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GRAPE & GRAIN



We've given subscribers a "heads-up" in the past regarding collaborations between Treasury Wine Estates and the Aldi supermarket chain. The reason is that the value for money is impossible to ignore. Here's the latest.

2019 Wolf Blass Exclusive Release Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon (McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills) The inviting aromas reflect both the blackberry of shiraz and the blackcurrant of cabernet sauvignon, with only a small influence of oak. This is a mouthfilling, vibrant, supple wine which is ideal for current consumption and short-term cellaring. (\$15.00) ★★★★★



We rarely review spirituous beverages, but when I received an email from Brisbane wine lover Frank Tomlinson advising of his entry into gin production, my interest was piqued. Samples arrived, and the process of tasting, with and without tonic, commenced. First a little background.

The Diviners brand is based at the Bent Road winery at Ballandean in Queensland's Granite Belt where distillation takes place. A major point of difference is the use of Rotavap technology. Traditional distillation evaporates liquid by heating it up to evaporate it and cooling it down with a condenser to trap the resultant vapours. A Rotavap lowers the liquid's pressure using a vacuum, which drops the boiling point dramatically. The lower temperature ensures retention of aromas and flavours rather than boiling some of them away.



Diviners Distillery Apparition

Decidedly juniper – with lime overtones and spicy notes. The spirit is fresh and clean, delivering a smooth, lingering finish that is beautifully balanced. A good gin for an ultra-dry martini. Tonic choice: Fever Tree Indian tonic. (\$80.00) ★★★★★

Diviners Distillery Outlier

There's a big impact from the botanicals - strongly citrus, lime in particular. The palate is packed with flavour, and the spirit delivers alcohol heat on finish. Tonic choice: Fever Tree Mediterranean tonic. (\$85.00) ★★★★★

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