

Cocktails

Red Carpet 17

Campari, Pomegranate, Vodka & Cointreau

French Martini 17

Chambord, Vanilla Vodka & Pineapple Juice

Raspberry Daquiri 21

Bacardi, Chambord, Lemon & Raspberry

Pink Lady 17

Gin, Cointreau, Lemon & Maraschino Cherry

Lynchburg Lemonade 16

Jack Daniel's, Triple Sec, Lemon & Lemonade

Aberdeen Angus 17

Scotch, Lime, Drambuie & Honey

Martini; shaken or stirred with lemon twist or olives

Vodka: Grey Goose 30 • Absolut 21 • Smirnoff 17

Gin: Tanqueray Ten 30 • Bombay Sapphire 21 • Tanqueray 21 • Gordon's 17

Lime Margherita 18

Tequila, Cointreau, Lime

Cosmopolitan 17

Vodka, Cointreau, Lime, Cranberry

Tropical Mojito 18

White rum, Mango, Pineapple, Passionfruit, Lime, Mint

Kir Royale 19

Please ask the waitstaff for selected French liqueur flavours we have to offer.

Pomegranate Caipiroska 17

Vodka, Pomegranate, Lime & Mint

Lemon Drop 16

Pinot Gris, Limoncello, Frangelico, Sugar & Lemon

Long Island Iced Tea 22

Vodka, Cointreau, Rum, Gin, Lemon & Coke

Lavazza Espresso Martini 17

Espresso, Baileys, Kahlua & Vanilla Vodka

Toblerone 17

Cream, Baileys, Kahlua, Frangelico & Honey

Beer/Cider

Cascade Light (Australia) 7.5

James Boags Premium (Australia) 8.5

Crown Lager (Australia) 8.5

Little Creatures Pale Ale (Australia) 10.5

Peroni (Italy) 9.5

Estrella Damm (Spain) 9.5

Sapporo (Japan) 9.5

Pilsner Urquell (Czech) 9.5

Budejovicky Budvar (Czech) 9.5

Kingfisher (Indian) 9.5

Boddingtons (England) 12

Old Mout Apple Cider (New Zealand) 8.5

Monteith's Crushed Pear Cider (New Zealand) 8.5

Aperitifs

Delgado Zuleta, *La Goya* Manzanilla Sherry 6/28 (375ml)
Pineau des Charentes Blanc or Rouge (60% cognac & fresh white grape juice) 10
Amer Biere (Bitter Orange aperitif) 8
Aperol 9
Campari 9
Cinzano 8
Pimms 9

Whiskey

Chivas Regal (Blended Whisky) 10.5
Jamesons Irish Whiskey 9.5
Makers Mark Bourbon 10
Bookers Bourbon 13
The Glenlivet 15yo 14
Glenfiddich 15yo 12
Lagavulin 16yo 15
Laphroaig (Islay) 10yo 13
Talisker (Skye) 10yo 14
Glenmorangie 10yo 12

Digestives

Averna 9
Limoncello 8
Bertrand Marc de Gewurtztraminer 11
Moscato di Poli Grappa Bianca 8

Cognac/Armagnac/Calvados

Normandin Mercier VSOP Petite Champagne Cognac 14
Paul Giraud Napoleon Cognac 15
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Liqueurs

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Bailey's Irish Liqueur 9
D.O.M Benedictine 11
Drambuie 11
Salamandre Liqueur de Noisettes (hazelnut) 9.5
Frangelico 9.5
Salamandre Liqueur de Chataignes (chestnut) 9.5
Salamandre Liqueur de Framboises (raspberry) 9.5
Galliano 9.5
Grand Marnier 11
Filliers Gin Liqueur de Café (coffee) 8.5
Kahlua 9.5
Tia Maria 9.5
Vedrenne Liqueur de Pomegranate 8.5
Vedrenne Liqueur de Rose 8.5
Vedrenne Liqueur de Peche de Vigne (peach) 8.5
Massenez Liqueur de Violette (violet) 8.5

Wine Flights

Champagne, Sparkling & Prosecco Flight 3x 60ml \$28

There are many sparkling wines produced worldwide, yet most legal structures reserve the term "champagne" exclusively for sparkling wines from the Champagne region, made in accordance with Comité Interprofessionnel du Vin de Champagne regulations. Sparkling wines are produced worldwide, and many producers use special terms to define them: Spain uses *Cava*, Italy designates it *Prosecco* (if it comes from the Veneto region), and South Africa uses *Cap Classique*. In Germany, *Sekt* is a common sparkling wine. Other French wine regions cannot use the name Champagne: e.g., Burgundy and Alsace produce Crémant.

07 Yarrabank Cuvee Sparkling—Yarra Valley, Victoria 15 glass 75 bottle

Pale straw, excellent persistent fine bead forming a delicate crown. The palate is elegant and harmonious with complex nutty yeast and delicate fruit flavours. Rich creamy mouthfeel complimented by finish is crisp, precise and lingering.

NV Adriano Adami Garbèl Prosecco—Colbertaldo, Italy 14 glass 70 bottle

Made from the grapes grown on the hills located between Venice and the Alps. Straw yellow in colour with a delicate bubble. Fruit driven bouquet with a light acidity and a clean off-dry finish.

NV Laurent-Perrier Brut Champagne—Tours-sur-Marne, France 27 glass 135 bottle

Pale gold with a delicate and fine bead. Subtle spice and hints of citrus. Warm toasty notes balance the freshness of fruit. Soft mouth-feel and finishes clean.

Sauvignon Blanc Flight 3x 75ml \$19

Sauvignon blanc is undisputedly, a favorite wine of choice for many Australians. This grape variety originated in France and as a result of varying wine techniques, climate & geographe, creates a wine of varying styles which range enormously. The selection we offer in this flight are three distinctly different styles from three different countries, wines which we believe represent their region well. A brilliant opportunity to look at these wines, side by side & perhaps develop your love for this wine variety even further.

11 Deviation Road Sauvignon Blanc—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 10 glass 45 bottle

Interesting aromas, part tropical, part pear, even apricot, then a zesty palate, considerable thrust; bracing acidity adds to the length.

11 Kuku Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 9 glass 40 bottle

Fresh and crisp is the name of the game for this very tasty Sauvignon from the makers of Mahi. Intensely varietal with strong gooseberry, lime and apple flavours that linger on the palate.

09 Joseph Mellot *La Chatellenie* Sancerre Blanc—Sancerre, France 18.5 glass 82 bottle

Lime blossoms blend with notes of chalk dust on the aromatic, lively nose. Suggestions of freshly squeezed lemonade & the crispness of green apple slices are evident on the abundantly juicy & delectable mouth.

South Australian Shiraz Wine Flight 3x 75ml \$22

Whilst this grape variety originated in the Rhône Valley region in South-Eastern France, similar climate conditions in South Australia have enabled this wine be grown and produced, here in Australia, with enormous success. These are 3 outstanding examples of Shiraz from the Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale & Langhorne Creek/Limestone Coast regions, in South Australia.

10 Maxwell *Silver Hammer* Shiraz—McLaren Vale, South Australia 12.5 glass 55 bottle

Deep purple-crimson; a wine with instantaneous appeal, its bouquet and palate very harmonious and complete; the supple, mouthfilling fruit has ripples of plum, licorice, cherry and mocha, the tannins silky soft on the long finish.

10 Heartland *Director's Cut* Shiraz—Langhorne Creek/Limestone Coast, South Australia 16 glass 70 bottle

Medium to full red-purple; supple, rich, ripe blackberry and black cherry fruit. As with films, the director's cut is regarded as the definitive version—no compromises.

10 Château Tanunda *The Château* Single Vineyard Bethanian Shiraz—Barossa Valley, South Australia 14.5 glass 65 bottle

Strong colour; in mainstream Barossa style, made from three blocks on a vineyard planted 1960, purchased by Chateau Tanunda in 2008; generous palate, with black fruits, some mocha/vanilla. The extensive finish is framed by elegant fine tannins from 18 months' maturation in a combination of new & seasoned American & French oak.

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Riesling 12 glass 53 bottle

10 Leeuwin Art Series Riesling—Margaret River, Western Australia

As always, well made; the bouquet is clean and fresh, the palate well balanced and quite long.

Vermentino/Fiano 12 glass 54 bottle

11 Montevicchio—Heathcote, Victoria

The name Montevicchio translates literally as “old mountain”, it refers to the 500 million year old Cambrian era rocks that the soils of the Mount Camel ranges has derived from.

Pinot Grigio 12 glass 53 bottle

10 Kellerei Kaltern—Alto Adige, Italy

This Pinot grigio is a full-bodied white wine with a straw-yellow hue, a floral nose, and pleasantly smooth character. This wine comes from Northern Italy, near the German border & the winery was founded in 1906.

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Soave 11 glass 50 bottle

10 Tedeschi—Veneto, Italy

Straw yellow in colour with an intense floral bouquet. The fruit is delicate & fresh with a clean finish!

Arneis 12 glass 53 bottle

11 Quartier—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

Arneis is a white Italian wine grape originating from Piedmont, Italy. Arneis (literally: little rascal, in Piedmontese) is so called because it is regarded as a somewhat difficult variety to grow. Clean, fresh, delicate cinnamon and apple flavours. Has freshness and texture and delicate floral notes.

Viognier Chardonnay 8 glass 36 bottle

10 Route du Van—Strathbogie Ranges, Victoria

Medium-bodied blend, with flavours of pear. Clean & fresh with well balanced acidity.

Chardonnay 12.5 glass 55 bottle

09 Jones Road—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

Shows concentrated cool-climate chardonnay characters of grapefruit, peach and nectarine fruits, finishing crisp and clean.

Red Wine By The Glass

Rosé 12 glass 52 bottle

11 Medhurst—Yarra Valley, Victoria

Pale salmon-pink; made in a European style, with spicy/savoury aromas and flavours; gains intensity on the back-palate and pleasingly dry finish.

Pinot Noir 15.5 glass 68 bottle

07 Te Kairanga *Rumholder*—Martinborough, New Zealand

An intensely varietal and powerful wine with layers of flavours & silky tannins.

