



# *Rizla*

We're all about the Riesling.

We've got other phenomenal drops as well; some Riesling 'impersonators', some other whites that we love, some fun bubbles, and a short list of seriously good reds. But for us this list is a celebration of the 'Queen of Grapes' and her ability to go with any cuisine.

Canberra Riesling has come a long way in the (inter)national psyche in the past decade, and we're fortunate to work with some legend local producers and bring you their hard work at great value with minimal faffery.

Wine is to be drunk and enjoyed. Don't overcomplicate it. Our list is what we like now and changes daily, so find something you love the sound of, and enjoy!

Cheers,  
Andy Day

## Wines by the glass

150ml Riesling, whites, rosé & reds, 125ml sparkling, 75ml dessert Rieslings

2023 Surveyors Hill Riesling | Hall | 65 bottle | 16 glass

2023 Collector *Jim's Picnic* | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle | 18 glass

2023 Ravensworth *Regional* Riesling | Murrumbateman | 80 bottle | 19 glass

2012 Barton Estate *Rileys* Riesling | Murrumbateman | 110 bottle | 25 glass

2023 Lark Hill *Regional* | Hilltops + Bungendore | 60 bottle | 15 glass

2023 Carillion *GM198* Riesling | Orange, NSW | 75 bottle | 18 glass

2023 Sons of Eden *Freya* Riesling | Eden Valley, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass

2023 Dr Loosen Dr L | Mosel, Germany | 65 bottle | 16 glass

2022 Joseph Cattin Riesling | Alsace, France | 80 bottle | 19 glass

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2022 Linear Pinot Noir | Tumbarumba, NSW | 80 bottle | 19 glass

2022 Surveyor's Hill Cabernet Franc | Hall, CBR | 70 bottle | 17 glass

2019 Eden Road *Block 71* Syrah | Lake George, CBR | 90 bottle | 22 glass

2019 Living Roots Shiraz Blend | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

2018 SC Pannell *'Spätlese'* Riesling | Adelaide Hills, SA | 85 bottle | 16 glass

2019 Joh. Jos. Prüm Auslese Riesling | Mosel, Germany | 195 bottle | 25 glass

## Canberra Riesling

*50+ producers, 70-odd Rieslings to a vintage. Established producers going back to the 70's, new-kids-on-the-block with their first vintages. Dry, semi-dry, young and old. We never have just one favourite, but we like these ones at the moment..*

### 2023 Surveyors Hill | Hall | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Very pretty floral nose of white jasmine and blossoms, underpinned by a tight acidity and citrus palate. It's a really lovely, small production, elegant Riesling.

### 2023 Ravensworth *Regional* | Murrumbateman (mainly) | 80 bottle | 19 glass

A more complex creation for new vintage CBR riz; lightly cloudy, a good bit of texture from fermentation in concrete and amphora, but still lets the bright crisp citrusy fruit shine and acid grip in. Super floral nose, green apple and melon on the palate, zippy acidity. Fun and interesting.

### 2022 Yarrh | Murrumbateman | 70 bottle

Sharp lemon with zippy acidity on the palate, a really clean light style Canberra Riesling. Dry as. Very good. We like.

### 2022 Mada | Gundaroo | 80 bottle

Floral nose leading to a dry, textural citrus spectrum palate. Quite the length on it, zippy without aggression to the acidity. Really lovely.

### 2023 Gallagher | Jeir | 75 bottle

Finely balanced Canberra classic Riesling. Lemon curd and lime juice cordial on the nose and palate, subtle white florals too, dry but a sweetness to the fruit flavours keeps the acidity firmly checked. Love it.

### 2023 Eden Road 73 *Block* Riesling | Murrumbateman | 90 bottle

Fermented in 1000l Stockinger barrel. Textured and complex; mineral and citrus backbone, deep and long. Bone dry and savoury, this is not your usual Canberra Riesling; the oxidative ferment gears this for longevity and an enduring textural Riz for years to come.

