soft black fruit and elegant florals and a long, fine tannin structure.
- 16 Latta 'Young Skin No<sup>1</sup> Zero SO<sub>2</sub>' Nebbiolo Landsborough VIC 78  
Cherry, orange peel and a sweet floral lift, ripe and juicy red fruit. Ample tannin and a brightness which makes it moreish. Unfined, unfiltered! No added anything, just grapes.
- 14 Freeman 'Secco' Corvina|Rondinella Hilltops ACT 85  
Veneto inspired. Fresh morello cherries and panforte mingled with undertones of berry compote, this is a classic Ripasso style wine; softer tannin and elegant captivating charm.
- 05 Cobaw Ridge Lagrein Macedon Ranges VIC 95  
A pioneer of this Northern Italian variety: dark, earthy bouquet of cherry and graphite. Deeply flavoured; dusty tannin, with savoury minerality, gentle acid and a fine structure.
- 13 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.
- 09 Coriole 'Vita' Sangiovese McLaren Vale SA 132  
Rose oil, cherry, raspberry, spice, fennel seed and bay leaf. Medium bodied, juicy and up-front, with fine acidity, plenty of supple brick dust tannin, and a redcurrant sauce note.
- 13 Henschke 'Rose Growers' Nebbiolo Eden Valley SA 137  
Complex and fragrant: black fruits, tobacco, rosehip, anise and game are all in the mix. Plenty of silky tannins with red cherry and wild strawberry, dried rosemary and spice.
- 12 Freeman 'Robusta' Corvina Hilltops ACT 142  
A riff on Amarone made from partially dried grapes. Complex and enveloping aromas of dark red berries, dried morello cherries and fruit cake with undertones of earthy mushroom. A powerful, rich and penetrating palate, savoury, complex and textural.

## GRENACHE|BLENDS

- 16 Yangarra GSM McLaren Vale SA 65  
Molten chocolate and raspberry coulis with earth, liquorice and spice. Great balance of fruit and structure. The tannins are fine and moreish, purple berry lift and violet notes.
- 17 S.C. Pannell 'Basso' Grenache McLaren Vale SA 68  
Fresh aromas of bright red berries and watermelon, a touch of rose petal and musk with a plush palate. Medium-bodied and lively, with lacy tannins and a hint of dark spice.
- 17 Tonic Grenache Clare Valley SA 70  
Deliciously light, ethereal style. Lifted, spicy and fresh, with some of that trademark Campari and crunchy cranberry. Mineral, graphite, strawberry, red cherry and herbs.
- 15 La Violetta 'Bilingüe' Grenache Mataro Shiraz Great Southern WA 85  
Black fruits, cherry, musk, anise, garrigue and game are all in the mix. Mid-weight, with pleasing richness and structure with savoury grenache elegance.