Sangiovese 11.5 glass 50 bottle

10 Pizzini Sangiovese—King Valley, Victoria

Silky tannins & sour cherries do provide genuine varietal character. Medium bodied, good texture and finish.

Montepulciano 10 glass 45 bottle

10 Borgo Cipressi—Abruzzo, Italy

Intense red colour, fruit driven with a dry finish. A savoury, rustic style which compliments full flavoured dishes best.

Chianti 11.5 glass 50 bottle

05 Bonacchi—Tuscany, Italy

The Bonacchi Chianti Classico Riserva is 100% Sangiovese. Full of rich cherry fruit, juicy on the palate with refreshing acidity. Time in barrel has softened the tannins which add texture and complexity.

Tempranillo 12.5 glass 55 bottle

07 Bodegas Altanza *Lealtanza Crianza*—Rioja, Spain

Big, full, rich fruit with a nice slop of ripe fruit tannin. Earthy yet fruity.

Dolcetto Shiraz 8 glass 36 bottle

10 Route du Van—King Valley, Alpine ranges & Goulburn Valley, Victoria

Amazing, vibrant purple colour. Translates into a fleshy, jubeey, spicy flavour with a hint of sweetness to finish. Medium weight.

Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Cabernet Franc 12 glass 54 bottle

09 Balnaves of Coonawarra *The Blend*—Coonawarra, South Australia

Bright colour; restrained cassis and cedar bouquet, with a touch of mint in the background; more red fruit on the palate, with plentiful fine and firm tannin, and a suggestion of Coonawarra mint on the finish.

Cabernet Sauvignon 18 glass 80 bottle

07 Parker Terra Rossa—Coonawarra, South Australia

Simply stunning! Rich and generous, full of expressive cassis and blackcurrant fruit; silky tannins and quality oak; very long finish.

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Sweet Wine By The Glass 60ml

Dessert Wine 11 glass 95 bottle (750ml)

08 Pegasus Bay *Aria* Late Harvest Riesling—Waipara Valley, New Zealand

Floral, gently honeyed bouquet & fresh, pure, late harvest fruit flavours showing excellent richness.

Dessert Wine 4 glass 35 bottle (750ml)

11 Château Tanunda Moscato—Barossa Valley, South Australia

Powerful aromas of honey, flowers and fresh grapes. Slight creaminess, with flavours of grapes and citrus and clean finish.

Dessert Wine 11.5 glass 50 bottle (375ml)

08 De Bortoli Noble One Botrytis Semillon—Hunter Valley, New South Wales

Brilliant green-gold; has all the luscious intensity expected, ranging through citrus, cumquat & vanilla bean, yet not over the top. It's best features are it's balance, line & extreme length.

Romate *Cardenal Cisneros Pedro Ximenez* (sweet sherry) 10

The lovely bouquet straddles the line between unadulterated sweetness & impeccable slyness. The flavours of fig, chocolate, caramel, browned butter & cinnamon are amazing. A velvety texture balanced by firm acids.

Digestives 30ml

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Fortified Wines 60ml

NV Camyr Allyn Wines Ruins Liqueur Verdelho—Hunter Valley, New South Wales 500ml 12/95

Very cleverly handled; quality spirit well-integrated, the sweetness utterly deceptive; well-balanced.

NV Skillogee Liqueur Frontignac—Clare Valley, South Australia 500ml 12.5/100

Some butterscotch and spice notes; medium-bodied, and showing some barrel age.

NV Campbells Classic Rutherglen Muscat—Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 10/80

As the name implies, the wine is deep golden in colour. Rich aromas of cold tea-leaf, toffee, honey & citrus burst from the glass. The palate is intense & mouth filling. Malt & toffee combine with rancio characters providing a wine of power & complexity with a luscious yet clean finish.

NV Rutherglen Estates Muscat —Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 10/60

Its characteristics include raisins, toffee, caramel, butterscotch, dried fruit and nuts. The wine's flavours together with its luscious sweet palate, make the Rutherglen Estates Muscat an indulgent delight.

NV Lauriston Show Muscat —Rutherglen, Victoria 8/62.5

NV Chambers *Rosewood Vineyards Rutherglen* Muscat —Rutherglen, Victoria 6

NV Chambers *Rare Muscat*—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 500

As good as it gets- 100 points "Parker", 98 points "Halliday".

NV Morris Classic Liqueur Tokay 7

NV Seppeltsfield Grand Tokay— Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 9.5/75

Sourced from premium parcels of fruit and aged in small oak casks to produce a wine with luscious toffee-honey flavours, rich aged complexity and lingering length.

NV Seppeltsfield Rare Tokay— Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 20/125

Deep sienna brown colour with deep brown olive green hue. Top note of caramel, toffee, raisin and honey followed by a hint of molasses. Fine spirit lift.

NV Campbells Isabella Rare Rutherglen Tokay— Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 30/180

One of the top rated Australian tokays on the market. A deep mahogany brown, with olive hues indicates considerable years of maturation. The bouquet is a combination of malt & honey, with hints of raisins & the unmistakable scent of tea-leaves.

NV Campbells Classic Gold Rutherglen Tokay— Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 12.5/100

Bright, light golden-brown; classic mix of tea-leaf and butterscotch aromas lead into an elegant wine which dances in the mouth; has balance and length.

NV Seppelt DP 59 Rare Tokay— Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 15/117

In 1983, Seppelt fortified Winemaker James Godfrey created a special blend from the finest and oldest Tokay barrels, some dating back to 1964, at the Seppelt Rutherglen Winery. This blend was then aged in small oak casks at Seppeltsfield before release as Seppelt DP59 Rare Rutherglen Tokay. With a supreme balance of intense fruit flavours, aged complexity and incredible length this wine is the ultimate expression of aged Rutherglen Tokay. The recipient of 4 Trophies and 48 Gold Medals in Australian Wine Shows since 1990.

NV All Saints Estate Grand Rutherglen Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 13/77.5

A limited blend exhibiting golden amber colours and typical cold leaf tea characters. The palate is luscious with malty toffee and vanilla flavours. A wine with great balance and length to sip and savour. Sip with blue cheeses or based desserts such as tiramisu. Chocolate or vanilla are another good match.

NV Morris Classic Liqueur Tawny Port 7

NV Seppelt DP90 Rare Port—Barossa Valley, South Australia 13/105

Full-on tawny colour; the bouquet immediately proclaims the age and the class of the wine; the palate is electric in its intensity and vibrancy, the rancio penetrating and lingering; the quality of the wine is most apparent.

1996 Burmester Colheita Port 10

10 year old Fonseca Tawny Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 12/140

Of an average cask age of ten years, it is a young port of russet colour with brilliant crimson highlights and a fragrant, ripe-fruit bouquet. Its smooth, silky texture and subtle oak nuances are balanced by a fresh acidity and tannic 'grip'.

1987 Fonseca Guimaraens Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 16/190

Beautifully structured and perfectly balanced.

20 year old Quinta do Vallado Tawny Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 20/240

Deep, brandied nuts on the nose, rainforest timber & roasted almond. Palate is extraordinarily fine with wonderful interplay between fine aged spirit & oak. Entry sweetness is now peanut brittle, grilled bread, panforte.

Wine Specials

Magnum (1.5Ltr) Jereboam/Double Magnum (3ltr) Imperial (6ltr)

NV Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Brut –Tour-sur-Marne, France 750ml 300 MAGNUM 480

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NV Billecart-Salmon Rosé –Ay, France MAGNUM 500

Salmon-pink, it is full of vibrant fruit flavours ranging through strawberry and citrus, its length not inhibited by the purity and delicacy of its structure. A blend of 50% Chardonnay, 40% Pinot Noir and 10% Pinot Meunier, the colour lives up to the name and is a bright salmon colour.

NV Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve–Ay, France 750ml 160 JEREBOAM 750

Crystal clear lemon & ripe apple aromas are repeated on the crisp palate. A blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay & Pinot Meunier from 3 different years.

98 Bannockburn Vineyard Pinot Noir–South Eastern Australia MAGNUM 195

Medium to full red, the bouquet has ripe plum, prune and sweet chocolate aromas, the flavours of the palate tracking the bouquet.

05 Yarraloch *Stephanie's Dream* Merlot–Yarra Valley, Victoria MAGNUM 160

Excellent purple-red; lively, intense medium-bodied palate; strong varietal expression through plum, blackcurrant and spice; excellent oak and extract.

09 Zaccagnini Montepulciano–Abruzzo, Italy DOUBLE MAGNUM 270

Intense ruby red colour with violet nuances; intense, characteristic bouquet of the primary grape aromas; fruity component, full-bodied and robust, well-balanced with tannin and oak.

07 Basa Bianca Chianti–Tuscany, Italy MAGNUM 120

Ruby red colour; bouquet with characteristics of vanilla & well balanced oak characters. Good structure, balance and softness.

02 Penfold's St Henri Shiraz–Barossa Valley, South Australia MAGNUM 380

Excellent colour; a medium-bodied wine which lives up to the expectations of a great vintage; intense black fruits run through a long, perfectly balanced palate, finishing with fine tannins, oak largely unseen.

07 Cullen Diana Madeline Cabernet Merlot–Margaret River, Western Australia MAGNUM 450

The bouquet offers a complex array of blackberry, earth, spice & oak. The palate is powerful with savoury fruit & persistent tannins, sweetened slightly by the skillful use of French oak.

03 Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Shiraz–Barossa Valley, South Australia IMPERIAL 850

Medium-bodied; balanced fruit is supported by distinctly savoury/earthy lingering tannins. Gold medal National Wine Show.

00 Orlando St. Hugo Cabernet Sauvignon–Coonawarra, South Australia DOUBLE MAGNUM 440

Excellent varietal delineation; cassis, mulberry and blackcurrant married with attractive oak and fine tannins; elegant.

Champagne

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NV G.H Mumm Brut—Reims, France 175

An intense, clear-cut salmon pink colour, with orange and yellow highlights. The light, elegant bubbles create a delicate, sparkling mousse. Luscious aromas are dominated by fresh summer fruits such as strawberry with hints of caramel and vanilla.

