

## RECENTLY TASTED

### White

**2013 Rully Les St Jacques (A & P De Villaine)** A vibrant, fruit-driven, grapefruit-scented chardonnay from the Chalonais district of Burgundy. It's deliciously uncomplicated, with a clean acid lift on a dry finish. (\$50.00) ★★★★★

**2013 Meursault Charmes (Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey)** This is really avant garde white burgundy. It's very fresh and restrained (no sign of *premoxx* here), showing intense grapefruit and white peach aromas with very subtle barrel inputs. The palate is long and tight, finishing with positive acidity. It needs 2-3 years in the cellar. (\$189.00) ★★★★★  
<http://www.mwwines.com.au/>

**2014 Voyager Estate Project Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc** This is quite simply one of the best blends of its type you'll find. The barrel ferment influence is quite subdued, although there is a positive impact on texture. The fruit is allowed full rein, making this lively grassy/gooseberry style a delight to drink. However it may be hard to find because it's essentially an on-premise wine. (\$40.00) ★★★★★



**2013 Paul Mas Pays d'Oc Marsanne** Another wine of exceptional value from this outstanding producer. There's a fresh and welcoming nuts and honey aroma, and the flavour flows long on the palate which has a lemony lift. Very enjoyable drinking now. (\$8.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.danmurphys.com.au>

**2014 Sandalford Estate Reserve Chardonnay** Cool area gooseberry, grapefruit and guava show out. The palate offers reasonable weight and texture although the finish is a little too acidic. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

**2014 Tarrawarra Estate Yarra Valley Roussanne Marsanne**

**Viognier** A very appealing wine showing poached pear and stone fruit with floral notes. The palate is full flavoured and textural. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

**Rosé**

**2015 Tarrawarra Estate Yarra Valley Pinot Noir Rosé** Delicate light pink colour and fresh subtly strawberry aromatics. A pleasant dry rosé. (\$25.00) ★★★☆

**Red**

**2013 Pé Tinto Esporão** This young Portuguese wine is a fresh, perfumed red fruits style that is simple, supple and very drinkable. (\$16.00) ★★★☆

<http://www.princewinestore.com.au/Product/tabid/60/521477/Pe-Tinto-2013>

**2013 Duas Quintas Douro Tinto (Ramos Pinto)** Powerful fresh blackberry aromas and flavours come to the fore here, and the palate has good weight and balanced savoury tannins. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

**2013 Volnay (Jane Eyre)** Yes her name really is Jane Eyre, and she's Australian. This is a delicious, approachable Volnay that is bursting with bright cherry aromas and flavours. Fresh acidity enlivens the finish. (\$80.00) ★★★★★

**2010 Vosne-Romanée Champs Perdrix (Bruno Clair)** This is a very impressive burgundy, showing fresh red berry and cherry characteristics enhanced by bottle age complex notes. The palate is long and fine in the classic Vosne-Romanée style. (\$197.00) ★★★★★☆

**2013 Illuminati Riparosso Montepulciano d'Abruzzo** Fresh, spicy and plummy. There's plenty of flavour here, supported by fine, savoury tannins. A most enjoyable drink. (\$10.00) ★★★☆  
<https://www.danmurphys.com.au>

**Z-Force by Zonte's Footstep McLaren Vale Shiraz Petite Syrah** A very rich, vibrant, appealing red packed with plums, dark berries and a rack of spices. The generous flavour is beautifully matched with fine tannins. (\$49.95) ★★★★★☆

**2013 Zonte's Footstep The Lake Doctor Langhorne Creek Shiraz** Fragrantly plummy, with a hint of rose petal. Gentle tannins add to the attraction of the long, plush palate. (\$18.00) ★★★★★

**2013 Zonte's Footstep Chocolate Factory McLaren Vale Shiraz** This wine features very fresh dark berry fruit with, dare I suggest, a hint of chocolate. The palate is richly satisfying, and finishes with uplifting acidity. (\$18.00) ★★★★★  
<http://www.winedirect.com.au/>

**2013 Zonte's Footstep Baron von Nemesis Barossa Valley Shiraz**

Attractive dark berry fruit is prominent on both nose and palate. There's no shortage of fruit intensity, but acidity kicks in quite strongly on the finish. (\$18.00) ★★★☆

**2013 Shaw + Smith Balhannah Vineyard Adelaide Hills Shiraz**

Complex whole bunch characteristics enhance the blackberry/dark cherry aromas, and the palate is long and reserved, with fine lingering tannins. This wine needs a few years to open up. (\$85.00) ★★★★★

**2013 Pfeiffer Shiraz** This wine, made from Rutherglen fruit blended with material sourced from cooler north-east Victorian sites, is full of life and blackberry flavour. The tannins are very well managed, providing just-right balance. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

**2014 Tar & Roses Heathcote Sangiovese** A fully ripe sangiovese that is fresh, varietal and richly flavoured, showing the typical dark cherries and drying tannins. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

**2013 Schild Estate Barossa Valley Grenache Mourvèdre Shiraz**

Fresh and appealing with the perfume of grenache and the graphite of mourvèdre showing out. Made for drinking now. (\$18.00) ★★★☆

**2013 Sandalford Prendiville Reserve Margaret River Cabernet**

**Sauvignon** This is at the very ripe end of the scale fruit-wise. There's a hint of leaf, but the finish is very firm and acidic. (\$90.00) ★★★

**2014 Mr Riggs Montepulciano d'Adelaide Hills** Plums, cherries, violets and rose petals abound in this delightfully succulent red. (\$30.00)

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**2013 Mr Riggs Yacca Paddock Adelaide Hills Tempranillo**

Ripe berries and licorice show on both the nose and the palate which features fine but prominent tannins. By itself, firm and demanding. With pasta or Spanish tortilla, enjoyable. (\$30.00) ★★★☆

Simon Killeen, the man behind Simão & Co, knows a bit about Portuguese port. His late father Chris was a port enthusiast of the highest order, and guided Simon who has worked in Portugal.

**The 2014 Simão & Co Vintage Fortified** reflects Simon's Portuguese inclination. Made from shiraz, tinta roriz, alicante bouschet, tinta barroca, durif and touriga nacional sourced from mostly cooler sites in north-east Victoria, it's not heavily sweet like traditional Australian fortified sweet reds. The sweetness it does possess is beautifully balanced by fine tannins, acid and astutely selected and applied spirit. It's an easy wine to drink now, but has all the attributes to age for a couple of decades at least. (\$48.00) ★★★★★

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