

Recent Tastings

Here are reviews of some fascinating wines we tasted not long ago. This report was delayed by the Small Vigneron Awards, but all the wines are currently available or yet to go on sale.



2023 Dexter Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay This is a reserved, complex, complete chardonnay offering a subtle white peach aroma enhanced by hints of nougat. The palate is long, perfectly balanced and delightfully creamy. (\$55.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.dexterwines.com.au/shop/2023-dexter-mornington-peninsula-chardonnay/>

2023 Dexter Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir The fresh cherry nose carries some undergrowth complexity and very fine tannins contribute to a silky, satisfying palate. Delicious. (\$65.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://www.dexterwines.com.au/shop/2023-dexter-mornington-peninsula-pinot-noir/>



2023 Tapanappa Foggy Hill Fleurieu Peninsula Pinot Noir The red berry scent is complemented by hints of star anise, mint and high quality oak. Lingering varietal flavour carries the tannin firmness well. Needs 3-5 years. (\$60.00) ★★★★★☆

<https://tapanappa.com.au/products/tapanappa-foggy-hill-vineyard-2023-pinot-noir/>

2023 Lyons Will Farrowell Single Vineyard Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir The perfumed red berry characteristics show a slightly minty, possibly stemmy, overtone. The palate is attractively fine and persistent. (\$65.00) ★★★★★

2023 Lyons Will The Greys Single Vineyard Macedon Ranges Pinot Noir Delightful raspberry aromatics are supported by beautifully managed oak. Silkiness and persistence are keynotes of an impressive palate. (\$65.00) ★★★★★
https://www.lyonswillestate.com.au/store/c5/Pinot_Noir.html

2021 Soumah Hexham Vineyard Yarra Valley Nebbiolo We're not often impressed by Australian nebbiolo, but this one captured our attention. The fresh red berry aroma shows a hint of rose petal, and the generous fruit is matched by powdery, firm, but balanced tannins. (\$56.00) ★★★★★
<https://soumah.com.au/products/2020-single-vineyard-hexham-nebbiolo>

2023 Soumah Nebbiolo Barbera (Yarra Valley & King Valley) Fresh red and dark fruits characteristics are enhanced by a hint of undergrowth. The medium-bodied palate is built on a good line of acidity and is balanced by savoury tannins. Good drinking. (\$33.00) ★★★★★
<https://soumah.com.au/products/2023-nebbiolo-barbera-dsoumah-1>

2023 Soumah Hexham Vineyard Yarra Valley Marzemino Eye-catching purple colour. Aromas of red plum compote. The fruit intensity is commendable, but the acidity shows on the finish. (\$38.00) ★★★★★
<https://soumah.com.au/products/2023-single-vineyard-hexham-marzemino>

2023 Mayfield Vineyard Jonty Met Otto Orange Cabernet Franc Classic raspberry nose. A well made medium-bodied style with fine tannins. Good short term drinking. (\$37.00) ★★★★★

2023 Mayfield Vineyard Three Boys Cabernet Blend (75% cabernet sauvignon, 15% merlot, 10% cabernet franc) Red berry and blackcurrant nose with a whiff of leafiness. Vibrant fruit with fine tannins. Very drinkable. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.mayfieldvineyard.com.au/shop/>

2019 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm McLaren Vale Shiraz A traditional regional style with brooding blackberry fruit and a firm tannin structure. Needs cellaring. (\$78.00) ★★★★★

2015 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm McLaren Vale Shiraz Rich dark fruits with some rustic bottle age character. The tannins are firm, but in the process of softening. (\$110.00) ★★★★★

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