

Sparkling

A considerable amount of work, from makers large and small, has been put into Australian sparkling wine over the past three decades. Site selection has been of paramount importance, and it's no surprise that Tasmania is playing an ever more important role. However, as this tasting demonstrates, the mainland still has much to offer.



Medallion Winner Radenti R3 Tasmania Sparkling (40% 2012, 44% 2013 16% 2014) This is a delightful sparkling wine showing nutty/bready complexity backed up by fresh, powerful fruit. The mousse is very fine and the finish is impressively long. (\$55.00) ★★★★★
http://www.freycinetvineyard.com.au/order_now/order_now.html

2008 Chandon Late Disgorged The nutty, faintly funky aromatics are backed up by intense fruit on a vibrant nose. The long, creamy palate is very stylish, and it's perfectly balanced by refreshing acidity. (Not available) ★★★★★

NV Centennial Vineyards Blanc de Blancs This classy wine is made entirely from Southern Highlands chardonnay, and is quite an achievement for winemaker Tony Cosgriff. It has all the fineness expected of a blanc de blancs style, and the brioche overtones in the bouquet are particularly appealing. (\$40.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.centennial.net.au/product/9000023000957/>

2013 Taltarni Cuvée Rosé We felt this was the pick of the rosés, and it's a bargain. The nose shows attractive bottle-age complexity, but retains a musky freshness. The flavour is persistent, and the texture is engagingly creamy. (\$26.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.taltarni.com.au/our-wines/taltarni-cuvee-rose/>

2015 Jansz Tasmania Brut Cuvée Although it's had significant lees age, this wine is vibrant and lemony, with just a touch of autolysis complexity. The satisfying flavour is supported by a very fine mousse. (\$47.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.jansz.com.au/shop/products/vintage-cuvee>

2008 Hollydene Juul Sparkling Blanc de Blancs The bready nose has a lot of appeal, as does the flavour-packed creamy palate which finishes with fresh acidity. (\$69.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.hollydeneestate.com/wine/awarded-best-in-australia-juul-sparkling-blanc-de-blancs/8982>

2015 Chandon Vintage Brut Rosé Pale pink/orange colour. The musky pinot-influenced nose is attractive, as is the initial flavour which trails off just a little. (\$42.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.chandon.com.au/product/Chandon-Vintage-Brut-Ros--2015>

2014 Taltarni Taché Sparkling Rosé This fresh rosé style shows delicate strawberry aromatics, and delivers a long, dry finish with just a little grip. (Not yet available) ★★★★★

2015 Colmar Estate Chardonnay-Pinot Noir ★★★★★

2011 Blue Pyrenees Midnight Cuvée ★★★★★

NV Bream Creek Vineyard Brut Rosé Sparkling ★★★★★

2015 Clover Hill Vintage Brut ★★★

2015 Sidewood Estate Chloe Cuvée Chardonnay Pinot Noir ★★★

2015 Sittella Grand Vintage Marie Christien Lugten ★★★

2015 Taltarni Brut ★★☆☆

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