

2022 Pikes The Merle Reserve Clare Valley Riesling



The lime blossom fragrance of Clare is clearly evident, and the palate is intense and long, yet delicate, built around a line of pronounced acidity that guarantees a long cellaring life. World-class dry riesling. (\$55.00)

<https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2022-merle-reserve-riesling>

Source: Polish Hill River

Alcohol: 11.5%

Acidity: 8.55 gm/litre

Residual sugar: 3.10 gm/litre

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2018 Coolangatta Estate Winsome Riesling



The fresh lime aroma is classically varietal, and it's given complexity by a faint bottle-age toastiness. The quality of the fruit is the star of a beautifully balanced palate that finishes with cleansing acidity. A triumph for the Shoalhaven Coast (N.S.W.) region. (\$80.00)

<https://www.coolangattaestate.com.au/shop/p/2019-savagnin-lz8c7-ins2c-z28lt-jg8ny-gys7z>

“This wine is a testament to the skills of our winemaker Andrew Spinaze, chief winemaker at Tyrrell’s, who has been making our wines for over 30 years. In the early 2010s Spin had said to us ‘Have you ever thought about growing riesling?’ He was familiar with our fruit and saw the potential of our site to trial it. He consulted some of his colleagues in S.A., as well as Ken Helm in Canberra. In 2015 we planted one acre of GM198 on a block of sandy loam adjacent to our flagship Wollstonecraft semillon vineyard.

The 2018 Winsome Riesling was the second crop and the first commercial quantity, providing 200 cases. The grapes were hand-picked on the 9th of February 2018. We are pleased that this medallion will be our 200th wine show trophy since the vineyard was established in 1988.”

Greg Bishop, proprietor

Two Outstanding Tyrrell's Hunter Valley Semillons



2021 Tyrrell's Vat 1 Semillon The fresh lemon grass/citrus nose is typical of Vat 1. Intense lemony fruit is backed up by linear acidity which provides the framework for bottle maturation. Although enjoyable now, this Vat 1 will offer much more in five years' time. (Not currently available)

2018 Tyrrell's Stevens Vineyard Semillon The lively "soapy" lemony nose is impressive, leading into a long, intense palate balanced by just-right acidity. This wine is a pleasure to drink now, but has years ahead of it. (Not currently available)

The heart of Vat 1 lies in the sandy soils of Short Flat vineyard on Broke Road opposite the Tyrrell's winery.

The semillon for the Stevens Vineyard wine is grown on the Old Hillside vineyard, previously owned by the Stevens family. Located on Marrowbone Road, the vineyard is planted on sandy and red clay soils.

2021 Orlando Lyndale Adelaide Hills Chardonnay



The classic white peach varietal aromas are backed up by nutty barrel ferment characteristics and classy French oak. This wine is the epitome of contemporary Australian chardonnay, with its creamy texture, long finish and fresh acidity. A joy to drink. (\$50.00)

<https://www.vntnr.co/products-orlando-lyndale-chardonnay-2021>

From sites in Woodside and Piccadilly.

Whole-bunch pressed. Fermented and matured in new French oak puncheons.

2020 Santolin Gladysdale Chardonnay



A beautifully made chardonnay from a decidedly cool sub-region of the Yarra Valley. The fresh white peach and pink grapefruit aromas are enhanced by subtle oak inputs, and the long, creamy palate is a delight. (\$45.00)

<https://santolinwines.com.au/products/2020-santolin-gladysdale-chardonnay>

Produced from fruit grown on a single block of the Willowlake vineyard in Gladysdale, Upper Yarra Valley.

Hand-picking commenced on March 25th. Grapes were chilled overnight, then whole-bunch pressed, and the juice was transferred to both new (30.0%) and old French oak barrels. A portion of the grapes was fermented on skins to add texture and mouthfeel. Once dry, the wine was left to mature on lees until blending.

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2022 El Desperado Sauvignon Blanc (The Pawn Wine Co)



We enjoyed the gooseberry, grapefruit and passionfruit aromatics. This wine is fresh and reflects perfectly ripe fruit, devoid of any greenness. The palate is rich and lively, with positive textural grip. Excellent short-term drinking. (\$22.00)

<https://thepawn.com.au/product/el-desperado-sauvignon-blanc/>

From: Macclesfield, Adelaide Hills, South Australia

2021 Yalumba Samuel's Collection Eden Valley Viognier



The unmistakable varietal aroma of apricot is partnered by that of grated ginger root in a vibrant bouquet. Then comes the delightfully textured palate with just-right grip. Viognier, allowed to express itself unchecked can be a loudmouth. This one speaks with decorum, yet leaves no one in doubt of its personality and origin. We urge you to try it. (\$22.00)

<https://www.nicks.com.au/products/2021-yalumba-samuels-collection-eden-valley-viognier>

The grapes are sourced from seven separate blocks across five different vineyards.

