

Top Dozen Other Dry White

The range of “other” whites, both new and old, continues to grow. Chenin blanc, gewürztraminer and marsanne have been grown in Australia for over six decades, and others show considerable promise, with fiano and grüner veltliner on an upward surge. We were particularly impressed with what Torrent Wines has achieved with the unfairly ignored chenin blanc.

There’s great value to be had in this category.



2021 Yalumba Samuel's Collection Eden Valley Viognier The vibrant apricot/ginger nose ticks all the varietal boxes. This is a complete, satisfying, fresh, textural dry white that offers remarkable value for money. (\$20.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.ourcellar.com.au/yalumba-samuels-collection-eden-valley-viognier-750ml/>

2022 Pikes Luccio Clare Valley Fiano The fresh citrus-tropical aromas are very appealing, and there’s plenty of lemony flavour supported by balanced acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2022-luccio-fiano>

2015 Torrent Wines Speak Like An Italian Swan Valley Chenin Blanc We’re delighted to discover such a high-quality chenin blanc. Too often this underrated variety doesn’t receive the attention it deserves. The fresh baked apple aromatics are classically varietal, and the rich nutty palate is delightfully mature. (\$200.00/case) ★★★★★
<https://www.torrentwines.com.au/shoppingcart/index?type=White>

2018 Tahbilk Marsanne Impressively fresh, showing a touch of honeysuckle. This wine is beginning to drink beautifully, and will evolve positively for another few years. Classic Tahbilk marsanne. (Not yet released) ★★★★★
<https://www.tahbilk.com.au/marsanne>

2022 Artwine The Masterpiece Clare Valley Grenache Gris A delightfully fresh white showing melon, stone fruit and pear characteristics. The palate weight and balance are impressive. (Not available) ★★★★★
<https://www.artwine.com.au/>

2017 Tahbilk 1927 Vines Marsanne Very fresh, and still evolving, offering reserved citrus scent and flavour. This vintage is one to cellar. (Not yet released) ★★★★★☆

2022 Bimbadgen Growers Hunter Valley Vermentino Fresh lemon rind aromas lead to a lively palate with prominent acidity. Unlike many vermentinos, this one has the fruit to carry the acid. (\$28.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.bimbadgen.com.au/shop-all/>

2022 Pike and Joyce Separe Adelaide Hills Grüner Veltliner Hints of pear, lime and spiciness show on the nose, and the palate has excellent weight and balance. (Not available) ★★★★★☆

2022 Ros Ritchie Wines Dead Man's Hill Vineyard Gewürztraminer That classic rose petal fragrance is present in abundance, and although there's a faint sweetness, the fruit and balance are exemplary. (\$22.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.summerhillwineshop.com.au/product/2022-delatite-deadmans-hill-gewurztraminer-mansfield/>

2022 Dalfarras Fiano The greengage plum aromatics are appealing, and the palate offers plenty of varietal flavour without straying into oiliness. (Not available) ★★★★★☆

2022 Longview Vineyard Macclesfield Grüner Veltliner Intense citrus perfume with a faintly tropical overtone and a suggestion of pepper. Satisfying fruit is supported by fresh acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://worldwine.com.au/products/longview-macclesfield-gruner-veltliner-2023>

2022 Linear Tumbarumba Grüner Veltliner The apple/citrus aromas and flavours are appealing. The regional acid shows out but matches the fruit well. (\$28.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://linearwines.com.au/products/gruner-veltliner-2021>

Eight “new” varieties all worthy of your attention. We urge you to give them a try.

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