

Red Blends

Mount Majura winemaker Frank Van De Loo really struck gold when he came up with the idea of blending tempranillo, shiraz and graciano. The Mount Majura vineyard on the northern outskirts of Canberra is ideally suited to all three varieties, but the combination has a certain “chemistry” that makes the TSG something special. This year, we saw it claim its third Winewise Championship medallion.

A more conventional, but equally fine blend of cabernet sauvignon and merlot, saw Windance Estate also win their third medallion.



2019 Mount Majura Vineyard TSG The purple-red colour is eye-catching. Touches of spiciness and earth add an extra dimension to the dark berry and red plum aromas. Fine, savoury tannins balance an impressively long palate. (Not yet available) ★★★★★
<https://www.mountmajura.com.au/product/tsg/>



2019 Windance Estate Margaret River Cabernet Merlot Classic blackcurrant aromas feature on the vibrant nose, supported by a whiff of French oak. The palate really delivers the goods, offering intense flavour backed up by firm, fine tannins. (\$26.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.windance.com.au/products/2012-cabernet-merlot?variant=10887733057>

2019 Purple Hands Wines Barossa Valley Mataro Grenache Shiraz A very attractive “fruit bomb” style in which the raspberry and rose petal of grenache feature on the nose. The generous palate is vibrant and silky. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.purplehandswines.com.au/product/barossa-valley-mataro-grenache-shiraz/>

2019 Stage Door Three Piece Barossa GSM The spicy red fruits flavours run wall to wall in this fragrant, easy to drink red. A fresh, engaging blend. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<https://stagedoorwineco.com.au/shop/2019-three-piece-gsm/>

2019 Naked Run Hill 5 Shiraz Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon The fresh, ripe dark berry aromas and flavours are very appealing, and ultra-fine tannins make this wine a pleasure to drink. (Not yet released) ★★★★★
<https://www.nakedrunwines.com.au/products/hill-5-shiraz-cabernet-1>

2018 Sons of Eden Kennedy GSM Ripe red berries, dark plums and spice show out in a finely structured blend. It’s beginning to drink very well. (\$29.00) ★★★★★
<https://sonsofeden.com/wine/2018-kennedy-barossa-valley-grenache-shiraz-mourvedre/>

2019 DogRock Pyrenees Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz An attractive touch of spice adds to the dark fruits characteristics. The tannins are firm but fine, and linger on a fairly tannic finish. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://dogrock.com.au/collections/all/products/2018-dogrock-cabernet-sauvignon>

2018 Sittella Reserve Margaret River Cabernet Malbec The blackcurrant aroma and flavour are fresh and appealing. Although the fruit intensity is good, the finish is a little firm right now. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.sittella.com.au/product/2017-Margaret-River-Cabernet-Malbec?pageID=7AA19B1C-C823-8841-B034-BBD25CA92061&sortBy=DisplayOrder&maxRows=10&>

2017 Grampians Estate Woolclassers GST This is a fragrant, very approachable blend that is vibrant and lively, but a touch light. (\$28.00) ★★★★★
<https://grampiansestate.com.au/>

2018 Graham Stevens Wines Graham's Vat 52 Shiraz Grenache Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2018 Pontifex Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2019 Tellurian Heathcote Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2018 Shaw Wines Estate Cabernet Shiraz (\$32.00) ★★★★★

2018 RiverBank Estate Rebellious Cabernet Franc Petit Verdot Malbec (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2017 Morgan Simpson Barcore (Shiraz Mataro) (\$22.00) ★★★

2018 Sieber Wines GSM (\$20.00) ★★★

2018 Atze's Corner A Label GSM (\$25.00) ★★★

2018 RiverBank Estate Rebellious BDX + Tempranillo (\$25.00) ★★★

2018 RiverBank Estate Eric Anthony Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec (\$35.00) ★★★

2019 Sittella Reserve Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon (\$30.00) ★★★

2019 Arlewood Estate Villaggio Red Blend #3 (\$22.00) ★★★

2018 Big Easy Radio Funtime Fountain Sangiovese Montepulciano (\$35.00) ★★★

2019 Sittella Tinta Rouge Tempranillo Shiraz Grenache (\$20.00) ★★★

2016 Shaw Wines Winemaker's Select. Cabernet Merlot (\$20.00) ★★★

2017 Quarry Hill Wines West Block SGM (\$35.00) ★★★

2018 Sanguine Estate Heathcote Cabernets (\$25.00) ★★★

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- 2019 Tarrahill Le Bâtard Yarra Valley (\$28.00) ★★★
- 2019 Mount Majura Vineyard Lime Kiln Red (Shiraz Touriga) (\$26.00) ★★★
- 2016 Burk Salter Merlot Cabernet (\$18.00) ★★★
- 2017 Harcourt Valley Vineyards Dr Livingstone Malbec Cabernet Franc (\$20.00) ★★★
- 2016 Freycinet Cabernet Merlot (\$40.00) ★★
- 2017 Saracen Estates Margaret River Cabernet Merlot (\$24.00) ★★
- 2018 Sieber Wines Shiraz Grenache (\$20.00) ★★
- 2018 Sieber Wines Shiraz Mataro (\$20.00) ★★
- 2019 Tarrahill Clementine Yarra Valley (\$28.00) ★★

Judges: Bryan Currie, Lex Howard, Alex McKay, Nick O’Leary, Deb Pearce, David Yeates

Here’s the red blends honour roll of the trophy winners going all the way back to the year the class was first judged in 1997.

- 2018 Tellurian Heathcote Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre
2017 Grampians Estate Grampians GST
2016 Mandoon Estate Surveyors Red
2015 Mount Majura Vineyard TSG
2014 De Iuliis LDR Vineyard Shiraz Touriga
2012 Dolan Family Barossa Shiraz Grenache Mataro
2010 Sons of Eden Kennedy GSM
2010 Mount Majura Vineyard TSG
2008 Sandhurst Ridge Fringe Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon
2006 Warrenmang Bazzani Shiraz Cabernet
2005 Oliver's Taranga Corrina's Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon
2004 Shaw Vineyard Estate Cabernet Shiraz
2004 Paxton AAA Shiraz Grenache
2002 Koltz Mourvèdre Grenache Shiraz
2002 Neagles Rock Grenache Shiraz
1999 Burge Family Winemakers Olive Hill Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre
1998 Symphonia Quintus
1996 Noon Grenache Shiraz
1995 Warrabilla Brimin Series Cabernet Shiraz

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