# SHIRAZ|SYRAH

- 16 Chalk Hill McLaren Vale SA 52
- 14 Red Claw Heathcote VIC 60
- 16 Sons of Eden 'Zephyrus' Barossa Valley SA 68  
God of the West Wind: wild berry fruits, richly concentrated with supple layered tannins.
- 15 Spinifex 'Bête Noir' Barossa Valley SA 74  
Detailed and aromatic; dark berries and plum. Savoury spiciness and earthy, bitter chocolatey tannins for exceptional length.
- 17 La Petite Mort 'Amphora' Shiraz|Viognier Ballandean QLD 75  
Just a dash of viognier, co-fermented in terracotta amphora. Delicate plum, kirsch and redcurrant on the nose. The amphora gives soft, silken tannins. A great acid backbone and a savoury, white pepper finish.
- 16 Wirra Wirra 'Woodhenge' McLaren Vale SA 80  
Deep crimson with plum and dark chocolate, spiced with star anise and fresh cedar. Deep and juicy blue and black fruits framed by sandy tannins and rich vanillin oak.
- 14 Marion's Vineyard Syrah Deviot TAS 90  
Crimson in colour and flavour. Layers of white pepper, cranberry and pomegranate which continue to the palate. There's a delicious savouriness.
- 16 Kaesler 'Reach for the Sky' Barossa Valley SA 92  
Dark fruited opulence of the Barossa but with an air of freshness and lift. Blackberries, boysenberry, charcoal and chocolate. Fine tannins compliment and complete this wine.
- 11 Torbreck 'The Struie' Barossa Valley SA 102  
Elegance and power from Barossa and Eden Valley fruit combine to make a wine with layers of dark chocolate, nuances of plum, blackberries, violets and hidden spice characters all further enhance the natural elegance and tension. A cooler year led to premium fruit being used to make this beautiful wine.
- 15 Paringa Estate Mornington Peninsula VIC 108  
The palate combines power and finesse with dense blackcurrant pastille and plum wrapped in fine tannins. Vibrant fruit character and exceptional length.
- 16 Kay Brothers 'Hillside' McLaren Vale SA 110  
Alluring notes of smoke and charcuterie, mocha, blackberry and dried herbs followed by a hint of cedar. Rich dark berry fruits, fine chocolatey tannins. A full flavoured wine with plenty of class!
- 16 Shaw + Smith Adelaide Hills SA 115  
Black and red fruits combining with silky fine-grained tannins expanding across the palate.
- 16 Sons of Eden 'Romulus' Barossa Valley SA 148  
The Brothers of Rome; Romulus the more powerful. Alluring aroma of dark-cherry, plums and roasted vanilla bean. Powerful and well-structured with chewy textured tannins finishing with polish and focus.
- 16 Sons of Eden 'Remus' Eden Valley SA 148  
Remus the more refined Brother: Complex red cherry and blackcurrant aromas underpinned by dried spice and bay-leaf. Concentrated, fleshy and well-structured palate.
- 15 Kay Brothers 'Block 6' McLaren Vale SA 185  
Boysenberry, hazelnut and chocolate, nutty spices, coffee and smoked meat. Full bodied, but not heavy; cool acidity and supple tannins leading to a long finish.

# SHIRAZ|SYRAH

- 16 Standish Wine Co 'The Standish' Barossa Valley SA 195  
Stylish, seductive and devastatingly powerful. Aromatics of coal, currant and black truffle. Dark and brooding with immense concentration and persistence laced with silken tannins.
- 16 Standish Wine Co 'The Relic' Barossa Valley SA 195  
Delicately portioned and beautifully balanced; notes of acacia petal, crème de cassis and Szechuan pepper, cocoa and limestone. Fragrantly scented, taught and finely poised. The small addition of Viognier gives a vibrancy and lift.
- 16 Standish Wine Co 'Lamella' Eden Valley SA 195  
Blackberry, blackcurrant, sage and mint, liquorice and chocolate boxes, beautifully balanced with a fragrant dark rose perfume. Lavish, ultra-fine tannins, underlying notes of Szechuan pepper, Guatemalan cocoa and cool limestone. Supple, lithe and finely poised.
- 09 Torbreck 'RunRig' Barossa Valley SA 380  
2009 heralded one of the greatest 'RunRigs' to date. 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 2005 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.
- 00 Henschke 'Mount Edelstone' Eden Valley SA 495  
Plush aromas of sweet ripe plum, anise, blackberry and blue fruit are complimented by nuances of spicy black pepper and fresh sage. Looking fantastic after careful cellaring at Henschke.
- 13 Henschke 'Hill of Grace' Eden Valley SA 1450  
A very small vintage, but a generous, full bodied wine. Very deep crimson in colour. Rich and beguiling aromas of blackberry, blueberry and dark plum, followed by signature exotic five spice, star anise, and sage. A palate of sweet spiced plum and blackberry, coated by firm yet integrated, fine velvety tannins.
- 12 Henschke 'Hill of Grace' Eden Valley SA 1250  
This is the ultimate iron fist in a velvet glove. An exceptional vintage. While the fruit remains supreme, there are long savoury notes. Fragrant dark cherry and berry aromas and are supported by French oak.
- 10 Henschke 'Hill of Grace' Eden Valley SA 1250  
Beautifully balanced; exotic spices, sage, pepper and rich layers of blackberry, plum and cedar. These amazing old vines deliver 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 and smoked charcuterie. Deep, rich and textural; a beautiful expression of berry fruits and spice, with long, fine velvety tannins.



