Tastings

Gonzalez Byass Elegante Palomino Fino Sherry The nose shows the classic green walnut flor aroma that is typical of high-quality fino sherry. Most importantly, it's delightfully fresh. The palate is dry and long, with a pleasing grip, making it an ideal aperitif. ($21.90 - $19.00 for members) ★★★★
https://www.danmurphys.com.au/product/DM_86117/gonzalez-byass-elegante-fino?msockid=3c0f69e6c22765ff201a7fbbc3e164ac

We continue to sing the praises of fresh fino sherry as an apéritif. Treat it as you would a young riesling. Serve chilled. Please note that this latest release is sealed with a screwcap and bears the Lot number L250361 in the top left corner of the back label. The 25 indicates that it was bottled this year – very important to know.

Here's another Aldi bargain. This one is made by famed winemaker Alberto Antonini.

2021 Corte Carista Chianti Superiore The classic spicy dark cherry of sangiovese shows from start to finish. An opulent mid-palate is balanced by fine, firm, typically varietal tannins. Amazing value. ($12.00) ★★★★

2023 Terre à Terre Crayères Vineyard Reserve Fumé Blanc White nectarine aromas combine beautifully with those of lightly toasted cashew. The persistent flavour is supported by a long line of acidity and balanced grip. Exemplary barrel-fermented sauvignon blanc. ($59.00) ★★★★½
https://terreaterre.com.au/products/2023-terre-a-terre-crayeres-vineyard-reserve-fume-blanc/

Brian Croser raised many an eyebrow when he declared in the early 2000s that a site near Parawa in the southern Fleurieu Peninsula was ideal for pinot noir. That site is now the Foggy Hill vineyard, planted in 2003. Two wines made by Brian strongly support his viewpoint.

2024 Tapanappa Foggy Hill Vineyard Fleurieu Peninsula Pinot Noir Made in a year so cold that only the clone 777 fruit ripened sufficiently, this wine is a marvel of delicacy as opposed to lightness. The nose shows delightfully perfumed cherry with a positive herbal edge. The finely structured palate is both silky and long. It's delicious now, but it will be interesting to track its development. ($60.00)
★★★★½

2022 Tapanappa Difinitus Foggy Hill Pinot Noir Aromas of rose petal, forest floor, and dark cherry combine on a seductive bouquet. Length of palate is a strong point, as are the fine tannins and almost subliminal oak. ($90.00) ★★★★★
https://tapanappa.com.au/purchase/

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