NV Moët & Chandon Brut Rosé Imperial—Epernay, France 170

The palate is complex with great depth and a high concentration of candied fruit, ginger bread & vanilla flavours.

NV G.H Mumm Brut—Reims, France 110

(45% Pinot Noir, 25% Pinot Meunier, 30% Chardonnay) At the turn of the century this was the number one selling Champagne in the world. The nose shows aromas of lemon citrus and grapefruit, with notes of white peach, apricot and fresh apple. Lingering notes of vanilla, dried fruit and honey follow through to a palate of fresh fruit, toast and caramel flavours. 77 wines go in to make up the final blend. Well-structured, elegant and long,

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NV Moët & Chandon Brut Imperial—Epernay, France 125

A complete, generous & dynamic champagne made of chardonnay pinot noir and pinot meunier.

NV Pol Roger Reserve Brut—Epernay, France 160

An equal blend of chardonnay, pinot noir and pinot meunier. Light, bright straw-green in colour, it has good mousse, and a clean and vibrant bouquet; the flavours run in a green apple, pear and citrus spectrum, with a long, lingering finish, and perfect dosage.

NV Lanson Black Label Brut—Reims, France 95

Lively, persistent bubbles & straw color. Hints of toast and honey characters, ripe fruits & citrus create a sensation of plenitude & lightness.

NV Louis Roederer Premier Brut—Reims, France 250

Fresh, perfumed, zesty fruit emerges from this accessible, medium-bodied Champagne. The Brut Premier reveals an irresistible, immediate personality, with terrific balance. It is without question one of the finest NV Champagnes.

NV Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Ponsardon Brut—Reims, France 150

Aromas reminiscent of white fruits and raisins, followed by vanilla and brioche. The first sip delivers forcefulness and yet holds a perfect balance of finesse.

NV Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut—Ay, France 160

This traditional champagne house makes a full-bodied, very dry style. It has smoky, nutty and glace fruit-like aromas, rich, long flavour and a dry, firm backbone.

00 Laurent-Perrier Brut Millésimé—Tour-sur-Marne, France 200

Straw yellow color with fine, persistent bubbles. Notes of fresh peach & grapefruit as well as dried almonds. The pinot noir comes to the fore with good weight & marked by red fruit characters with citrus on the finish.

99 Pol Roger Brut Reserve—Epernay, France 210

Stone fruit on the nose, a very firm style, slightly nutty, elegant but tight and youthful. A lovely palate, creamy and elegantly composed, gently full, broad, stylish and yet fresh and defined. Lots of substance here. a great vintage.

02 Moët & Chandon Grand Vintage Brut—Epernay, France 230

A golden wine with a remarkably fine bead and handsome mousse. Attractive notes of honey, smoke, apricots in a full-bodied, generous personality. There are characters of biscuit and shortbread, yeast and hazelnut, cherry blossoms and cream. Grand Vintage 2002 is mature, harmonious and precise. Seven years in the cellars have developed the mature, toasty flavours, both sweet and dry.

Champagne Continued

00 Jacquesson Avize Grand Crus Blanc de Blancs—Dizy, France 290

Napoleon was a fan of this famous Champagne house, founded in 1798, & with good reason. A superb wine with 100% chardonnay used, ripe fruit that blossoms on the palate and almost candied qualities.

08 Ruinart Blanc des Blancs—Reims, France 240

The signature of Ruinart, made exclusively from chardonnay grapes, it is a beautifully luminous wine.

02 Dom Perignon (Moët & Chandon)—Epernay, France 450

A fresh nose w/ aromas of pineapple, coconut, cinnamon, cocoa & tobacco. The palate has a fullness in the mouth with an earthen, smoky complexity underscored by a warmth of peppery spice.

90 Krug Vintage Brut—Reims, France 800

“There’s Champagne & there’s Krug!”

Sparkling

11 Pizzini Brachetto Sparkling Rosé—King Valley, Victoria 41

A moscato-style rosé. Rosewater bouquet, with plenty of sugar and a little green apple at the edge; enjoy over ice in hot weather with some fresh lime.

08 Passing Clouds 'Daylesford' Sparkling Chardonnay—Daylesford, Victoria 93

Lemon and a little brioche on the bouquet; propped up by a healthy dosage, with the fruit moving into the tropical.

07 Yarrabank Cuvee Sparkling—Yarra Valley, Victoria 75

Pale straw, excellent persistent fine bead forming a delicate crown. The palate is elegant and harmonious with complex nutty yeast and delicate fruit flavours. Rich creamy mouthfeel complimented by finish is crisp, precise and lingering.

02 Yarrabank Late Disgorged Sparkling—Yarra Valley, Victoria 113

Some colour development, its mousse is fine and persistent; the palate has extreme length, with fruit notes and brioche intermingling on an impressive finish.

NV Yarrabank Crème de Cuvee Sparkling—Yarra Valley, Victoria 70

Pale salmon-pink; rich and full in the mouth; moderately sweet.

05 Majella Sparkling Shiraz—Coonawarra, South Australia 70

Spicy licorice and intensely powerful Shiraz. Rich and leathery. A beauty.

NV Primo Estate *Joseph* Sparkling Red—Multi Regional, South Australia 95

One of Australia's premium sparkling red. Comprised of a myriad of different vintages dating back to the sixties & liqueured with vintage port.

NV Rockford Sparkling Black Shiraz—Barossa Valley, South Australia 240

A spicy, leathery perfume of small dark berries, cherries & plums over meaty, rosemary-like nuances. Disgorged August 2002.

NV Grant Burge Blanc de Noirs Sparkling—Barossa Valley, South Australia 74

Pale bronze reflects its 100% pinot noir base; spice and strawberry fruit with a firm finish; good balance and length.

09 Deviation Road Sparkling Pinot Chardonnay —Adelaide Hills, South Australia 71

Lemon sorbet, cracked wheat & fresh apple on the nose. Clean lemon, lime & minerality on the palate & a lovely fine bead. A taut crisp finish.

07 Leeuwin Estate Sparkling Brut—Margaret River, Western Australia 75

Light straw-green; a crisp and fresh bouquet has citrus, lemon and a subliminal hint of strawberry; the crisp and crunchy palate has offsetting breadly/yeasty flavours and a crisp, dry finish.

06 Highfield *Elstree* Cuvee Brut—Marlborough, New Zealand 100

Powerful, full flavoured & complex bottle fermented sparkling wine, brimming with richly concentrated fruit, nuttiness & cream smooth mousse.

NV Vallformosa Cava Brut Rosé—Rias, Spain 55

Literally, a 'classic' European pink style. Generous flavour, but always crisp and tight. 80% Garnacha and 20% Monastrell. In no way sweet: tasty and refreshing at once.

NV Adriano Adami Garbèl Prosecco—Colbertaldo, Italy 70

Made from the grapes grown on the hills located between Venice and the Alps. Straw yellow in colour with a delicate bubble. Fruit driven bouquet with a light acidity and a clean off-dry finish.

NV De Meyran Sparkling Blancs de Blancs—Loire Valley, France 50

NV Paul Louis Sparkling Blancs de Blancs—Loire Valley, France 45

Great finesse of the bubbles, fine and persistent effervescence. Complex aromas of white fruits, blossom and camomile. Full mouth, long and soft with fruity notes of peach and citrus fruits.

Riesling

09 Mt Langi Ghiran *Langi* Riesling—Grampians, Victoria 71

Pale green-gold; a floral bouquet leads into an impressively intense and long palate; from 30-year-old vines, wild yeast-fermented and left on lees for eight months; has worked brilliantly.

11 Crawford River Wines Riesling—Henty, Victoria 72

Bright, light green-straw; while fragrant, the bouquet gives no warning of the volume of delicious sweet lime flavours of the palate which - unlike the usual superfine Crawford River style - makes this great drinking now and over the next five years.

11 Austins Riesling—Geelong, Victoria 46

Light straw-green; a floral bouquet with some wild flower nuances, the palate with lime and apple flavours; good balance and length.

10 Derwent Estate Riesling—Derwent River Region, Tasmania 54

Elegant and perfumed the bouquet of flower petals and fresh limes fills the glass. A blend of citrus fruits and bright acidity excite the taste buds and there is plenty of flavour along the full length of the palate with a lively refreshing finish.

10 Stefano Lubiana Riesling—Derwent River Region, Tasmania 62

A restrained and savoury bouquet, showing fennel, lemon pith and riverstone minerals; the palate is taut and lemony, bone dry; blanched almonds linger on the savoury finish.

00 Grosset *Watervale* Riesling—Clare Valley, South Australia 130

Light to medium green-yellow, full lime, mineral & spicy grip to the powerful bouquet is followed by a generous, relatively open palate, again with characteristic spicy edge.

10 Dandelion Vineyards *Wonder of The Eden Valley* Riesling—Eden Valley, South Australia 54

Quintessential Eden Valley, with fragrant lemon and lime blossom aromas, the elegant palate driven by the pure fruit promised by the bouquet; has great balance, line and length.

06 Petaluma *Hanlin Hill* Riesling—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 85

Bright straw-green; immensely precise and authoritative, a clarion call of terroir speaking; a firm and classic mix of lime, lemon spice, with a lingering, dry mineral finish.

05 Geoff Weaver Riesling—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 54

Spotlessly clean passionfruit and lime aromas; delicate, fresh, mineral palate; long finish.

10 Leeuwin Art Series Riesling—Margaret River, Western Australia 53

As always, well made; the bouquet is clean and fresh, the palate well balanced and quite long.

10 Frankland Estate *Isolation Ridge* Riesling—Frankland River, Western Australia 60

A superbly balanced wine with chalky soft acidity & spice, delicate floral notes, particularly lime blossom with some citrus juiciness on the palate.

08 Pegasus Bay Riesling—Waipara Valley, New Zealand 82

Fresh, citrus nose with good texture & a little residual sugar.

09 Misha's Vineyard Lyric Riesling—Central Otago, New Zealand 69

Off-dry in style, this wine has a steely brooding nose with aromas of pineapple and lime. The suggestion of weight and depth on the nose is confirmed by the palate which is gentle and rich but delivers a classical varietal expression of lime and mineral.