# CABERNET SAUVIGNON|BLENDS

- 15 **Bleasdale 'Mulberry Tree' Cab Sav Langhorne Creek SA** 45  
Mixed berries, chocolate and violets. Smooth blackcurrant and spicy oak and fine tannins.
- 15 **Smallfry Cab Sav Eden Valley SA** 65  
Red and black forest fruits nestled in a bed of lightly grippy tannin. Fruit, structure, depth and complexity.
- 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.
- 17 **Dormilona Cab Sav Margaret River WA** 82  
Fresh and classic Margaret River Cabernet through a soft veil. Bay leaf, mulberry and red currant. There's an ease and grace to the wine: Gentle tannins and long breezy finish.
- 14 **Goodman Cab Sav Yarra Valley VIC** 90  
Medium bodied and refreshing; classic Yarra Valley Cabernet. Blackcurrant and violet aromas dominate with subtle French oak. The palate is long, the tannins fine and grainy.
- 08 **Reschke 'Bos' Cab Sav Coonawarra SA** 92  
'Bos' is latin for bull, a nod to Reschke's cattle grazing past. Blackcurrant, cassis, spicy oak and fine-grained soft tannins make this a true Coonawarra benchmark.
- 14 **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  
A bouquet of spice, floral and savoury earthy notes combine with chocolate, while the palate is silky, with gentle mouth-coating tannins. The use of a dash of Malbec gives great lift and structure.
- 16 **Wirra Wirra 'The Angelus' Cab Sav McLaren Vale SA** 148  
Complex aromas of forest berries, leafy undergrowth and tilled earth, roast meats, spices, sandalwood and leather. Layers of luscious black cherry and cassis, all tightly gripped by mouth-watering acidity and structured tannin.
- 13 **Domaine Naturaliste 'Morus' Cab Sav Margaret River WA** 152  
*Morus Australis* is the Mulberry tree and this shows abundant Mulberry notes with cassis and cocoa flavours mingle with graphite, exotic spices, anise and a hint of aromatic violet. Single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from the heart of Margaret River.
- 14 **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.

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- 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.
- 16 **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.
- 14 **Hickinbotham 'The Peake' Cab Sav|Shiraz McLaren Vale SA** 230  
A full-bodied, rich and opulent blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon and 44% Shiraz. Deep garnet-purple with a profound nose of baked cherries, blackberry coulis and blueberry compote with hints of cedar, violets, dark chocolate and wild thyme. Seductively complex and textured.
- 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.

## MERLOT

- 16 **Unico Zelo 'Taboo' Adelaide Hills SA** 83  
Sourced from a specialist 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.
- 15 **Tarrawarra 'K Block' 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.

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## 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.

- 17 **Cantine Pra 'Morandina' Valpolicella DOC** 61  
Vibrant ruby red in colour with spiciness and vibrant fruit: fresh cherry and plum aromas.
- 17 **Michele Allegrini Valpolicella DOC** 63  
Lively and playful, prominent notes of cherry with hints of pepper and aromatic herbs.
- 17 **Monte Dall'Ora 'Saseti' Valpolicella Classico DOC** 63  
Biodynamically farmed with no additions or adjustments. There is a freshness and vibrancy along with depth of flavour which makes this wine quaffable, but also keeps your interest.
- 16 **Le Salette Valpolicella Classico DOC** 68  
Alluring aromas of spice, purple flower, dark berry and a balsamic note. Concentrated palate of dried cherry, ripe plum, liquorice and a hint of game with velvety tannins to finish.
- 15 **Sant'Antonio 'Monti Garbi' Valpolicella Ripasso Superiore DOCG** 95  
Smooth with smoky mineral characters and flavours of black cherry coulis, baked plum, tea leaf and dark chocolate. Soft yet powerful, full-flavored with supple tannin and spice.
- 14 **Bertani 'Secco Bertani' Veneto IGT** 125  
Hints of redcurrants, blackberries and cocoa powder with spicy notes of black pepper, cloves and nutmeg. Flavours of red fruit, sour cherry and black tea are 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.
- 14 **Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone Classico DOCG** 140  
Ample and sweet with moderate berry fruit with some prune notes. Peppery spice and a balsamic burr, silken tannins flow into a long finish with an elegant cocoa character.
- 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.
- 15 **Giuseppe Quintarelli 'Primofiore' Veneto IGT** 225  
Primofiore means "first flower" and is a blend of classic Veneto grapes with Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc. Leather, graphite and spice with wild flowers
- 10 **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

