

Red Blends & Other Single Varieties

This is a fascinating group ranging from wines with considerable cellaring potential (the top two) to those made for immediate, delicious drinking. The Orange region of New South Wales has sites particularly suited to cabernet franc, as evidenced in this case by the Patina Jezza.



2016 Patina Jezza Orange Cabernet Franc Cabernet Sauvignon An alluring, complex wine in which the red fruits aromas are enhanced by tobacco leaf. The palate is long, elegant and fine, with a “European” savoury feel. (\$65.00) ★★★★★
<https://patinawines.com.au/product/2016-patina-jezza/>

2015 d’Arenberg The Old Bloke and the Three Young Blondes (Shiraz, viognier, roussanne, marsanne) Red fruits aromas are enhanced by floral notes and grilled beef complexity. The white components appear to have a moderating effect on the palate which is taut and tight, with a fresh acid finish. This wine needs time. (\$200.00) ★★★★★

2019 King’s Landing Frankland River Malbec A bright, youthful red with classic blueberry malbec aroma. Delightfully easy to drink. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2018 Hay Shed Hill Margaret River Shiraz Tempranillo The rich red berry aromas carry a touch of star anise. This is a supple, fruity wine that is a pleasure to drink. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

2018 d’Arenberg d’Arry’s Original McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz An attractively spicy perfumed blend which is fairly firm, but balanced, with satisfying weight of fruit. (\$20.00) ★★★★★

2018 Risky Business Frankland River/Margaret River Malbec A vibrant young red with summer pudding aromatics. It’s soft and supple, balanced by fine tannins. Good drinking. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2018 Clandestine Vineyards #3 Margaret River Cabernet Franc A
 perfumed, ripe raspberry style with a hint of dried herbs. The fruit weight is satisfactory and the gentle tannins allow enjoyable current drinking. (\$34.00) ★★★★★

2018 Longview Vista Adelaide Hills Shiraz Barbera An easy to drink, soft, fresh red packed with cherry and blackberry flavours. (\$24.00) ★★★★★

2018 Longview Jupiter Adelaide Hills Barbera A red cherry style with lively acidity. Needs more weight. (\$40.00) ★★★

2018 d'Arenberg The Derelict Vineyard McLaren Vale Grenache
 Has some varietal perfume but is quite firm and chunky, lacking finesse. (\$29.00) ★★★

2018 Crowe Vino Rosso (Sangiovese, barbera, nebbiolo) A fresh wine with cherry/spicy characteristics, but the palate is light. (\$28.00) ★★★

2018 Longview Saturnus Adelaide Hills Nebbiolo Has attractive potpourri aromas but lacks length and intensity. (\$50.00) ★★★

2018 Soumah Yarra Valley/King Valley Nebbiolo Barbera Quite light. Sound, but needs more flavour and structure. (\$28.00) ★★☆☆

Winewise Rating Scale

★★★★★	Outstanding	97-100 pts	Gold medal
★★★★☆	Highly Recommended	93-96	Gold/silver
★★★★	Recommended	90-92	Silver
★★★☆☆	Recommended	87-89	Bronze
★★★★	Agreeable	85-87	Bronze
★★★☆☆	Agreeable	82-84	
★★★	Acceptable	80-82	
★★☆☆	Acceptable	77-79	
★★	Barely Acceptable	74-76	
★☆☆	Unacceptable	71-73	
No stars	Undrinkable	<71	