09 Paul Blanck Riesling—Alsace, France 89

Fresh lemony acidity, pineapple, nice mineral, a lot of structure in the finish.

97 Trimbach Fred Emile Clos St Hunes Riesling—Alsace, France 325

Classic, almost ethereal petrol notes, reserved citrus & striking mineral backbone. Medium bodied and tart in it's youth, steely and restrained but hauntingly beautiful.

* Limited Availability

Pinot Gris / Grigio

10 Deviation Road Pinot Gris—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 52

Lively citrus and straw bouquet, with an underpinning of mineral complexity; light-bodied, fresh and clean.

11 Derwent Estate Wines Pinot Gris—Granton, Tasmania 54

Soft perfumed aromas, with hints of musk & nashi pears while the luscious palate weight shows many textured layers.

10 Mahi Pinot Gris—Marlborough, New Zealand 45

A combination of ripe fruit, hand-picking, wild yeast, French oak, and lees stirring all contribute to a rich, complex Pinot Gris in a dry style.

11 Man-O-War Pinot Gris—Waiheke Island, New Zealand 50

A luscious example of ripe Pinot Gris showing intense characters of sweet juicy citrus fruits, richly textured yet balanced with fresh minerality & a hint of spritz.

10 Chard Farm Pinot Gris—Central Otago, New Zealand 62

The aroma is a heady perfume of pears, wild flowers with fine spicy/nutty notes. The wine is supple, weighty and full in the mouth, it oozes fruit texture and concentration. The long mineral finish nicely balances this beautiful wine.

08 Seresin Pinot Gris—Marlborough, New Zealand 91

Classic characters of ripe pear and spices with a soft and textured palate.

09 Hinton Hill Country Pinot Gris—Central Otago, New Zealand 59

Lifted aromas of ripe pear, confectionery & musk followed by a hint of spice. Rich, concentrated & very creamy in texture. A clean medium dry finish with a long after taste.

10 Misha's Dress Circle Pinot Gris—Central Otago, New Zealand 65

A superb-fragrant and flowery bouquet. The palate providing intense support with flavours of citrus, pear and apple.

09 Caves de Beblenheim Pinot Gris—Alsace, France 59

A nice yellow colour; a very elegant floral bouquet. Dry and crisp, its freshness contributes to its nice balance.

09 Di Lenardo Vineyards Pinot Grigio—Friuli Italy 55

Bouquet is very pleasant with a good array of varietal aromas such as pear Williams, banana, apricot and Acacia flowers. Taste is reminiscent of pear syrup and quince peel. Good acid balance, good body and long finish.

10 Kellerei Kaltern—Alto Adige, Italy 53

This Pinot grigio is a full-bodied white wine with a straw-yellow hue, a floral nose, and pleasantly smooth character. This wine comes from Northern Italy, near the German border & the winery was founded in 1906.

Other White Varietels

11 Pizzini Arneis—King Valley, Victoria 54

Fresh pear and straw fairly leap out of the glass, with an attractive edge of nectarine; the palate shows plenty of weight, yet maintains freshness through lively acidity and a touch of grip to conclude; a good example of the variety and style.

11 Quartier Arneis—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 53

Arneis is a white Italian wine grape originating from Piedmont, Italy. Arneis (literally: little rascal, in Piedmontese) is so called because it is regarded as a somewhat difficult variety to grow. Clean, fresh, delicate cinnamon and apple flavours. Has freshness and texture and delicate floral notes.

08 Box Grove Vineyard Roussanne—Tabilk, Victoria 50

An exotic wine with a youthful colour but three years' age has added considerable complexity; honey, wax, vanilla & malt aromes with a strongly mineral tendency. Clean, dry & delicate on the palaten with fresh acidity & intense flavour that lingers.

10 The Story MVR—Grampians, Victoria 40

Light to medium green-yellow; a clean and crisp bouquet with a range of mineral and wild herb aromas leads into a palate which is reasonably neutral in terms of flavour, but has good mouthfeel.

07 Wine By Farr Viognier—Geelong, Victoria 92

Mouthfilling and rich, with exceptional texture for a viognier at this level of alcohol; peach, apricot and a touch of marzipan before great acidity on the finish, oak in restraint throughout.

06 Yering Station Marsanne Viognier Roussane—Yarra Valley, Victoria 54

A totally convincing blend of the three principal Rhone white varieties; distinct honeysuckle aromas, then a vibrant, citrusy finish to the palate.

11 Rochford "Cerberus" Gewürtztraminer Riesling Pinot Gris —Yarra Valley, Victoria 60

The Cerberus is a three-headed dog that guards the gate to the underworld & here represents the three Alsatian grape varieties that make up this blend. Gewürtztraminer provides fragrance & length, Riesling citrus & steely acidity & Pinot Gris weight & residual sugar.

07 Lillian Viognier—Pemberton, Western Australia 75

Delicate, but absolutely correct, apricot and peach aromas which flow through onto the elegant palate.

10 Maxwell *Little Demon* Verdelho—McLaren Vale, South Australia 37

Exhibiting vibrant aromas of pear, crisp apple & lime with floral notes. Bright citrus flavours illuminate the palate & lead to a clean, zesty finish that is refreshing & persistent.

09 Mahi 'Twin Valleys Vineyard' Gewürtztraminer—Marlborough, New Zealand 63

The clearest possible varietal expression of lychees, musk and rose petals on the bouquet, tracking through with precision to the palate.

09 Caves de Beblenheim Gewurtztraminer—Alsace, France 59

Spotlessly clean; subtle spice and lychee aromas, medium-bodied palate crisp, delicate and balanced.

10 Domaine Ostertag Pinot Blanc —Alsace, France 80

A light fruity nose with faint underlying notes of citrus, largely lemon & lime. Quite full & round on the palate, good acidity with an unusual softness.

01 Domaine Gilles Barge *La Solarie* Viognier—Condrieu, France 165*

Deep yellow colour. Nutty nose with some fruit richness leads to a savoury, rich, super smooth Viognier palate with a spicy frame to the flat, nutty, peachy fruit.

*Limited Availability

Semillon & Semillon Blends

06 Mount Mary Triolet Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Muscadelle—Yarra Valley, Victoria 140

Restrained aromas, to a degree, flavours, as the three varieties (Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon/Muscadelle) each exert their influence, largely untroubled by oak; the acidity is good, and the wine will flourish with time.

99 Tyrrell's Vat 1 Semillon—Clare Valley, South Australia 140

A tightly structured palate with considerable length and breadth of citrus fruit flavours.

08 Grosset Semillon Sauvignon Blanc—Clare Valley, South Australia 75

As ever, a totally delicious and beautifully moulded mouthful of wine, the two components seamlessly woven in a citrus/stone fruit web tied up with gentle acidity.

10 West Cape Howe Semillon Sauvignon Blanc—Great Southern, Western Australia 40

The varieties work as synergistically as ever, the semillon contributing to aroma and flavour, as well as texture and structure; the sauvignon blanc adds touches of tropical and stone fruit.

10 Leeuwin Estate Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon —Margaret River, Western Australia 54

The wine displays intense passionfruit, orange & lime zest together with gooseberry & dusted jube notes. The palate is soft with intriguing layers of textured lemon/lime & pink lady apples ending in a soft long palate.

Sauvignon Blanc

09 Box Stallion Wines Sauvignon Blanc—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 45

A fresh and clean bouquet with gently tropical fruits, then a crisp, lively and immaculately balanced palate; this is subtle rather than in-your-face, with good length and deserving its gold medals.

10 Shadowfax Sauvignon Blanc—Geelong, Victoria 46

Opening with tropical fruit, honeydew and fennel, the palate is generously textured and fresh to conclude, finishing with gun flint complexity.

10 Rochford Fume Blanc—Yarra Valley, Victoria 43

Partial barrel fermentation & extended ageing in matured French oak has produced a wine with lifted tropical fruits, herbaceous notes & subtle toast characters. The palate is rich & weighted with a balanced acid finish.

10 Derwent Estate Wines Sauvignon Blanc—Granton, Tasmania 49

Has a platform of gentle tropical characters on the bouquet and mid-palate, finishing with cleansing acidity.

07 Patina Fume Sauvignon Blanc—Orange, New South Wales 55

Refreshing nuances of lychee, gooseberry & grapefruit. Fresh upfront fruit flavours combine with citrus mid palate leading to an unexpectedly long grapefruit/lime sorbet finish.

09/10 Briarose Estate Sauvignon Blanc Semillon—Margaret River, Western Australia 45

A touch of textural complexity is added by the small barrel-fermented proportion; there are some tropical notes, but overall grass, asparagus and citrus are dominant on the long, crisp palate.

10 Leeuwin Estate *Art Series* Sauvignon Blanc—Margaret River, Western Australia 70

Transparently light straw in colour. A bouquet of crushed gooseberry and green melon.

10 Man O' War Sauvignon Blanc—Waiheke Island, New Zealand 55

An exotic mix of tropical & citrus fruits with fresh culinary herbs. The palate displays a vibrant structure of fresh minerality & focused acidity providing lift & balance to the wine.

11 Distant Land Sauvignon Blanc—Hawkes Bay, New Zealand 40

Herbaceous bell pepper on the nose combined with tropical pineapple & gooseberry characters on the palate to create a wine of instant appeal with fresh acidity.

10 Te Whare Ra Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 59

Brilliant very pale straw colour with watery hue. Lifted nose with classic Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc aromas of herbaceous grassy gooseberry, passionfruit and citrus displaying excellent intensity. Concentrated and lively with excellent mouthfeel the palate delivers flavours of herbaceous gooseberry and passionfruit followed by some citrus and a touch of mineral.

10 Wairau River Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 46

This wine offers intense lifted nose of tropical fruits & citrus. The wine is refined and elegant, displaying a finely textured palate with flavours of guava & stone fruit. Wonderfully expressive with a dry refreshing finish.

11 Lake Chalice Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 40

Aromas of passionfruit & blackcurrant are dominant. On the palate it is refreshing & elegant with a mineral note on the lingering finish.