Fermented and matured for ten months in older French oak puncheons and barriques.

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2016 SITTELLA GRAND VINTAGE BLANC de BLANCS



A vibrant sparkling wine with attractive nutty lees-influenced complexity. The long, creamy palate is beautifully supported by lingering acidity that accentuates the dryness of the finish, making this blanc de blancs an ideal *apéritif* style. (\$50.00)

<https://devinecellars.com.au/buy/wine/sparkling-wine/sittella-grand-vintage-blanc-de-blancs-2016/>

Region: Pemberton, W.A.

Dosage: 5.0 g/L

Disgorged: 28/07/21

Time on lees: 60 months

Whole-bunch pressed. Only the cuvée juice was used. The cool primary fermentation utilised a combination of wild and cultured yeast. 72 % was direct-filled from the press to seasoned French puncheons and barriques. The remaining 28 % went to stainless steel where partial malolactic fermentation took place to soften the wine and build further character.

2002 Lillypilly Noble Sauvignon Blanc



The colour in the picture doesn't do the wine justice. It's a deep gold/copper hue, but it still has a bright appearance. This wine is amazingly complex and retains its freshness at 21 years of age. Stone fruit (fresh and dried), orange marmalade and honey all show out in this spectacular, luscious dessert style. It's certainly a contender for the best sweet white ever made in Australia. Winemaker Robert Fiumara is thinking of making a Museum Release of the Lillypilly 2002 Noble Sauvignon Blanc in the next newsletter. (\$85.00 per 375 ml bottle)

100% Sauvignon Blanc
Leeton, Riverina

2021 Dalrymple Cottage Block Pinot Noir



The intense dark cherry nose benefits from a subtle touch of stems. The cherry characteristics carry through to a long, silky palate with some dried herb complexity. An impressive pinot with considerable depth of flavour. (Not yet released)

<https://tasmaniangourmetonline.com.au/products/dalrymple-pinot-noir-2019?variant=42472457175257>

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2021 Z Wine AUGUST Old Vine Grenache



Looking for an outstanding red to drink?

This is a fragrantly varietal wine with a fine, silky structure. It's utterly delicious, showing classic raspberry and floral characteristics. A sensational Barossa grenache at a most agreeable price. Enjoy it now and over the next five years. Two Championship medallions in a row for Z Wine. (\$35.00)

<https://zwine.com.au/product/2021-august-old-vine-barossa-valley-grenache/>

2021 Saint & Scholar Graduates Collection Adelaide Hills Shiraz



We give the honour of leading the parade of Championship winners to the 2021 Saint & Scholar Graduates Collection Adelaide Hills Shiraz. Not only is the shiraz class the most hotly contested, the 2021 category was the best line-up of young reds we've ever tasted in the Championship.

The floral, red fruits, spice nose is utterly captivating, and the delivery of sensory pleasure continues on the long, silky palate. Some sites in the Adelaide Hills are definitely sweet spots for shiraz, and this wine exemplifies all that's great for region and variety. Is there a better shiraz bargain at the moment? We don't think so. (\$30.00)

Winemakers: Stephen Dew & Tim Dolan

Single site. Grapes totally de-stemmed and cold-soaked for 12 hours. Maturation in French barriques, only 10% of which were new.

<https://saintandscholar.com.au/products/2021-saint-scholar-shiraz>

2020 Sutton Grange Fairbank Syrah



The scent of blackberry is given an extra dimension by hints of star anise and black pepper. The fruit weight is impressive, as are the freshness and fine, firm tannins. Although enjoyable now, this shiraz will evolve positively for several years. (\$35.00)

<https://suttongrange.com.au/products/2020-fairbank-syrah?variant=43212580782247>

Origin: Heathcote and Bendigo regions

Winemaking: 30.0% cold soaked for three days before primary fermentation. Eight days on skins, with pump-overs daily. Aged in French puncheons and barriques for nine months (17.0% new, the balance up to four years old). Blended and bottled in Jan 2021. 13.5% abv

2018 Gartelmann Diedrich Orange Region Shiraz



The appealing floral, red berry aromas carry an attractive dusting of spice. This carries through to a satisfying, vibrant palate balanced by fine, savoury tannins and enlivened by regional acidity. A stylish expression of shiraz from N.S.W.'s Orange region. (\$60.00)

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

Matured for 16 months in new and seasoned puncheons and hogsheads of American and French oak.

