

Geographe Part Two

The whites and rosés in Part One were, at best, pleasant drink-now offerings. Based on the 50+ wines we tasted, the primary colour of Geographe is red. What's more, no single grape variety dominates in terms of quality.

Other Red Varieties & Blends



2021 Oakway Estate Los Niños Malbec The intense cherry nose carries a faint grilled meat complex note. This is a delightful, generously flavoured red that is fresh and very well balanced. (Not yet released)

★★★★☆

<https://www.oakwayestate.com.au/>

2022 Smallwater Estate Zinfandel The nose is packed with vibrant dark cherry and raspberry aromas. A delicious young red with a long, fine palate. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2021 Willow Bridge Estate Grenache Shiraz Mataro The fresh scents of rose petal and red fruits are very appealing, as is the palate which is fine and firm. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.willowbridge.com.au/product/2021-G-S-M-Grenache-Shiraz-Mataro>

2021 Willow Bridge Estate Solana Tempranillo Floral, dark cherry and licorice aromas combine to deliver an excellent first impression. This is backed up by a succulent, fruit-driven palate. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.willowbridge.com.au/product/2021-Solana-Tempranillo>

2020 Fifth Estate Wines Tempranillo A fragrant spicy red berry style of good depth, with fine savoury tannins. (\$21.00) ★★★★★
<http://fifthstatewines.com.au/product/2020-tempranillo/>

2020 Smallwater Estate Zinfandel Sautéed raspberries nose. Fresh and attractive. Juicy “sweet” fruit and fine tannins. (\$50.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.Smallwater Estateestate.com/wine/zinfandel-primitivo>

2020 Bakkheia The Matelot Malbec Fresh mulberry. Luscious fruit backed up by balanced, firm tannins. (Not currently available) ★★★★★
<https://bakkheia.com.au/>

2021 Oakway Estate Il Siciliano Nero d'Avola Rich raspberry aromatics. Supple and flavour-packed. A big rich wine. (\$28.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.oakwayestate.com.au/product/nero-davola-2019/>

2020 Bakkheia United & Undaunted Preston Valley Mourvèdre Vibrant red berry with a twist of licorice. Flavoursome but quite firm. ★★★★★

2020 Bakkheia Petite Mort Grenache We like the vibrant dark cherry/spice nose, but the palate is little too big and chewy. ★★★★★

2021 Bakkheia The Groszman Preston Valley Graciano Lovely floral/spice aromas. A wine of good length, but the tannin firmness dominates. ★★★★★

2020 Vineyard 28 Nebbiolo Pale colour. Perfumed and varietal. Light, but the tannins are well managed, although prominent. ★★★★★

2021 Harvey River Estate Montepulciano Dense, minty and firm, but has sufficient flavour. ★★★★★

2021 Vineyard 28 Dolcetto Has cherry jujube overtones, and is quite substantial. Needs to soften slightly. ★★★★★

2021 Zein Estate Nouveau Rouge Light bright colour. Fairly leafy and minty. ★★★★★

2021 St Aidan Ferguson Tempranillo Ripe and plummy, without the required freshness. ★★

2021 Zein Estate Cabernet Franc Colour not vibrant. Shows some premature development. Firm and short. ★★

2021 Green Door Amphora Grenache Very pale. Fragrant, but light, with a green edge. ★★

Shiraz

2022 Smallwater Estate Shiraz The floral/dark cherry nose is particularly enticing. A lovely young expression of shiraz with a long, satisfying palate. (Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

2021 Smallwater Estate Shiraz Vibrant intense red fruits show on the nose. Although fairly firm, the palate is nicely balanced and strongly varietal. (Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

2021 Willow Bridge Estate Gravel Pit Shiraz A decidedly ripe red fruits style with plenty of attractive flavour. (\$32.00) ★★★★★
<https://partnersinwine.com.au/products/willow-bridge-gravel-pit-shiraz-stockist>

2021 Willow Bridge Estate Shiraz Spicy red fruits bouquet. Ready and quite drinkable, with lingering tannins, but it's slightly light. ★★★★★

2021 Henty View Block 17 Shiraz Over-ripe, tending raisiny. Firm, chewy palate. ★★★

Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

2021 Smallwater Estate Rob's Block Cabernet Sauvignon Perfumed, fresh cassis nose and an impressive classic palate. A classy example of cabernet. Cellar 5-10 years. (\$45.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.smallwaterestate.com/wine/rob-s-block-cabernet-sauvignon>

2022 Smallwater Estate Rob's Block Cabernet Sauvignon Impressive blackcurrant/floral aromas. Excellent fruit weight, with fine tannins. Could be better than the 2021. (Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

2022 Smallwater Estate Precursor Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot Fresh, intense cassis. Substantial firm palate. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2021 Smallwater Estate Precursor Cabernet Sauvignon Petit Verdot Ripe red fruits of adequate weight and freshness. We obviously prefer the straight cabernet. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.Smallwater Estateestate.com/wine/precursor>

If you're not a
Winewise
subscriber,
please join us.
(Only \$35 per
year)
<http://winewise.net.au/>

2021 Willow Bridge Estate Coat of Arms Cabernet Sauvignon Fresh floral dark cherry/blackcurrant. Needs more weight. ★★★★★☆

2020 Rascal's Corner Cabernet Sauvignon Clear-cut cabernet nose – blackcurrant and leaf. Rich fruit that could be more vibrant. ★★★★★

2020 Coughlan Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Varietal but plain. ★★☆☆

2016 Henty View The Dress Circle Cabernet Sauvignon Varietal, but dried out on the finish. ★★