11 Kuku Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 40

Fresh and crisp is the name of the game for this very tasty Sauvignon from the makers of Mahi. Intensely varietal with strong gooseberry, lime and apple flavours that linger on the palate.

10 Mahi "Boundary Farm" Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 58

The nose displays a combination of tropical and herb notes. On the palate the influence of the wild yeast and oak component combine lifted stone fruit characters such as nectarine and dried apricots.

08 Seresin *Marama* Sauvignon Blanc—Marlborough, New Zealand 103

Palate is complex with tropical fruit, melon, crème caramel and a long lingering finish, hint of truffle.

09 Joseph Mellot *La Chatellenie* Sancerre Blanc—Sancerre, France 82

Lime blossoms blend with notes of chalk dust on the aromatic, lively nose. Suggestions of freshly squeezed lemonade & the crispness of green apple slices are evident on the abundantly juicy & delectable mouth.

Chardonnay

08 Yering Station Chardonnay—Yarra Valley, Victoria 55

With a focused mineral backbone, this Chardonnay shows notes of citrus, grapefruit & cashew with a long & precise finish.

09 Pimpernel Chardonnay—Yarra Valley, Victoria 78

Intense stone fruit characters are balanced with subtle yeast & oak influences. Low cropping ensures excellent natural acid structure & a crisp clean finish.

08 Yarraloch *Stephanie's Dream* Chardonnay—Yarra Valley, Victoria 81

Complex, particularly on the bouquet; the oak influence is restrained, but an integral part of the wine; the freshness of the finish is remarkable.

09 Jones Road Chardonnay—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 55

Shows concentrated cool-climate chardonnay characters of grapefruit, peach and nectarine fruits, finishing crisp and clean.

10 Dexter Chardonnay—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 70

Aromas of lemon, white peach, nectarine & pear combine with spicy oak. Subtle flavours reflect the elegance & finesse of this wine, with a soft middle palate, good length & a clean finish.

08 Paringa Estate Chardonnay—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 82

Citrus and grapefruit bouquet, with cinnamon in the background; zesty and fresh, with a distinct mineral accent to the fruit.

01 Giaconda *Nantua Les Deux* Chardonnay—Beechworth, Victoria 94

Fig, nectarine and some citrus notes to the bouquet. Full flavoured and beautifully structured, grapefruit and green olives backed by an emerging scent of lanolin, floral, honeysuckle-like perfume of citrus oil.

09 Shadowfax Chardonnay—Werribee, Victoria 60

Fig, nectarine and some citrus notes to the bouquet. Full flavoured and beautifully structured, grapefruit and green olives backed by an emerging scent of lanolin, floral, honeysuckle-like perfume of citrus oil.

05 Tower Estate Chardonnay—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 55

Light- to medium-bodied and elegant; gentle stone fruit and a twist of citrus supported by fairly obvious oak.

09 Deviation Road Reserve Chardonnay —Adelaide Hills, South Australia 63

Brilliant green-gold; has exceptional structure and mouthfeel; the citrus and nectarine fruit is vibrant, and there is a streak of minerality running through the wine; oak is present, but is not at all intrusive.

98 Penfolds *Yattarna* Chardonnay— Multi Regional, South Australia 190

Light green-yellow; the bouquet is extremely fine and tight, with ever so subtle oak. The palate is exceptionally delicate yet intense, with nettle and citrus flavours running through to an extremely long finish.

08 Lillian *Lefroy Brook* Chardonnay—Pemberton, Western Australia 75

John Brocksopp's long familiarity with great chardonnay shows through in this wine, with its elegant display of varietal fruit in a nectarine/white peach spectrum, the oak subtle, lees contact likewise.

07/09 West Cape Howe *Styx Gully* Great Southern Chardonnay —Great Southern, Western Australia 55

Grapefruit dominates the bouquet, with the delicate presence of oak and a hint of toast providing complexity; the palate is fresh and lively, with good acidity and true depth to the fruit on the finish; long and harmonious and the flavour builds for a surprisingly long time.

07/08 Leeuwin Estate *Art Series* Chardonnay —Margaret River, Western Australia 206

Pale, bright straw-green; fragrant grapefruit, melon and white peach aromas, the oak subtle and integrated, are followed by an exceptionally intense and long palate, the alcohol lost in the sea of flavour.

09 Mahi *Twin Valleys* Chardonnay—Marlborough, New Zealand 60

Lovely ripe melon fruit, with lively citrus aromas in the background; quite toasty, and very creamy on the palate, the wine has precision, depth and finesse.

08 Calancia *Insolia* Chardonnay—Sicily, Italy 40

Light to medium bodied, with fresh fruit on the nose, savoury palate and good length.

05 Joseph Faiveley George Faiveley Bourgogne Blanc—Nuits-st-Georges, France 115

Nuts, cinnamon, honey & rich butter.

Rosé

09 Baillieu Vineyard Rosé—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 75

Made by Kathleen Quealy, this is 100% pinot noir grapes. Richly perfumed with dried strawberries & sweet Confectionary.

10 Farr Rising Saignee Rosé—Geelong, Victoria 54

Bright pink, tinged with magenta; this is a high quality, light-bodied pinot noir, complexed by barrel fermentation with immaculate length & balance.

10 Medhurst Rosé—Yarra Valley, Victoria 52

Pale salmon-pink; made in a European style, with spicy/savoury aromas and flavours; gains intensity on the back-palate and pleasingly dry finish.

10 Pizzini Brachetto Sparkling Rosé—King Valley, Victoria 41

A moscato-style rosé. Rosewater bouquet, with plenty of sugar and a little green apple at the edge; enjoy over ice in hot weather with some fresh lime.

10 Charles Melton *Rosé of Virginia*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 52

Vivid crimson; fragrant spiced plum aromas lead into a palate stacked with fruit flavour without sacrificing finesse and focus; a simply delicious blend of Grenache/Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz/Petit Meunier/Mataro.

07 Delas Tavel “La Comballe” Rosé—Southern Rhone, France 65

70% Grenache, Syrah 15%, Picpoul 10%, Cinsault 5%. The colour is a very pure pink that just shows a hint of orange. The nose shows fruit aromas, with touches of soft, stony fruit and a whiff of toasted almonds. The palate is attractively rounded, pleasantly fruity, and lifted by hints of spice.

08 Cantina Tollo “Rocca Ventosa” Rosé—Abruzzo, Italy 25

A ruby coloured red wine which has aromas of cherry. Made from 100% Montepulciano grapes.

09 Domaine le Grand Cros Rosé—L’Esprit de Provence, France 50

Dry and fruity this rosé made from Grenache and syrah, is delicate, fresh and elegant

Pinot Noir

10 Paringa Estate Pinot Noir—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 149

The bouquet & palate have dark cherry fruit flavours & aromas, a little spice & subtle oak characters. This wine is fruit driven with considerable finesse & style.

07 Main Ridge Half Acre Pinot Noir—Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 220

Deeper colour than usual; a totally delicious array of vibrant red fruits with fine-grained, spicy tannins adding appropriate authority; great balance and length.

10 Narkoojee Pinot Noir—Gippsland, Victoria 52

Bright red hue, although still deep; the fragrant bouquet and supple, velvety palate has dark cherry fruit, with layers of spice and bramble interwoven between the recurring fruit.

07 Bindi Block 5 Pinot Noir—Macedon Ranges, Victoria 258

Bright, clear colour; the bouquet is, by some margin, the most fragrant and aromatic, bringing both red and black fruits into play, the intense, silky palate coursing majestically to a long, lingering finish, red and black fruits echoing throughout.

98 Bannockburn Vineyard Pinot Noir—South Eastern Australia MAGNUM 195

Medium to full red, the bouquet has ripe plum, prune and sweet chocolate aromas, the flavours of the palate tracking the bouquet.

10 Stefano Lubiana “Primavera” Pinot Noir—Granton, Tasmania 62

“Primavera” means springtime, it symbolises youth, freshness & vibrancy. In the glass it displays a neat mix of red fruit & floral notes—the hallmarks of the variety when grown around the 42nd parallel. This is a Pinot with latitude not attitude!

08 Derwent Estate Pinot Noir—Granton, Tasmania 75

This Pinot Noir shows rich berry fruit aromas with earthy undertones while the palate shows rich cherry & berry fruits with subtle French oak.

97 Domaine A Stoney Vineyard Pinot Noir—Southern Tasmania, Tasmania 162

Deep red with a hint of brick. Dark cherry and berry fruits with complex secondary characters or goose liver pate and spice. A powerful wine with concentrated rich berry flavours with complex developed secondary components of spice and meat balanced by fine elegant tannin and a rich silky mouth feel.

09 Deviation Road Pinot Noir—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 60

Has everything a young pinot should have: bright red fruits and a long, silky palate, finishing on a rising cadence.

08 Pierro Pinot Noir—Margaret River, Western Australia 114

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09 Mahi ‘Marlborough’ Pinot Noir—Marlborough, New Zealand 79

Full-coloured, with a fragrant, spicy bouquet. Showing good complexity & supple tannins.

08 Misha’s *Impromptu* Pinot Noir—Central Otago, New Zealand 75

Vibrant ruby with a purple kiss, this Pinot Noir’s red plum, blackberry and cherry stone fruit notes are overlaid by roast sage and vanilla pod. This complex mix of red and black fruits combine with some darker spice and roast meat notes on the palate which finishes with a peacocks tail of cherry stone, earthy liquorice and cedar.

08 Hinton Pinot Noir—Central Otago, New Zealand 75

Deep ruby red, rich aromas of black cherries & plums with hints of herbs and nutty oak. It has velvety tannins, with a smooth finish that is long and tasty.

09 Chard Farm *Mata Au* Pinot Noir—Central Otago, New Zealand 95

Strong red-purple; powerful, complex, savoury dark fruit aromas flow into a massively powerful and complex palate, with strong dark fruit flavours.

07 Te Kairanga *Runholder* Pinot Noir—Martinborough, New Zealand 68

An intensely varietal and powerful wine with layers of flavours & silky tannins.

94 Leroy Clos de Vougeot 1er Cru Pinot Noir—Côte D’Or, France 550

03 Dominique Laurent Gevrey-Chambertin *Clos St.Jacques* Pinot Noir—Cote de Nuits, France 585*

Aromas of candied black cherry, boysenberry, plum and chocolate. Very full finish with fine tannins.

