

2016 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON AWARDS Red Blends

Red blends could become one of the most exciting Australian wine categories if winemakers let their imaginations loose. Many follow the heavily-trodden GSM path and make some excellent wines, but with the range of “alternate” varieties now grown in Australia there are myriad possibilities. Frank Van de Loo from Mount Majura in the Canberra District has been innovative, and successfully created a signature blend. We encourage others to follow his example.



2015 Mount Majura Vineyard TSG (Tempranillo, shiraz, graciano) Bright purple/red colour. Spicy red fruits show out in a very attractive bouquet and the palate is long and silky with a delightfully savoury edge. (\$34.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.mountmajura.com.au/wines/>

2015 Bakkheia Tripartite (55% grenache, 40% shiraz, 5% mourvèdre) A vibrant Geographe (WA) red in every sense. The colour is bright and vivid, and the nose and palate are packed with dark berries. A delicious, beautifully balanced wine. (\$18.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.bakkheia.com.au/wines.html> wine@bakkheia.com.au

2015 Rusty Bike The Penny Farthing GSM (McLaren Vale & Clare Valley) A very impressive “Rhône” blend in which the grenache imparts its distinctive varietal perfume and the other components contribute weight and structure. Excellent fresh drinking. (\$26.00) ★★★★★

http://rustybike.com.au/?page_id=22

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2015 Rusty Bike The Tandem Malbec Cabernet Sauvignon (Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills) The floral and blueberry aromas are very engaging, and the palate is plush and satisfying, balanced by fine tannins. (\$26.00) ★★★★★☆

2015 La Bise The Thief Grenache Shiraz Mataro ★★★★★

2014 DogRidge The Pup GSM (\$18.00) ★★★★★

2015 Vinrock McLaren Vale G.S.M. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2013 Brangayne of Orange Tristan (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2015 Gibson Wines Wilfreda Mataro Shiraz Grenache (\$29.00) ★★★

2014 Z Wines Roman Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mataro (\$30.00) ★★★

2014 Sieber Rd Shiraz Mataro (\$20.00) ★★★

2015 Rusty Mutt Rocky Ox GSM (\$28.00) ★★★

2015 First Ridge Enzo (\$25.00) ★★★

2013 Burge Family Winemakers The Hipster (\$25.00) ★★★

2014 De Iuliis Shiraz Touriga LDR Vineyard (\$40.00) ★★★

2014 Topper's Mountain Wild Ferment Pinotage Viognier (\$32.00) ★★★☆

2014 Brangayne of Orange Tristan (\$35.00) ★★★☆

2015 De Iuliis Shiraz Touriga LDR Vineyard (\$40.00) ★★★☆

2015 Harcourt Valley Vineyards Grenache Shiraz (\$20.00) ★★★☆

2015 Naked Run The Aldo Grenache Shiraz (\$22.00) ★★★☆

2013 DogRidge Old Mates Grenache Shiraz (\$25.00) ★★★☆

2014 Pokolbin Estate Phoenix Shiraz Tempranillo (\$28.00) ★★

2015 Naked Run Mourvèdre Shiraz (\$22.00) ★★★☆

2014 Sons of Eden Kennedy Barossa Valley GSM (\$29.00) ★★

2014 Tellurian Heathcote Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre (\$27.00) ★★

2014 Sieber Rd GSM (\$20.00) ★★

2015 Mandoon Estate Surveyors Red (\$22.50) ★★

2014 Capital Wines Kyeema Vineyard Tempranillo Shiraz (\$36.00) ★★

2015 Sittella SGT (\$18.75) ★★

2014 Hahndorf Hill Winery Compatriots (\$35.00) ★★

2015 Stanton and Killeen The Prince (\$45.00) ★★

2014 Nick Haselgrove Wines Blackbilly McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre (\$23.00) ★★

2014 Meerea Park Indie Shiraz Marsanne (\$40.00) ★★

2015 Arakoon GSM Full Bodied Red (\$18.00) ★★

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