In the far north of Italy Elisabetta Foradori has been largely responsible for resurrecting the Teroldego grape. An ancient variety native to the alpine Trentino region. Since she took over her family's winery at the age of 19, she has converted the vineyards to Biodynamic farming practices and elevated the Teroldego grape to heights once unimaginable.

- 16 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. Coming from selected sites with sandier soils and then aged in older oak.
- 17 Foradori 'Sgarzon' Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 134  
From the Sgarzon vineyard, meaning 'vine shoot' in the local dialect, this wine is fermented in clay amphorae. Firm yet polished tannins frame a core of expressive red fruit in this harmonious, impeccably balanced wine: Black cherry, gravel, smoke, liquorice and dark spices.
- 17 Foradori 'Morei' Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 134  
'Morei' means dark in the dialect of Trentino and the grapes from this vineyard mirror this meaning. Like its sister 'Sgarzon' this wine is fermented in Amphorae. It tends to have a darker, denser, more brooding character with chewier tannins and a stronger mineral finish.
- 16 Foradori 'Granato' Vigneti delle Dolomiti IGT 260  
'Granato' means "garnet" in Italian and is also a nod to the Pomegranate, a fruit with shared origins to the first grapes. This is Elisabetta's Riserva bottling, an especially concentrated and dense Teroldego whose roots plunge into the stones of three different vineyard sites. Self-contained beauty, charm and balance.

## 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.

- 17 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.
- 16 Amalia Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 59  
Pleasing aromas of red fruit and almonds. The sensations are exalted by a great breadth and persistence.
- 15 Mauro Molino 'Leradici' Barbera D'Asti 68  
A Barbera of excellent structure and complexity with velvety tannins of good persistence. cherry and red fruits alternating with spicy and sometimes floral hints
- 17 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.
- 15 Hilberg-Pasquero 'Vareij' Brachetto|Barbera 75  
Pretty wild rose florals and elegant spice drive this blend of Brachetto and Barbera from Annette Hilberg & Michele Pasquero.
- 15 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.

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- 16 Luciano Sandrone Dolcetto d'Alba DOC 82**  
The opulence of the fruit here is perfectly balanced by freshness; dark cherry, blue plum and anise. There's subtle and complex hints of earth and minerals. A superb structure.
- 15 Vietti 'Perbacco' Langhe Nebbiolo DOC 108**  
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 Barbara acidity lifting and accentuating the red fruit characters. Blackberries, savoury spice and nutmeg with ripe plums and supple tannins. Long, elegant finish.
- 14 Roberto Voerzio 'Il Cerreto' Barbera d'Alba DOC 129**  
Concentrated aromas of dark plum and cherry fruits and a hint of vanillan spice. The palate is fine and fleshy with fine-grained tannins and great acid balance.
- 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.
- 14 Massolino Barolo DOCG 159**  
Red fruits, sweet almonds, spiced biscuit, roses and herbs. Medium bodied, supple and almost juicy red fruits, cool acidity, almond biscuit, some new leather, but fragrant and energetic from front to back. The tannin is ample and the balance and length is spot on.
- 12 Elvio Cagno '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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 14 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 2014, the Castiglione is especially lifted, radiant and expressive, with striking purity and nuance.