00 Confuron-Cotetidot Nuits St-Georges *Premier Cru* Pinot Noir—Cote de Nuits, France 250

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Pinot Noir Continued

06 Chateau de Puligny-Montrachet Nuits St-George *Clos de Grandes Vigne* Monopole 1er Cru Pinot Noir—Cote de Nuits, France 300

The top red from the Château de Puligny, a *monopole* premier cru which delivers a rich, fruit-laden Nuits St Georges.

00 Confuron-Cotetidot Nuits St-Georges *Premier Cru* Pinot Noir—Cote de Nuits, France 250

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06 Domaine Bertagna Les Dames Huguettes Pinot Noir—Cote de Nuits, France 110

Very ripe, sweet raspberry and cherry fruit dominate here, with an appealing peppery, herby edge.

08 Bouchard Père & Fils *La Vignée* Pinot Noir—Cote de Beaune, France 65

Direct fruit character and a positive tannin edge make this a versatile food wine.

04 Domaine Mongeard-Mugneret Beaune *Les Avaux* 1er Cru Pinot Noir—Cote de Beaune, France 160

06 Domaine Blain-Gagnard Volnay *Champans* 1er Cru Pinot Noir—Cote de Beaune, France 200

Blain is also prudent with stirring-up of the lees (known as *bâtonnage*) which, if used to excess, may result in heavy wines which taste mealy. Here, on the contrary, the finished wines have great purity of fruit, with balanced acidity and long, clean flavours which clearly evoke the wines' precise origins.

Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

05 Medhurst Cabernet Sauvignon—Yarra Valley, Victoria 59

Leaf, spice, cedar and berry fruit aromas coalesce on a well-balanced palate, which has good length and balance.

10 Rochford “La Droite” Cabernet Franc Merlot—Yarra Valley, Victoria 60

Aromatics of pepper & spice from Cabernet Franc complement the cassis & darker fruit characters of Merlot. Round & full on the palate with savoury fruit & fine tannins.

99 Yeringberg Cabernets—Yarra Valley, Victoria 180

Deep dark red-purple, blackberry, blackcurrant and mulberry fruit on the bouquet is followed by a soft, rich and full palate, with hints of plum and chocolate. The tannins are soft with well balanced oak.

02 Mount Mary Quintet Cabernets—Yarra Valley, Victoria 320

Supremely graceful and fine in typical Mount Mary style; the long and silky palate has a tapestry of red and black fruit flavours, the finish long and satisfying, the aftertaste lingering for minutes.

06 Crawford River Wines Cabernet Merlot—Henty, Victoria 48

A delicious blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (50%), Cabernet Franc and Merlot, this appealing wine is multi-layered, supple and elegant with plenty of fresh ripe fruit flavours, subtle French oak and silky tannins. Fragrant, spicy aromas of ripe red fruits mingling with hints of licorice are evident on the nose of this lively, well-structured wine.

00 Giaconda Cabernet Sauvignon—Beechworth, Victoria 145

Lavish levels of fruit, but with a savoury undercurrent; full-bodied with bright red fruits coming through on the finish.

05 Pondalowie Vineyards Cabernet Malbec—Bendigo, Victoria 81

Lavish levels of fruit, but with a savoury undercurrent; full-bodied with bright red fruits coming through on the finish.

95 Wendouree Cabernet Sauvignon—Clare Valley, South Australia 145

Deep crimson. Choco-menthol aromas with touch eucalypt leaf. Intense deep choco-menthol /iodine flavours, plenty of fruit sweetness, fine iron like tannins which build up to striking firmness.

99 Leasingham *Classic Clare* Cabernet Sauvignon—Clare Valley, South Australia 160

Dense red-purple, massively concentrated fruit has soaked up the new French oak on the bouquet, the palate with dense black fruits and chocolate; yet well balanced.

00 Orlando St. Hugo Cabernet Sauvignon—Coonawarra, South Australia DOUBLE MAGNUM 440

Excellent varietal delineation; cassis, mulberry and blackcurrant married with attractive oak and fine tannins; elegant.

08 Majella *The Mallea* Cabernet Sauvignon—Coonawarra, South Australia 175

A potent, intense wine with black fruit aromas, and some spice; very good structure; persistent but integrated & fine tannins.

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09 Balnaves of Coonawarra *The Blend* Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Cabernet Franc—Coonawarra, South Australia 54

Bright colour; restrained cassis and cedar bouquet, with a touch of mint in the background; more red fruit on the palate, with plentiful fine and firm tannin, and a suggestion of Coonawarra mint on the finish.

07 Parker Coonawarra Estate *Terra Rossa* Cabernet Sauvignon—Coonawarra, South Australia 80

Rich and generous, full of expressive cassis & blackcurrant fruit; silky tannins and quality oak; very long finish

98 Coriole *Mary Kathleen Reserve* Cabernet Merlot Cabernet Franc—McLaren Vale, South Australia 116

Medium to full red-purple; a dense, ripe juicy/jammy/berry/minty bouquet, followed by a massively constructed palate, as only McLaren Vale can provide.

98 Fox Creek *Reserve* Cabernet Sauvignon—McLaren Vale, South Australia 130

Dense red-purple; very ripe blackberry and cassis fruit is the primary driver of the bouquet, with oak a secondary but nonetheless obvious influence. The palate has huge extract and tannins to frame the fruit; Henry VIII style!

09 Château Tanunda *The Château ‘The Three Graces’* Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc Merlot—Barossa Valley, South Australia 65

A Cabernet Sauvignon (60%), Cabernet Franc (30%), Merlot (10%) blend offering up minty, herbaceous overtures on top of a bedrock of dark cocoa, blackcurrant-led fruit. Plenty of classic, sweet Barossa fruit.

03 Yalumba *The Signature* Cabernet Shiraz—Barossa Valley, South Australia IMPERIAL 850

Medium-bodied; balanced fruit is supported by distinctly savoury/earthy lingering tannins. Gold medal National Wine Show.

08 Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon—Barossa Valley, South Australia 81

An altogether elegant wine, notwithstanding the cedar/cigar box thumbprint of 22 months in French and American oak; the medium-bodied palate has perfectly ripened cassis-accented fruit, the tannins are fine, the finish long.

Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends Continued

10 Woodlands Cabernet Franc Merlot—Margaret River, Western Australia 49

Bright crimson-purple; the percentages are not stated, but there is no shortage of the fragrance of cabernet franc on the bouquet; the palate has a silky texture to its red fruits; lovely medium-bodied wine.

09 Briarose Blackwood Cove Cabernet Merlot—Margaret River, Western Australia 70

A deep vibrant colour. The wine has a bouquet that shows refined cool area fruit. The elegant and complex palate with dark berry fruit characters is underpinned by the subtle influence of high quality French oak.

07 Cullen Diana Madeline Cabernet Merlot—Margaret River, Western Australia 185

As ever, has fine but persistent tannins running from the fore-palate through to the finish; the deep and intense fruit will sustain the wine until those tannins loosen their grip.

07 Cullen Diana Madeline Cabernet Merlot—Margaret River, Western Australia MAGNUM 450

The bouquet offers a complex array of blackberry, earth, spice & oak. The palate is powerful with savoury fruit & persistent tannins, sweetened slightly by the skillful use of French oak.

98 Vasse Felix Heytesbury Cabernet Blend—Margaret River, Western Australia 160

Deep crimson/purple. Intense chocolatey, ripe, blackcurrant and sappy, savoury oak. Rich, ripe fruit with deep-set, plush, new, savoury, vanillin oak, gravelly tannins and excellent length.

94 Howard Park Denmark Cabernet Merlot—Great Southern, Western Australia 148

Dark crimson. Cedary, earthy, liquorice and meaty/miso soup aromas. Sweet, ripe and concentrated, with pithy, blackcurrant/liquorice fruit, savoury, deep-set oak, firm, grainy tannins and good length.

06 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon—Margaret River, Western Australia 118

Youthful crimson-purple; as is usual, a somewhat austere style, reminiscent of traditional Bordeaux; the flavours are long and persistent, and with a bit of patience, the blackcurrant opens up if given time to breathe.

05 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon—Margaret River, Western Australia 240

A classic, pure, autocratic portrayal of cabernet, opening with a degree of reticence but revealing more and more along the length of the palate, gaining in velocity near the finish and into the aftertaste.

99 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon—Margaret River, Western Australia 300

Fine, elegant, medium-bodied mix of cassis, cedar and mocha; long, fine finish.

97 Te Mata Estate Coleraine Cabernet Merlot Cabernet Franc—Hawkes Bay, New Zealand 160

Widely regarded as NZ's greatest red wine. Exceptionally long lived it shows concentrated dark berry characters, a firm, finely textured palate with a sustained finish. A powerful full-bodied wine that rewards cellaring,

05 Château Richeleau Bordeaux—Fronsac, France 115

Ruby red with a cassis perfume. Medium bodied with with black cherry, tobacco & vanilla. Velvety texture & light tannins.

97 Château Ferrand-Lartigue Grand Cru Classe Bordeaux—St Emilion, France 190

Sweet, fruity, oaky, modern-styled St-Emilion possesses good density, soft acidity, ripe tannins & a fleshy personality.

78 Chateau Latour Premier Grand Cru Classe Bordeaux—Pauillac, France 700*

Dark intense colour; A dense, black olive-tinged nose. Distinct, mineral, iron note on the palate. Burnt toast/cassis notes. A very tannic, masculine Latour.

90 Pichon-Loungueville Comtesse de Lalande Grand Cru Classe Bordeaux—Pauillac, France 950*

Pichon violets on the nose, plus redcurrants & roses. Silky and seductive and very smooth.

05 Chateau Bernadotte Bordeaux blend—Haut Medoc, France 120

Château Bernadotte is a wine endowed with a solid tannic structure, well rounded. It is a rich, charming wine, delicate and full-bodied with delicious aromas of fresh red fruit. 57% Cab Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 1% CabFranc and 1% Petit Verdot.

