

## Christmas-New Year Drinks

**S**ummer wine consumption brings rosé into focus, and two of the best we've tasted hail from South Australia. The **2020 Longview Juno Nebbiolo Rosato** from the Adelaide Hills hits the spot with its very pale pink colour, delicate red fruits aromas and flavours, and a beautifully balanced palate with fine tannins and fresh acidity. (\$26.00)

★★★★☆

<https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/wine/2018-nebbiolo-rosato>

Tim Adams releases some great-value wines under his Mr Mick label, and the **2020 Mr Mick Clare Valley Rosé** is one of them. The delicate pink colour is bright, as is the raspberry/rose petal nose. The length of flavour is impressive, supported by a fine textural grip, which, with the fresh acidity and very faint sweetness, provides perfect balance. (\$17.00)

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<https://www.timadamswines.com.au/product/mr-mick-rose/>

On the subject of Tim Adams, the **2016 Tim Adams The Fergus Clare Valley Grenache Tempranillo Malbec** is drinking beautifully. The fresh red fruits aromas are enhanced by subtle oak toastiness, and the palate is satisfying, with no hard edges. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.timadamswines.com.au/product/2016-the-fergus/>

The **2018 Teusner The Independent Barossa Valley Shiraz Mataro** is another red blend that offers immediate drinking pleasure. The mataro component contributes an attractive earthy graphite complexity to the dark berry of shiraz. Fine, savoury tannins enhance a supple inviting palate. (\$27.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.teusner.com.au/product/the-independent-shiraz-mataro-2017/>

Add the **2012 Wynns Coonawarra Shiraz** to the list of ready-to-drink reds. It's nicely mature but still fresh, showing dark berry aromas with hints of aniseed and black truffle. Satisfying fruit weight is supported by savoury tannins. (\$26.00) ★★★★★

[https://www.firstchoiceliquor.com.au/red-wine/wynns-coonawarra-shiraz-2012-museum-750ml\\_1887598](https://www.firstchoiceliquor.com.au/red-wine/wynns-coonawarra-shiraz-2012-museum-750ml_1887598)

A wine with a low-key name, the **2019 Next Crop NC White** captured our attention recently. It's actually an Adelaide Hills Grüner Veltliner, and it adds to the considerable success of that variety in the Hills, showing classically varietal spicy pear characteristics. (\$23.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://nextcropwines.com.au/product/2019-nc-white/>

**Nick O'Leary** is currently offering a brace of classy **Tumbarumba chardonnays**. It's difficult to split the 2018 and 2019 in quality terms, both showing white nectarine aromas and flavours, with intense, textural palates. The 2018 is quite "funky", which will certainly appeal to lovers of that form of complexity. The 2019 is much more subtle in that regard. Both \$32.00. Both ★★★★★☆

<https://nickolearywines.com.au/collections/types?q=Chardonnay>

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