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- 09 **Sottimano 'Cottá' Barbaresco DOCG** 210  
Sweet floral and spice notes meld into a core of dark red and black hued stone fruits, tobacco, smoke and new leather. The Cottá vineyards characteristic juicy fruit is there, but it is complemented by expressive floral overtones.
- 13 **Ferdinando Principiano 'Ravera di Monteforte' Barolo DOCG** 265  
75+ year old vines. Fragrant earth and berry fruits. Tastes of smoke and soil, fine grippy tannin. Structured and savoury yet round and elegant.
- 14 **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.

- 16 **Antinori 'Santa Cristina' Toscana IGT** 45  
Smooth and well-balanced. Gentle tannins and the persistence make this so easy to drink.
- 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.
- 16 **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.
- 17 **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.
- 16 **Tenute Silvio Nardi 'Tùran' Sant'Antimo Rosso DOC** 69  
An intense ruby blend of Petit Verdot and Sangiovese with a touch of Syrah and Colorino. Ripe and complex with rich spice and floral notes accompanying the juicy red fruits.
- 16 **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.

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- 15 **Tenuta San Guido 'Le Difese' Toscana IGT** 80  
Cabernet and Sangiovese from Tenuta San Guido's younger vines. Intense black fruit aromas and flavours as well as the vanilla and spice of oak in a full-bodied wine with supple 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
- 15 **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.
- 17 **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 **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 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.
- 13 **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.
- 13 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 12 **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.
- 13 **Gaja 'Pieve Santa Restituta' Brunello di Montalcino** 195  
2013 was a vintage of elegance. Complex and fresh fruity aromas: red currant, sour cherry, quince. The nose displays notes of juniper and laurel leaves.

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- 14 Poggio Scalette 'Il Carbonaione' Alta Valle della Greve IGT 198  
A legendary, iconic wine. The vines, more than 75 years old, are rare examples of the original clone of "Sangiovese di Lamole" in the Chianti Classico area. Generous aromas of blackberries and currants. This is a full-bodied, rich wine with an exuberant personality.
- 13 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 200  
Aromas of chocolate and black cherries with sweet fruit undertones. Full and very soft tannins with a bright acidity underneath and a velvety texture to this wine. Elegant, well balance and powerful.
- 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.
- 13 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 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 Fontodi 'Flaccianello della Pieve' Colli Toscana Centrale IGT 295  
100% Sangiovese from the heart of the Chianti Classico region. Pretty dried black cherries, hints of sandalwood, spice and savory herbs. A lean yet focused palate of red berry fruits; cherry and raspberry, with silky textures giving way to subtle floral tones and spice in a pretty and lifted expression
- 14 Gaja Ca'Marcanda 'Magari' Bolgheri DOC 350  
With 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.
- 07 Gaja 'Rennina' Brunello di Montalcino 650  
Sangiovese Grosso is sourced from land called 'Rennina' in ancient times: three vineyards surrounding the parish church. Intense colour, a full bouquet with soft fruit, florals and delicate spicy notes. This wine flows across the palate with layers of sensual, perfumed fruit. Soft, gracious and impeccably balanced.



