

2016 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON AWARDS

Other Red Varieties

If you'd like a good picture of what's happening with "alternate" red varieties, a tasting of all the ★★★★★ and ★★★★ wines would be a good place to start. The trophy wine from DogRock shows that the Barossa and McLaren Vale are not the only regions where grenache can thrive. The Italian varieties continue to improve, tempranillo disappointed slightly and merlot struggles on.

Grenache



2015 Dogrock Degraives Road Grenache The brightness of colour is reflected by a vibrant nose showing cherries and other red fruits. Fine, savoury tannins feature on a long, medium-bodied palate which is strongly varietal. A very impressive and expressive red from the Pyrenees (Vic.) region. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
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2015 Mandoon Estate Old Vine Grenache (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2015 Vinrock McLaren Vale Grenache (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2015 Willunga 100 Clarendon Grenache (\$30.00) ★★★

2015 Burge Family Winemakers Garnacha (\$28.00) ★★★

2015 Bakkheia The Wonderful Miss Gerry (\$35.00) ★★

2015 Willunga 100 Blewitt Springs Grenache (\$30.00) ★★

2014 Burge Family Winemakers Garnacha (\$28.00) ★★

2015 Z Wines Rustica Barossa Valley Grenache (\$15.00) ★★

2015 Grancari Estate Old Vine Grenache (\$10.00) ★★

Sangiovese

2015 Four Winds Vineyard Sangiovese (\$30.00) ★★★★★

2015 Mount Avoca Vineyards Ltd Release Sangiovese (\$43.75) ★★★★★

2015 First Ridge Sangiovese (\$20.00) ★★★★★

2014 La Bise Sangiovese (\$22.00) ★★

2015 Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines Sangiovese (\$30.00) ★★

2014 The Little Wine Co Sangiovese (\$28.00) ★☆

2015 Capital Wines Foreign Minister Sangiovese (\$27.00) ★☆

2014 McIvor Estate Sangiovese (\$30.00) ★

Nebbiolo

2015 Grove Estate Sommita Nebbiolo (\$45.00) ★★★★★

2013 Topper's Mountain Wild Ferment Nebbiolo (\$38.00) ★★★

2015 Rowlee Wines Nebbiolo (\$38.00) ★★★

- 2012 Trandari Nebbiolo (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2014 McIvor Estate Nebbiolo (\$35.00) ★★★
- 2015 Vineyard 28 Nebbiolo (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2012 Virago Nebbiolo (\$45.00) ★★
- 2011 Virago Nebbiolo (\$45.00) ★★

Other Italian

2015 Atze's Corner The Mob Barossa Montepulciano Bright purple colour. The nose is quite perfumed, hinting at violets, and the palate is long, packed with ripe berry fruit balanced nicely by tannins. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.atzescornerwines.com.au/>

2015 Sons of Eden Eden Valley Sagrantino A very good example of sagrantino – which is rare – even in its home of Umbria. This one is bursting with rich plumminess and showing hints of dried herbs and orange peel. The long finish and fine tannins are strong points. (\$45.00) Soon to be released ★★★★★

- 2014 Davis Premium Vineyards Rogue Series Foot Stomped Sagrantino (\$30.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Lagrein (\$95.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Catlin Montepulciano (\$30.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 First Ridge Barbera (\$30.00) ★★★
- 2015 Parish Hill Dolcetto (\$30.00) ★★★
- 2015 Parish Hill Amphora Nero d'Avola (\$30.00) ★★★
- 2015 Santolin Chalmers Vineyard Nero d'Avola (\$32.00) ★★
- 2014 The Little Wine Co Barbera (\$30.00) ★★
- 2015 Tellurian Heathcote Nero D'Avola (\$27.00) ★★

Tempranillo

- 2015 Willunga 100 Tempranillo (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Mount Majura Vineyard Tempranillo (\$45.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Quarry Hill Wines Lost Acre Tempranillo (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2016 Mount Avoca Vineyards Ltd Release Tempranillo (\$43.75) ★★★★★
- 2015 Capital Wines Ambassador Tempranillo (\$27.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Juniper Small Batch Tempranillo (\$22.50) ★★★
- 2015 Bakkheia Aequitas (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2015 Sanguine Estate Tempranillo 2 (\$29.95) ★★★
- 2014 La Bise Tempranillo (\$ 22.00) ★★
- 2015 Stanton and Killeen Limited Release Tempranillo (\$58.00) ★★
- 2015 Jericho Adelaide Hills Tempranillo (\$25.00) ★★
- 2014 Mazza Wines Tempranillo (\$30.00) ★★
- 2013 Topper's Mountain Wild Ferment Tempranillo (\$32.00) ★★

- 2015 The Little Wine Co Tempranillo (\$28.00) ★★
- 2011 Topper's Mountain Wild Ferment Tempranillo (\$32.00) ★☆
- 2015 Herringston Estate Tempranillo (\$25.00) ★☆
- 2015 Gibson Wines Discovery Road Tempranillo (\$20.00) ★☆

Merlot

- 2013 Palmer Margaret River Merlot (\$30.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Rosily Vineyard Margaret River Merlot (\$20.00) ★★★
- 2015 Cannibal Creek Merlot (\$35.00) ★★★
- 2012 Bonking Frog Paterson Reserve Merlot (\$35.00) ★★☆
- 2014 Bonking Frog Winter Merlot (\$24.00) ★★☆
- 2013 Five Oaks Merlot ★★
- 2014 Ernest Hill Rodney Merlot (\$40.00) ★☆
- 2014 Fernfield Wines Old River Red Merlot (\$35.00) ★☆
- 2014 Capital Wines Kyeema Reserve Merlot (\$46.00) ☆

Further Red Varieties

2015 Smallwater Estate Geographe Zinfandel This is a standout Zin. It doesn't show the massive ripeness and alcohol of many. However it certainly doesn't lack presence, delivering intense varietal raspberry characteristics in a perfumed bouquet and on a lengthy, balanced palate.

(\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

<http://www.smallwaterestate.com/>

- 2013 Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Petit Verdot (\$60.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Juniper Estate Malbec (\$37.50) ★★☆☆
- 2013 Topper's Mountain Wild Ferment Tannat (\$32.00) ★★★
- 2013 919 Wines Durif ★★★
- 2015 Bakkheia The Groszman Graciano (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2015 919 Wines Touriga Nacional ★★★
- 2015 Yarran B Series Petit Verdot (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2013 Palmer Malbec 30.00) ★★★
- 2015 Yarran B Series Durif (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2014 Iron Pot Bay Vineyard Pinot Meunier (Mani) (\$30.00) ★★
- 2009 Lillypilly Petit Verdot ★★
- 2015 Sittella Avant Garde Malbec (\$38.00) ★★
- 2015 Morgan Simpson Plan B Mataro (\$22.00) ★
- 2014 Harcourt Valley Vineyards Malbec (\$25.00) ★

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