

## Best of the Latest Tastings

**2024 Lyons Will Macedon Ranges Chardonnay** Both white and yellow peach characteristics show out, enhanced by those of nuts and butter. This is a creamy, long-flavoured wine with a pleasing palate grip and a line of acidity typical of the region. (\$52.00) ★★★★★  
[https://www.lyonswillestate.com.au/store/p81/2024\\_Lyons\\_Will\\_Estate\\_Chardonnay.html](https://www.lyonswillestate.com.au/store/p81/2024_Lyons_Will_Estate_Chardonnay.html)



**2024 Lyons Will Macedon Ranges Gamay** This could be Australia's best gamay to date. Cherry aromas are given an extra dimension by a floral fragrance and a hint of stems. The palate is silky, fine and beautifully balanced. (\$49.00) ★★★★★  
[https://www.lyonswillestate.com.au/store/p82/2024\\_Lyons\\_Will\\_Estate\\_Gamay.html](https://www.lyonswillestate.com.au/store/p82/2024_Lyons_Will_Estate_Gamay.html)

**2022 Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz** There's no denying the Barossa origins of this wine. It's packed with dark berry and plum flavours backed by sympathetically handled oak. True to the house style it will age for at least two decades. (\$74.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.yalumba.com/shop/wines>

**2024 Marnong Estate Single Vineyard Pinot Noir** A fragrant pinot with strawberry overtones and some stem-like input. It's an elegant style with persistent flavour and a fresh finish. (\$40.00) ★★★★★  
[https://shop.marnongestate.com.au/products/2024-single-vineyard-pinot-noir?\\_pos=2&\\_fid=81261e42a&\\_ss=c](https://shop.marnongestate.com.au/products/2024-single-vineyard-pinot-noir?_pos=2&_fid=81261e42a&_ss=c)

**2023 Marnong Estate Single Vineyard Shiraz** The spicy dark berry aromas carry a hint of blueberry as well. It's a well made medium bodied style balanced by fine, firm tannins. (\$40.00) ★★★★★  
*Marnong Estate is located just north of Craigieburn on the northern outskirts of Melbourne.*

**2021 Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Wrattenbully Cabernets Merlot Franc** The ripe blackcurrant and mulberry aromatics carry a hint of leaf and subtle oak. An impressively long palate carries the fine, savoury tannins with ease. Cellar ten years at least. (\$90.00) ★★★★★



**2015 Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Wrattenbully Merlot Cabernet Franc** Although the nose shows a hint of maturity, the plum/blackberry fruit is impressively fresh. This exceptional wine is certainly an *Australian Pomerol*, and the powdery tannins interact seamlessly with the intense flavour. (\$115.00) ★★★★★  
<https://tapanappa.com.au/products/tapanappa-whalebone-vineyard-2015-merlot-cabernet-franc/>

**2024 Castle Rock Estate Porongurup Pinot Noir** Strongly varietal cherry/strawberry nose with hints of whole bunch complexity. A wine with a silky texture and adequate fruit weight. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

**2024 Castle Rock Estate Diletti Porongurup Pinot Noir** The combination of red berry fruit and stemminess is a winner, and the intense flavour is backed by firm, fine tannins. A classy pinot. (\$55.00) ★★★★★☆



**2024 Castle Rock Estate A&W Porongurup Pinot Noir** The appealing dark cherry/beetroot characteristics are enhanced by undergrowth overtones and beautifully managed oak. This is a complex, well balanced pinot noir. (\$60.00) ★★★★★☆

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