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## Toscana

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| <b>15</b> | <b>Antinori 'Tignanello' Toscana IGT</b>   | <b>270</b> |
|           | The 'Tignanello' vineyard provides Sangiovese, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. 2015 had very even growing conditions. The resulting wine is rich, ample, and vibrant: Cassis and blackberry are in perfect balance with hints of chocolate and liquorice. Lively and silky tannins give a great complexity and an important length to the finish and aftertaste   |            |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Antinori 'Tignanello' Toscana IGT</b>   | <b>340</b> |
|           | This 2012 'Tignanello' is potent and complex on the nose with spicy notes mingling with aromas of red fruit, smoke and balsamic; cherries, plums, liquorice, and rosemary are also present. The wine is elegant and mouth filling. An excellent balance in the texture and the oak is perfectly fused in the spicy and fruity finish.  |            |
| <b>09</b> | <b>Antinori 'Tignanello' Toscana IGT</b>   | <b>420</b> |
|           | A classic growing season in 2009 sees an aromatic and rich wine. The nose is redolent of liquorice, violets, and cherries together with notes of vanilla, chocolate, and sweet toasty oak: Excellent intensity and elegance. Fresh and savory flavors on the persistent finish and aftertaste add length and finesse.  |            |
| <b>08</b> | <b>Antinori 'Tignanello' Toscana IGT</b>   | <b>420</b> |
|           | 2008 was a vintage in which the grapes reached excellent ripeness, this is reflected in its intense ruby red colour and its aromatic concentration. There is notes of ripe red fruit and jam accompanied by spice, vanilla, and liquorice. The palate is distinguished by a dense and elegant texture. Vibrant acidity of the Sangiovese, tannins of a lovely suppleness and an extremely long and lingering finish. |            |

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| <b>15</b> | <b>Tenuta San Guido 'Sassicaia' Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC</b>   | <b>460</b> |
|           | Sassicaia means "the place of many stones," and refers to the region's gravel soil. Possibly the finest vintage since the legendary 1985 release. This wine sings, the bouquet is amplified both in terms of volume and length. Dark berry fruit, spice, leather, licorice and roasted coffee bean. The mouthfeel is extremely graceful and silky. The wine's undisputed pedigree is showcased on the palate |            |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Tenuta San Guido 'Sassicaia' Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC</b>   | <b>410</b> |
|           | Cooler-than-average temperatures in this vintage lead to lifted aromas of herbs and summer strawberries. The palate is vibrant and almost ethereal; raspberry compote, sour cherry, star anise and cinnamon with elegant tannins. Finesse, subtle spice notes with a saline earthiness that recalls the wine's coastal origins.  |            |

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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.

- 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.

- 14 **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.

## 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.

- 16 **Varvaglione '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.

- 16 **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.

- 15 **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

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## Puglia

- 15 Varvaglione 'Papale' Primitivo di Manduria DOP** 105  
The 'Papale' comes from grapes carefully selected in the heart of the DOP and harvested by hand in small boxes. 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 organic and done entirely by hand with no additives used. While unmistakably Pugliese; full of wild, sun-drenched fruit, there is a balance that allows the grape and place to sing with a hazy minerality that karst soils bring. A benchmark for this complicated varietal. 15 days on skins in stainless steel. True to its name; dark, spiced and savoury.
- 14 Varvaglione 'Collezione Privata' Negroamaro del Salento IGT** 150  
Specially selected Negroamaro that stands out for its elegant red fruit, black pepper, cinnamon, tobacco and distinctive aromas of liquorice. On the palate, its balance leaves a long and persistent balsamic finish.
- 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.

- 17 Cottanera 'Barbazzale' Rosso Etna DOC** 55  
Nerello Mascalese with a touch of Nerello Cappuccio; vibrant ruby red and aromatic; raspberry, blackberry and wild flowers interwoven with elegant mineral freshness.
- 15 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.
- 14 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.
- 15 Marchese Mazzei 'Zisola' Sicilia Noto Rosso DOC** 85  
Deep red in colour, ripe notes of black cherry and stewed plum with liquorice, spice, cedar and earth. Medium weight with velvet smooth tannins, elegant yet concentrated.

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## Sicilia

- 17 **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.
- 15 **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 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.

- 16 **Sardus Pater 'Foras' Cannonau di Sardegna DOC** 65  
Intense ruby red colour. Mediterranean bouquet, complex, blueberry and ripe-blackberry aromas. warm, soft, sweet tannins of rare intensity in the mouth.
- 14 **Vigne Surrau 'Sincaru' Cannonau di Sardegna DOC** 80  
Elegant and vibrant. Violets and red fruits with spicy notes, Mediterranean herbs and a touch of graphite. The tannins are slatey and smooth, a beautiful balance of flavour with savoury mineral notes underpinning the red fruits.