

Other White Varieties & Blends

This group of wines was judged in small varietal sub-classes where possible. Gold medal winners were tasted off for Championship medallions. Grüner veltliner and fiano continue to show that they aren't flash-in-the pan varieties, and a mature verdelho was a pleasant surprise. This category was strong overall.



2020 Hahndorf Hill White Mischief Adelaide Hills Grüner Veltliner This young wine is bursting with life. The limey aromas carry a beguiling hint of guava and the intense, acid-fresh palate is given an extra dimension by a talc-like texture. (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.hahndorfhillwinery.com.au/White-Wines>



2018 Freycinet Wineglass Bay Tasmania Sauvignon Blanc Here's a sauvignon blanc that packs a citrus punch, reflecting fully ripe fruit. The powerful lingering palate is beautifully balanced by racy acidity. (\$28.00) ★★★★★☆
http://www.freycinetvineyard.com.au/order_now/order_now.html

2020 Artwine The Wicked Stepmother Clare Valley Fiano The white peach aroma and flavour are enhanced by hints of tropical fruit. Fresh acidity and a pleasing grip contribute to a very satisfying palate. (\$35.00 - Not yet released) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.artwine.com.au/Wines/White>

2010 Thomas Vineyard Estate McLaren Vale Verdelho This is a mature wine showing toast and hazelnut characteristics which complement honeyed citrus aromas and flavours. There's sufficient acid to enliven the finish, making it a very pleasant drink. (\$20.00) ★★★★★☆
<http://thomasvineyard.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Order-Form-Mar-2020.pdf>

2019 Artwine Madame V Clare Valley Viognier Honeysuckle, apricot, ginger, glacé pineapple – they're all present in this very well made viognier. The long, textural palate delivers satisfying flavour without heaviness. (\$25.00 - Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

2016 Crittenden Estate Cri de Coeur Mornington Peninsula Savagnin We've commented on this unique "Vin Jaune" style previously. It's a fascinating, complex wine with nutty aldehydic components imparted by the flor process. (\$80.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.crittendenwines.com.au/buy/the-estate-range>

2020 Cooks Lot Allotment 689 Orange Region Sauvignon Blanc There's plenty of varietal character to enjoy without strident greenness. Passionfruit and green apple overtones carry through to a fresh, enjoyable palate. (\$23.00) ★★★★★
<https://cooks-lot-wines.square.site/>

2018 Meerea Park Indie Hunter Valley Marsanne Roussanne An attractive white showing peach and pear, with a subtle oak influence. The palate is fresh, mouthfilling and balanced. Obviously there's more to Hunter white wine than semillon and chardonnay. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.meereapark.com.au/wine/indie-marsanne-roussanne/7775>

2019 Artwine In The Groove Adelaide Hills Grüner Veltliner A citrus-like style with good fruit weight, subliminal sweetness and a comparatively firm finish. (\$35.00 - Not yet released) ★★★★★

2019 Mount Avoca Estate Organic Viognier Although there's plenty of initial varietal apricot flavour, this wine tapers off slightly on the finish. (\$32.50 – Not yet released) ★★★★★
<https://mountavoca.com/>

2019 Freycinet Wineglass Bay Tasmania Sauvignon Blanc The aromas and flavours are of pronounced passionfruit with other tropical influences. Acidity enlivens the palate. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2019 Little Wine Co Hunter Valley Vermentino The initial floral and pear overtones are attractive, but this wine needs a little more fruit to balance the acidity. (\$26.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.thelittlewinecompany.com.au/Wines>

2020 Riposte The Foil Sauvignon Blanc (\$22.00) ★★★★★☆

2020 Fernfield Our Little Secret Sauvignon Blanc (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆

2020 Hahndorf Hill Pinot Grigio (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆

2020 Hahndorf Hill Gru Grüner Veltliner (\$29.00) ★★★★★☆

2017 Twisted River Viognier (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆

2019 Artwine The Real Thing Albariño (\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

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- 2018 Peter Teakle Wines Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (\$22.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 Perquod Dies Irae (\$30.00) ★★★☆
- 2020 Artwine Prego Pinot Grigio (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2020 Koppamurra Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris (\$18.00) ★★★
- 2020 Riposte The Stiletto Pinot Gris (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2019 Little Wine Co Little Gem Viognier (\$28.00) ★★★
- 2020 Little Wine Co Vermentino (\$26.00) ★★★
- 2020 RiverBank Estate Rebellious Vermentino (\$25.00) ★★★
- 2020 Smallwater Estate Cellar Door Reserve White (Sauvignon Blanc) (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2020 Wignalls Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc (\$19.90) ★★★
- 2018 Lillypilly Vermentino ★★★☆
- 2018 Meerea Park Indie Roussanne (\$30.00) ★★★☆
- 2018 Colmar Estate Sauvignon Blanc (\$30.00) ★★★☆
- 2016 Terra Felix Mornington Peninsula Pinot Gris (\$35.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 Sapling Yard The Four Pinots (\$27.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 RiverBank Estate Rebellious Verdelho (\$25.00) ★★★☆
- 2020 The Vintner's Daughter Gewürztraminer (\$30.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 Arlewood Estate Villaggio Fumé Blanc (\$22.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 Arlewood Estate Villaggio White Blend #2 (\$22.00) ★★★☆
- 2019 Hahndorf Hill Reserve Grüner Veltliner (\$45.00) ★★
- 2019 Contentious Character Fifty Shades of Grape Pinot Gris (\$35.00) ★☆

Judges: Bryan Currie, Lex Howard, Alex McKay, Nick O'Leary, David Yeates

Here's the other whites honour roll of the trophy winners going all the way back to the year the class was first judged in 1997.

2019 Symphony Hill Albariño
2018 Hahndorf Hill Adelaide Hills Pinot Grigio
2017 Terindah Estate Single Vineyard Pinot Grigio
2016 Juniper Small Batch Fiano
2015 Hahndorf Hill White Mischief Grüner Veltliner
2013 Twisted River Central Ranges Viognier
2012 Centennial Reserve Arneis
2010 Topper's Mountain Gewürztraminer
2010 Baillieu Vineyard Viognier
2009 Ross Hill Pinot Gris
2008 Oakridge Fumé Blanc
2008 Sorby Adams The GT Gewürztraminer
2006 Haan Hanendorf Viognier
2004 Haan Viognier Prestige
2003 Miceli Iolanda's Pinot Grigio
2002 Gladstone Vineyard Wairarapa Pinot Gris
2000 Elgee Park Baillieu Myer Family Reserve Viognier
2000 Framingham Marlborough Gewürztraminer
1999 Littles Gewürztraminer
1998 Chestnut Grove Verdelho
1997 Temple Bruer Chenin Blanc
1996 Darling Park Pinot Gris

STARS OF THE WEEK

2019 Orlando Steingarten Eden Valley Riesling Near perfection! This intense, floral-scented, dry, precisely balanced riesling is absolutely brilliant. (\$50.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.orlandowines.com/steingarten-riesling.html>

2018 John Duval Wines Annexus Barossa Valley Mataro Barossa winemakers have always respected mataro, or mourvèdre, but we have a feeling that they're rediscovering it and treating it with more respect than ever. This release is utterly delicious, showing red fruits and plum, with savoury tannins and the classic varietal hints of graphite and earth. (\$77.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.johnduvalwines.com/product/2018-annexus-mataro/>

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