

Other Red Varieties



Medallion Winner 2020 McWilliam's Alternis Nero

D'Avola We consider nero d'avola to have considerable potential in Australia, and this wine certainly supports that contention. Made from grapes grown at Griffith, this wine shows rich red berry and rose petal aromas. The palate is round and inviting, with delightfully fine tannins.

Delicious. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

<https://mcwilliams.com.au/products/mcw-alternis-nero-davolo>



Medallion Winner 2019 Bleasdale Generations

Langhorne Creek Malbec The vibrant blueberry/plum aromas are absolutely typical of this variety and style. The persistent, even palate delivers intensity, structure and balance. Another classy malbec from Bleasdale.

(\$35.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.winedirect.com.au/bleasdale-generations-malbec>



Medallion Winner 2019 Oliver's Taranga Small Batch

McLaren Vale Tempranillo This is a powerful spicy blackberry/licorice style of tempranillo. Savoury tannins support fruit of impressive weight and length. (\$32.00) ★★★★★

https://wine.qantas.com/p/Olivers-Taranga-Tempranillo-2019/OLITARTEM19_C6

2019 Koppamurra McLaren Vale Grenache The expressive, fragrant raspberry nose is quite captivating. A mouthfilling, strongly varietal wine with invitingly fine tannins. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.koppamurra.com/PDF/KM%20Newsletter%20Nov20%20web.pdf>

2020 Oliver's Taranga Small Batch McLaren Vale Grenache The ripe raspberry aromas lead into a succulent, easy to access palate. Great young drinking. (\$32.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.oliverstaranga.com/product/2020-grenache/>

2019 Mount Majura Vineyard Canberra District Tempranillo The rich, ripe spicy nose has Dutch licorice overtones, and the palate is long, with most enjoyable savoury dryness. Another success with this variety for Mount Majura. (\$54.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.mountmajura.com.au/product/tempranillo/>

2018 Kaesler Barossa Valley Barbera This is a very ripe dark berry style, but it retains freshness and offers good varietal fruit, fine tannins and balanced acidity. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://kaesler.com.au/product/2017-kaesler-barbera/>

2019 Yalumba Vine Vale Barossa Grenache This perfumed red fruits style is fresh and “juicy”, offering delicious early drinking. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2019 Green Door El Toro Geographe Tempranillo The dark berry/licorice nose is clearly varietal, and the palate offers satisfying fruit backed up by savoury tannins. (Sold out) ★★★★★

2019 Oliver's Taranga Small Batch McLaren Vale Mencia The powerful spicy dark berry nose leads into a palate of substance, although the tannins are quite firm at the moment. (\$27.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.winedirect.com.au/oliver-s-taranga-small-batch-mencia>

2018 Atzes Corner Giant Barossa Valley Durif Very deep purple colour. A substantial, firm, plummy red typifying the variety. Acidity lifts the finish. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://atzes.com/collections/awarded-wines/products/the-giant-durif>

2019 La Linea Adelaide Hills Tempranillo A fresh spicy, floral, lively medium-bodied red. Good current drinking. (Not yet released)
★★★★★

2019 The Venturer Series Durif Impressive dark cherry/blackberry aromas introduce a vibrant, balanced palate. Good drinking. (\$9.00)
★★★★★
<https://www.aldi.com.au/en/groceries/liquor/wine/wine-detail/ps/p/the-venturer-series-durif-750ml/>

2019 Kirrihill Piccoli Lotti McLaren Vale Nero d'Avola Fresh, fragrant and spicy. An enjoyable medium-bodied style. ★★★★★

2019 Running With Bulls Barossa Garnacha Fresh but lightish red berry aromas and flavours. Good short-term drinking. ★★★★★

2018 Peter Lehmann The Bond Barossa Grenache A lively red berry style with faint mushroom overtones. On the light side. ★★★☆

2018 House Of Cards Black Jack Margaret River Malbec The rich dark berry characteristics are impressive, but there's plenty of oak as well. ★★★☆

2019 La Linea Adelaide Hills Mencia Fresh spicy dark cherry nose. Adequate fruit, with balanced tannins. ★★★

2018 Hungerford Hill Hilltops Corvina Has plenty of flavour, but is firm and solid. ★★★

2017 Tamburlaine Orange Reserve Malbec The ripe dark fruits aromas have a minty edge. Acid shows on a palate of reasonable weight. ★★★

2020 Fox Creek Limited Release McLaren Vale Tempranillo A rich and ready dark berry red that has a soft finish. ★★★

2019 Mount Avoca Estate Organic Tempranillo The ripe red fruits aromas and flavours struggle with the oak. ★★★

2018 Longview Saturnus Adelaide Hills Nebbiolo Pale colour. Fresh and floral, but light. ★★★

2006 Dogrock Tempranillo Fully mature, but retains red fruits flavour. Leathery, beginning to dry out. ★★★☆

Once again we see some excellent work with varieties that aren't exactly mainstream, although grenache and malbec have been around in Australia for many a year. McWilliam's show that with sage choice of grape and skilled viticulture, Riverina reds can shine.

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