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Top Drops for the Holiday Season

2022 Naked Run The First Clare Valley Riesling If there's a better 2022 Clare riesling than this, I certainly look forward to tasting it. Right from the first sniff of the abundant limey aromatics, through to the lingering acidity and varietal flavour, this wine delivers everything required. A bargain. ($25.00) ★★★★★
https://www.nakedrunwines.com.au/products/the-first-riesling-1

2022 Robert Stein RS15 Half Dry Riesling This riesling, made from Orange-grown grapes, is perfumed and full of life. The low-level sweetness is balanced by lively acidity, and the fruit intensity is impressive. ($50.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.robertstein.com.au/wine/2022-half-dry-riesling

2021 Byrne Farm Orange Chardonnay Very much a cool climate chardonnay, showing grapefruit, melon and white peach characteristics. Well handled French oak and subtle lees nuttiness complete a very attractive picture. ($35.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.byrnefarm.com.au/shop/product/86877/new-release--2021-chardonnay/

2022 Longview Vineyard Macclesfield Grüner Veltliner The nose is packed with varietal spice, pear and apple. All of those GV trademark characteristics feature on a long, intense palate that is enhanced by a pleasing textural grip. ($30.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/product/2022-macclesfield-gruner-veltliner

2018 Yalumba The Signature Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz The evolution of this style over nearly five decades has been fascinating to observe. At one stage it was the epitome of oak-driven Aussie reds, but this release, for a Barossa wine, is downright elegant and beautifully balanced. The cabernet component shows as faintly leafy, but is perfectly ripe, and the tannins are very fine indeed. ($65.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.yalumba.com/shop/premium-wines/the-signature

NV Barbadillo Manzanilla Solear This is the drink I've enjoyed most recently. It's classic Manzanilla – ultra-fresh, and delicate, with hints of almond, walnut and pear. Try it cold with green olives, anchovy toast, or, as the Sanlucar locals do, with fresh prawns. ($20.00 members $18.00 750ml screwcap) ★★★★☆
https://www.danmurphys.com.au/search?searchTerm=Barbadillo

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