Origin: Bellview Vineyard about 20 km north of Orange. 660m above sea level

Winemakers: Liz Silkman & Annabel Holland, First Creek

Longview Vineyard



2021 Longview Vineyard Vista Shiraz Barbera The impressive dark cherry nose carries a hint of barbera bramble. This is a stylish, satisfying wine of power and freshness, balanced by fine tannins. And what a bargain it is. (\$25.00)

<https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/product/2021-vista-shiraz-barbera>

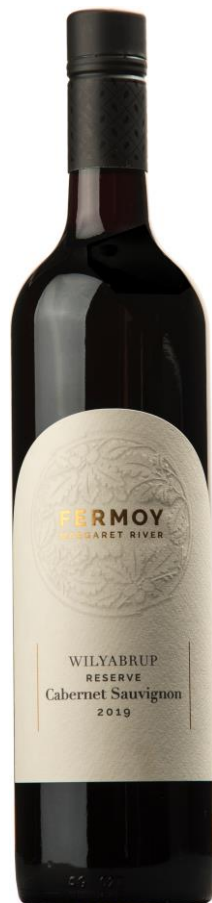
All fruit was hand-picked. Both varieties were de-stemmed and crushed before an open co-ferment for 14 days. Maturation took place in French hogsheads – 3rd and 4th use. 84.0% shiraz, 16.0% barbera

2021 Longview Vineyard Macclesfield Cabernet Sauvignon The fresh, intense cassis nose is a clear indicator of this wine's varietal origin. The intense, firm palate is flavour-packed and beautifully balanced. Worthy of at least ten years' cellaring. (Not yet released)

Hand-picked fruit was crushed and de-stemmed into open fermenters, where pump-overs took place regularly. The cabernet saw up to ten days further on skins. It then spent 15 months in barrel.

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2019 Fermoy Reserve Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon



A vibrant young cabernet sauvignon that's both intense and complex. Leafy notes complement the blackcurrant and raspberry fruit, and high quality oak sits in the background. Cellar confidently for a decade or more. This is a Margaret River classic in the making. (Not yet released)

<https://www.fermoy.com.au/collections/wine>

Hand-picked fruit sourced from 35 year-old vines on the Estate vineyard was destemmed prior to cold soak and ferment. The wine spent up to three weeks on skins before pressing to tank for settling prior to racking to new (57.0%) and seasoned Bordeaux-coopered barriques. Maturation took 18 months.

2022 Paper Mache Nero d'Avola



The purple-crimson colour is eye-catching, and the nose is captivatingly perfumed and plummy – quite irresistible in fact. The soft-edged palate is crammed with delicious fruitiness. Ideal short-term drinking and a “give-away” at the price. (\$19.50)

<https://www.wackygrape.com.au/product-page/paper-mache-nero-d-avola>

Origin: Predominantly sourced from Ricca Terra Farms in Barmera, South Australia's Riverland.

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2021 Farmer & The Scientist Heathcote Tempranillo



The intense, spicy red fruits, plum and anise are appealing and typical of tempranillo. Skilled tannin management has helped create a wine with a pleasantly firm, fine structure that balances the generous fruit. Although enjoyable now with red meats, this wine can be confidently cellared for 5+ years. Great value. (\$28.00)

<https://www.farmerandthescientist.com/shop/2021-tempranillo/>

Whole-berry fermentation. French oak maturation. Shiraz (9.0%) blended into the tempranillo.

From grapes grown in the Mount Camel sub-region of the Heathcote wine district.

2021 Bleasdale Generations Langhorne Creek Malbec



The powerful, fresh mulberry/blueberry aromatics can't fail to impress, and the intense, long-flavoured palate is balanced by fine-grained tannins. This is a wine that delivers a lot now, but it will evolve positively for many years. Probably Australia's best malbec. (\$35.00)

<https://www.bleasdale.com.au/wine/2021-generations-malbec>

De-stemmed to open fermenters. Approximately 20% whole berries.
Finished ferment in tank, then settled for 24 hours before racking to oak.

12 months in new (10%) and seasoned French oak puncheons.

2021 Yarra Yering Agincourt Cabernet Malbec



The nose is packed with appealing scents of red fruits and cassis enhanced by a whiff of toasty oak. All the elements unite on a long, fine palate of considerable intensity. This wine is offering a lot now, but will age gracefully over the next 5-10 years. (\$110.00)

<https://www.yarrayering.com/product/2021-agincourt-cabernet-malbec/>

The cabernet was destemmed, berry-sorted and then crushed into half-tonne open fermenters. A small amount of cabernet (5.0%) was whole-bunch fermented to bring extra lift and perfume to the wine. The malbec was destemmed to small fermenters and hand-plunged twice daily.

French oak (15.0% new) maturation

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