

Easy Drinking

Wine imbibing can be a serious business, but innumerable times we find ourselves in circumstances where “fresh and fruity” is the ideal choice. We look for wines that slip down easily, and at the same time, provide a pleasant sensory experience that isn't forgotten the moment the last drop is consumed.

Here are a few red wines that fit the bill perfectly. They're just what you need when the situation is casual and the mix of people covers the serious and not so serious about wine.

2018 Riposte The Dagger Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir We've often wondered why there aren't more pinot noirs like this. Winemaker Tim Knappstein has kept it simple – no oakiness, no stemminess, just good, honest, fresh varietal dark cherry flavour backed up by supple tannins. It certainly hits the spot. (\$22.00 incl freight) ★★★★★
<https://timknappstein.com.au/collections/all-wines/products/the-dagger-pinot-noir>

2017 Yering Station Village Yarra Valley Pinot Noir Many would argue that the Yarra Valley is Australia's No.1 pinot noir region. If correct, that means some kind of parallel with Burgundy, and we may have it here. We tend to focus on grand cru and premier cru, but what about the village wine? The top producers realise how important their “entry level” wines are, and take great care with them. This is a case in point. It's vibrant. It smells of strawberries and raspberries and delivers more than adequate flavour intensity. (\$24.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.yering.com/products/22069-pinot-noir/>

2017 Yering Station Village Yarra Valley Shiraz A perfect companion for the pinot noir – dark cherry, spicy, fresh and easy to drink. (\$24.00)
★★★★☆

2018 La Línea Lenswood Adelaide Hills Mencia It took quite a while for mencia to find its way from north-west Spain to Australia, but it was worth the wait. On its home turf, mencia is adored for the fruity joven style of wine it produces, but it can be turned into red wine that is far more “serious”. Here we have an Australian take on the joven style, and it's a raging success. There are perfumed red berries in abundance, and the tannins are soft and welcoming. Delicious! The 2017 (which is very good) is still on sale for \$29.00, but expect the 2018 shortly
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