06 Chateau les Grands Marechaux Bordeaux—Côtes de Blayes, France 85

Ruby red with well balanced fruit & mineral characters. Smooth tannins to round out the palate.

*Limited Availability

Shiraz & Blends

06 Mount Langi Nowhere Creek Shiraz—Grampians, Victoria 62

Dark berry fruits with hints of earth, spice & liquorice, bold tannins, structured wine with blackberry & mulberry characters.

99 Craiglee Shiraz—Sunbury, Victoria 143

Medium to full red-purple; the bouquet is redolent of dark plums, spice being little more than a background whisper.

Luscious, round palate offering a mix of ripe plum and sweet cherry moves through to a soft tannin finish. The oak handling cannot be faulted.

00 Craiglee Shiraz—Sunbury, Victoria 165

Clean, bright red cherry fruit, a touch of spice and gentle oak on the bouquet, then a voluptuously rich, ripe & supple palate.

04 Shadowfax “One Eye” Shiraz—Heathcote, Victoria 124

An aromatic & voluptuous style with slinky loose knit tannins, plenty of fruit sweetness, generosity & length.

This is a thinker’s wine—one to savour over good conversation, to match your imagination!

95 Jasper Hill *Georgia’s Paddock* Shiraz—Heathcote, Victoria 230

Strong purple-red; youthful juicy berry fruit aromas, the oak well balanced and integrated. As always, the palate is crammed with ripe fruit and a fair dollop of vanilla oak, but has good balance and structure.

01 Jasper Hill *Georgia’s Paddock* Shiraz—Heathcote, Victoria 200

Strong purple-red; youthful juicy berry fruit aromas, the oak well balanced and integrated. As always, the palate is crammed with ripe fruit and a fair dollop of vanilla oak, but has good balance and structure.

02 Hanging Rock Winery Shiraz—Heathcote, Victoria 100

Dense and opaque; massively concentrated and focused; sweet, spicy blackberry fruit. Handles the oak and alcohol with ease.

05 Castagna *Genesis* Syrah Viognier—Beechworth, Victoria 175

An engaging nose: sweet spicy fruit & currants, cinnamon spice & chalk. The palate shows dry coffee beans, red cherry fruits, dry woody spices & creamy oak.

06 Box Stallion Shiraz —Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 55

Bright colour; black cherries, smoky paprika & cinnamon all merge together on the bouquet; the palate is still fresh, fleshy & showing a complex fresh herb character across the palate; generous & a little chewy on the finish.

08 Paringa Estate Shiraz —Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 105

The bouquet has distinct cracked black pepper/spice & plum characters. On the palate spicy blackberry and plum fruits are supported by firm fine grained tannins that will soften with bottle development.

08 First Creek Shiraz- Canberra District, New South Wales 43

Medium to full bodied with perfumed aromas of spice, blackberries & fine integrated tannins provide a benchmark style from this region.

05 Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier—Canberra District, New South Wales 300

Highly fragrant perfume of red fruit, fresh blackberry, violets, roasted meat and a little tar; the palate reveals the true potential of this superb wine with a cascading array of flavours and thrillingly silky tannin, poised acidity and a peacocks tail on the very long and precise palate.

00 Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier—Canberra District, New South Wales 300

Medium red-purple; a complex and aromatic bouquet with a mix of spice, licorice, berry and game; a high-toned and accented palate, extremely complex.

07 Nova Vita Wines Shiraz—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 54

Strong colour; a complex bouquet of spiced black fruits leads into an intense medium- to full-bodied palate, with some foresty nuances along with spice and pepper; lingering finish.

06 Bird In Hand *Nest Egg* Shiraz—Adelaide Hills, South Australia 125

The deepest crimson-purple of the three Bird in Hand shirazes, and takes the flavour dimensions to another level; blackberry, plum, spice, licorice and French oak all intermingle; an intense and very long palate has great finesse.

10 Maxwell *Silver Hammer* Shiraz—McLaren Vale, South Australia 55

Deep purple-crimson; a wine with instantaneous appeal, its bouquet and palate very harmonious and complete; the supple, mouthfilling fruit has ripples of plum, licorice, cherry and mocha, the tannins silky soft on the long finish.

Shiraz & Blends Continued

00 D'Arenberg *The Dead Arm Shiraz*—McLaren Vale, South Australia 116

Medium to full red-purple; masses of dark plum, prune and licorice fruit on the bouquet, then a palate flooded with the same fruit characters plus a generous dash of bitter chocolate; lots of tannin and extract; needs a decade. And a decade it has had!

94 Hardy's *Eileen Hardy Shiraz*—McLaren Vale, South Australia 184

Strong purple-red; an almost riotous array of intensely fragrant black cherry, licorice, plum and spice fruit aromas lead on to a palate which is absolutely crammed with more of the same licorice/black cherry/boot polish fruit flavours, the very essence of shiraz.

10 Landhaus Estate *The Saint Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 47

Good crimson hue; a lively light- to medium-bodied shiraz with an array of red and black fruits and a pinch of spice on the bouquet and well-balanced palate.

10 Heartland *Director's Cut Shiraz*—Langhorne Creek/Limestone Coast, South Australia 70

Medium to full red-purple; supple, rich, ripe blackberry and black cherry fruit. As with films, the director's cut is regarded as the definitive version—No compromises.

98 Henschke *Hill Of Grace Shiraz*—Eden Valley, South Australia 800

Medium to full purple-red; a clean and rich array of black berries, spice, licorice and compatible oak, then a palate with abundant dark berry and bitter chocolate flavour, with controlled tannins and oak. Has great length and great balance; fully reflects the outstanding vintage.

02 Henschke *Mount Edelstone Shiraz*—Eden Valley, South Australia 292

Clean blackberry, plum and a touch of prune on the bouquet; the palate utterly belies the alcohol, with a cascade of black fruits and spices; very good oak and tannin management.

02 Rockford *Basket Press Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 260

Crimson/purple. Complex, earthy, liquorice/nutty/menthol aromas with touches of aniseed. Prune/Christmas cake flavours with menthol/American oak, looseknit, but ripe, textured tannins, plenty of fruit sweetness and length.

10 Glaetzer *Bishop Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 65

Aromas of liquorice & mocha intermingle with cassis & leather. Opulent fruit flavours on the palate are beautifully balanced by firm, velvety tannins.

08 Charles Melton *Nine Popes Grenache Shiraz Mouvédre*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 120

Beautiful musky perfume, with a touch of spice. Complex, sweet cedar flavours on the palate, with excellent weight and a long sweet finish.

08 Charles Melton *Grain's of Paradise Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 120

A full-bodied yet elegant wine, full of dark brooding fruits and nuances of tar and earth; a rich and quite luscious palate, which relies on the depth of the fruit for its balance.

05 Kalleske *Greenock Basket Pressed Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia MAGNUM 230

Ripe colour hue and an array of flavours ranging through blackberry, plum, black cherry, spice & chocolate. Soft ripe tannins and good oak.

02 Rockford *Basket Press Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 248

Medium-bodied; classic exercise in restraint; an array of black fruits on a long palate; fine, savoury tannins; minimal oak. One of the great Barossa shiraz's.

10 Château Tanunda *The Château Single Vineyard Bethanian Shiraz*—Barossa Valley, South Australia 65

Strong colour; in mainstream Barossa style, made from three blocks on a vineyard planted 1960, purchased by Chateau Tanunda in 2008; generous palate, with black fruits, some mocha/vanilla. The extensive finish is framed by elegant fine tannins from 18 months' maturation in a combination of new & seasoned American & French oak.

98 Rosemount Estate *Balmoral Syrah*—McLaren Vale, South Australia 175

Medium to full red-purple; a potent, powerful and intense bouquet redolent of spicy black cherry leads into a palate with layer upon layer of black cherry, licorice, leather, tannins and charry oak.

Shiraz & Blends Continued

96 Penfolds Bin 95 Grange Shiraz—McLaren Vale, South Australia 850

Medium to full red-purple, still bright after five years, vibrant cherry and plum fruit aromas more than handle the oak on the bouquet; the palate is sumptuous, but not heavy, the cherry and plum flavours tracking the bouquet. The wine has a very long finish, with fine, integrated tannins.

06 Mr Riggs Shiraz Viognier— McLaren Vale/Langhorne Creek, South Australia 64

Dense purple-red; a full-bodied, black, dense wine with lots of regional dark chocolate; shiraz blackberry in no way subverted by viognier; persistent tannins. McLaren Vale (80%)/Langhorne Creek (20%); Viognier (5%).

09 Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge Shiraz—Frankland River Region, Western Australia 60

Just gorgeous perfumed notes of fresh cedar, red berry and light savoury plum, sprinkled liberally with enticing spices. The palate is wonderfully controlled with a fine tannin and oak balance supporting the medium-weight but fully ripe and deeply concentrated fruit. This is a beauty and a most complete wine.

09 West Cape Howe “Two Steps” Shiraz Viognier (2%)—Margaret River, Western Australia 50

Deep magenta red; Intense ripe raspberry characters with smoky oak & pepper. The finish is long with touches of very fine tannin.

90 E.Guigal Hermitage Syrah—Rhône Valley, France 280

Deep ruby red with violet tinges. The nose has spice, red berries & delicate oak aromas. A powerful palate, aromas of blackcurrant & vanilla finished with spice & liquorice.

96 M.Chapoutier La Mordoree Syrah—Côte Rôtie, France 280

50 year old vines ensure exceptional quality. Deep purple red with a nose of raspberries, violet, rosemary, olives & dominant spice. Full flavoured & elegant with good structure & balance.

*Limited Availability

Merlot

05 Yarraloch *Stephanie's Dream* Merlot—Yarra Valley, Victoria MAGNUM 160

Excellent purple-red; lively, intense medium-bodied palate; strong varietal expression through plum, blackcurrant and spice; excellent oak and extract.

09 Pizzini Merlot—King Valley, Victoria 40

Rich plum red in colour, the nose has hints of plum, savoury spice with leather notes & earthy undertones. As the wine opens there are nuances of dried herbs & dark chocolate. The palate is soft, round & very generous.

98 Petaluma Merlot—Coonawarra, South Australia 145

Medium red-purple; a fragrant and aromatic bouquet opens with spice, cedar and forest, then veering more to berry/cherry; the palate has a very good silky texture, supported by quite persistent tannins which are in balance, and add to the length.

06 Chateau Tanunda The Chateau Merlot—Clare Valley, South Australia 60

Big, powerful dark fruits with savoury/forestry/earthy notes, and some black olive.

04 Henschke Abbotts Prayer Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon—Lenswood, South Australia 190

Fragrant, red berry fruits with some accompanying spices on the bouquet; a medium-bodied palate, with elegant, fresh cherry and cassis fruit; very fine tannins run through a great finish and aftertaste.

Other Red Varietels & Blends

08 Hewitson Baby Bush Mouvedré—Barossa Valley, South Australia 60

Bright and clear colour and hue; a fragrant bouquet leads into an extremely finely boned and structured palate, a quiet statement of superiority from 150-year-old vines.

08 Pizzini Sangiovese—King Valley, Victoria 50

Silky tannins & sour cherries do provide genuine varietal character. Medium bodied, good texture and finish.

01 Castagna *La Chiave* Sangiovese—Beechworth, Victoria 160

This wine is something akin to a cherry orchard growing in the heart of the forest. Overtones of mushrooms, undergrowth and saddle leather mix with black cherries. There is a core of ripe fruit but it is neither sweet nor simple. Flavours of black cherries, dark cooking chocolate, earth and sous bois are nicely wrapped in fine cedary tannins.

07 Basa Bianca Chianti—Tuscany, Italy MAGNUM 120

Ruby red colour; bouquet with characteristics of vanilla & well balanced oak characters. Good structure, balance and softness.

05 Bonacchi Chianti—Tuscany, Italy 50

The Bonacchi Chianti Classico Riverva is 100% Sangiovese. Full of rich cherry fruit, juicy on the palate with refreshing acidity. Time in barrel has softened the tannins which add texture and complexity.

09 Zaccagnini Montepulciano—Abruzzo, Italy DOUBLE MAGNUM 270

Intense ruby red colour with violet nuances; intense, characteristic bouquet of the primary grape aromas; fruity component, full-bodied and robust, well-balanced with tannin and oak.

06 Borgo Cipressi Montepulciano—Abruzzo, Italy 45

Intense red colour, fruit driven with a dry finish. A savoury, rustic style which compliments full flavoured dishes best.

06 Cillar de Silos *El Quintana*/Joven—Ribera del Duero, Spain 62

Big, full, rich fruit with a nice slop of ripe fruit tannin. Earthy yet fruity.

09 Zaccagnini Montepulciano—Abruzzo, Italy DOUBLE MAGNUM 270

Intense ruby red colour with violet nuances; intense, characteristic bouquet of the primary grape aromas; fruity component, full-bodied and robust, well-balanced with tannin and oak.

06 Bodegas Altanza *Lealtanza Crianza* Tempranillo—Rioja, Spain 55

Big, full, rich fruit with a nice slop of ripe fruit tannin. Earthy yet fruity.

Dessert Wine

NV Yarrabank Crème de Cuvée Sparkling—Yarra Valley, Victoria (750ml) 60

Pale salmon-pink; rich and full in the mouth; moderately sweet.

90 De Bortoli Wines *Noble One* Botrytis Semillon—Riverina, NSW (375ml) 120

Glowing yellow-green; the spotlessly clean bouquet has neatly balanced citrus fruit and oak, the palate still tight, long and lingering.

08 De Bortoli Wines *Noble One* Botrytis Semillon—Riverina, NSW (375ml) 65

Brilliant green-gold; has all the luscious intensity expected, ranging through citrus, cumquat and vanilla bean, yet is not over the top.

08 Three Wise Men Noble Semillon—Riverina, NSW (375ml) 42

08 Margan Botrytis Semillon—Hunter Valley, NSW (375ml) 55

As ever, extremely sweet and unctuously rich; lemon preserve fruit flavours, with citrusy acidity offsetting the sweetness.

09 Château Tanunda Botrytis Semillon—Tanunda, South Australia (375ml) 46

This luscious and rich Botrytis Semillon has a complex bouquet of marmalade and orange peel with a hint of apricot and toasted hazelnut.

10 Tim Adams Botrytis Riesling—Clare Valley, South Australia (375ml) 56

Great concentration, while maintaining varietal integrity and purity; long focused, fresh and intriguing, with a delightful celery salt character that provides contrast in the wine.

10 Mount Horrocks Cordon Cut—Clare Valley, South Australia 85

Intensely sweet lime/lemon/crystallised fruit characters; a lingering finish, albeit with relatively soft acidity.

10 Vasse Felix Cane Cut Semillon—Margaret River, Western Australia 50

Beautifully made, with sweetness and acidity balanced to perfection.

09 Delatite Late Harvest Riesling—Mansfield, Victoria (750ml) 50

Lovely aromas of citrus peel and orange blossom, the palate is sweet and up front but very well balanced with fine acidity.

08 Pegasus Bay *Aria* Late Harvest Riesling—Waipara Valley, New Zealand (750ml) 95

Floral, gently honeyed bouquet & fresh, pure, late harvest fruit flavours showing excellent richness.

05 Cloudy Bay Late Harvest Riesling—Marlborough, New Zealand (375ml) 70

A lusciously sweet & fruity wine with a crisp natural acidity balancing the sweetness.

04 Domaine de Durban Muscat de Beaumes de Venise —Beaumes de Venise, France (375ml) 60

90 Trimbach *Grains Nobles* Pinot Gris (750ml) 350*

04 Château D'Yquem 1er Cru Superier—Sauternes, France (375ml) 450

07 Chateau Broustet—Barsac, France (375ml) 85

01 Gunderloch *Rothenberg* Trockenbeerenauslese—Rheinhessen, Germany (375ml) 1,100*

04 Château Corneilla Muscat de Rivesaltes—Rivesaltes, France 85

*Limited Availability

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Fortified Wines 60ml

NV Camyr Allyn Wines Ruins Liqueur Verdelho—Hunter Valley, New South Wales 500ml 12/95

Very cleverly handled; quality spirit well-integrated, the sweetness utterly deceptive; well-balanced.

NV Skillogalee Liqueur Frontignac—Clare Valley, South Australia 500ml 12.5/100

Some butterscotch and spice notes; medium-bodied, and showing some barrel age.

NV Campbells Classic Rutherglen Muscat—Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 10/80

As the name implies, the wine is deep golden in colour. Rich aromas of cold tea-leaf, toffee, honey & citrus burst from the glass. The palate is intense & mouth filling. Malt & toffee combine with rancio characters providing a wine of power & complexity with a luscious yet clean finish.

NV Rutherglen Estates Muscat—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 10/60

Its characteristics include raisins, toffee, caramel, butterscotch, dried fruit and nuts. The wine's flavours together with its luscious sweet palate, make the Rutherglen Estates Muscat an indulgent delight.

NV Lauriston Show Muscat—Rutherglen, Victoria 8/62.5

NV Chambers *Rosewood Vineyards Rutherglen* Muscat—Rutherglen, Victoria 6

NV Chambers *Rare Muscat*—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 500

As good as it gets- 100 points "Parker", 98 points "Halliday".

NV Morris Classic Liqueur Tokay 7

NV Seppeltsfield Grand Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 9.5/75

Sourced from premium parcels of fruit and aged in small oak casks to produce a wine with luscious toffee-honey flavours, rich aged complexity and lingering length.

NV Seppeltsfield Rare Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 20/125

Deep sienna brown colour with deep brown olive green hue. Top note of caramel, toffee, raisin and honey followed by a hint of molasses. Fine spirit lift.

NV Campbells Isabella Rare Rutherglen Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 30/180

One of the top rated Australian tokays on the market. A deep mahogany brown, with olive hues indicates considerable years of maturation. The bouquet is a combination of malt & honey, with hints of raisins & the unmistakable scent of tea-leaves.

NV Campbells Classic Gold Rutherglen Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 12.5/100

Bright, light golden-brown; classic mix of tea-leaf and butterscotch aromas lead into an elegant wine which dances in the mouth; has balance and length.

NV Seppelt DP 59 Rare Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 500ml 15/117

In 1983, Seppelt fortified Winemaker James Godfrey created a special blend from the finest and oldest Tokay barrels, some dating back to 1964, at the Seppelt Rutherglen Winery. This blend was then aged in small oak casks at Seppeltsfield before release as Seppelt DP59 Rare Rutherglen Tokay. With a supreme balance of intense fruit flavours, aged complexity and incredible length this wine is the ultimate expression of aged Rutherglen Tokay. The recipient of 4 Trophies and 48 Gold Medals in Australian Wine Shows since 1990.

NV All Saints Estate Grand Rutherglen Tokay—Rutherglen, Victoria 375ml 13/77.5

A limited blend exhibiting golden amber colours and typical cold leaf tea characters. The palate is luscious with malty toffee and vanilla flavours. A wine with great balance and length to sip and savour. Sip with blue cheeses or based desserts such as tiramisu. Chocolate or vanilla are another good match.

NV Morris Classic Liqueur Tawny Port 7

NV Seppelt DP90 Rare Port—Barossa Valley, South Australia 13/105

Full-on tawny colour; the bouquet immediately proclaims the age and the class of the wine; the palate is electric in its intensity and vibrancy, the rancio penetrating and lingering; the quality of the wine is most apparent.

1996 Burmester Colheita Port 10

10 year old Fonseca Tawny Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 12/140

Of an average cask age of ten years, it is a young port of russet colour with brilliant crimson highlights and a fragrant, ripe-fruit bouquet. Its smooth, silky texture and subtle oak nuances are balanced by a fresh acidity and tannic 'grip'.

1987 Fonseca Guimaraens Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 16/190

Beautifully structured and perfectly balanced.

20 year old Quinta do Vallado Tawny Port—Douro, Portugal 750ml 20/240

Deep, brandied nuts on the nose, rainforest timber & roasted almond. Palate is extraordinarily fine with wonderful interplay between fine aged spirit & oak. Entry sweetness is now peanut brittle, grilled bread, panforte.