### 2023 Collector *Jim's Picnic* | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle | 18 glass

Lovely zesty nose with layers of yellow grapefruit, candied lemon peel, and Chinese five spice. Superbly balanced with taught texture and acid. Classically styled Canberra Riesling of very high quality.

### 2022 Long Rail Gully | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle

Light bodied, super youthful and surprisingly tropical bouquet for a Canberra Riz. A bit of guava and passionfruit on the nose and palate. Dry, light and yum.

### 2021 Lark Hill *Estate* | Bungendore | 120 bottle

Incredible fruit purity and drive. Dry, with a classic Canberra palate of lime juice cordial, meyer lemon and stoney minerals. A lovely wine with plenty of character and charm. Complexity and still fresh as a daisy.

### 2012 Barton Estate *Museum Release\_Riley's* | Murrumbateman | 110 bottle | 25 glass

Beautifully developed floral and stonefruit nose, yellow nectarine and spice. Deep green tending yellow in the glass. Fine and subtle acidity underlying a dry palate with more spicy citrus, lovely deep complex minerality typical of a great aged Canberra Riesling.

### 2023 Lark Hill *Regional* | Hilltops + Bungendore | 60 bottle | 15 glass

Delightful floral and citrusy noz on it, white jasmine and lemon peel. Bouncy acid up against a bit of residual sugar makes for a very pleasant beverage indeed.. Accidentally vegan. 9.1% ABV, practically guilt free.

## Aussie Riesling

### 2023 Tim Smith | Eden Valley, SA | 75 bottle

Super zesty refreshing style. It maintains a delicate acidity from start to finish and then has a mouthcoating, silky texture on the long close. A lovely, classically styled Aussie Riesling.

### 2023 Sons of Eden *Freya* | Eden Valley, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Light and clean on the nose, a flush of crisp citrus blossom and lemon juice on the palate. A hint of savouriness and a long bouncy finish. A cracker.

### 2019 Loosen-Barry *Wolfa Wolfa* | Clare Valley, SA | 210 bottle

A marriage of 'royal' families; the Barry's from Clare and the Loosen's from Mosel in Germany. The result? A spectacular example of Clare Riesling. Ripe lime and white nectarine on the nose and palate, fine texture and complex. One of the longest finishes making for an extremely enjoyable experience.

### 2017 Jim Barry Wines *Florita* | Clare Valley, SA | 145 bottle

Slowly deepening straw green in the glass, this is a classic Clare Riesling with some age. Complexity is building on the lemon, lime and blossom aromas and palate, and none of its youthful power or drive have been lost. Brilliant wine.

### 2023 Werkstatt Mount Gambier Riesling | Mt Gambier, SA | 80 bottle

Gingery tropical and stone fruit aromas, off-dry style with a delicate tightrope balancing act of acidity and residual sugar. Its vibrant and full of character, every mouthful brings something different; sometimes a lovely floral softness, others zingy acid and palate-refresher, and sweeter when warm. Delightful.

### 2023 Carillion *GM198 Clone* | Orange, NSW | 75 bottle | 18 glass

Alsatian clone in a cool climate, what could go wrong? Beautifully ripe fruit salad on the nose; pineapple, melon, white nectarine and cherry, and a spiced marzipan also. Rigid acidity holds the luscious fruits in check making a well balanced, driven palate with a long finish.

### 2018 Whistle and Hope | Nagambie Lakes, Vic | 70 bottle

Overt citrus peel and lanolin on the nose and a green tinge in the glass. Still has a moorish acidity keeping it lively and refreshing and clean mineral finish after that marmalade-y, Bickford's lime juice cordial palate.

### 2023 Swinney | Frankland River, WA | 85 bottle

Dry grown cool climate Riesling, full solids during ferment providing a softly textured but bone-dry Riesling. There's more stone fruit and crunchy pear to the palate, cleansing acid and a persistent finish.

### 2011 Frankland Estate *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 165 bottle

Totally deserving of its reputation as one of Australia's finest sites for Riesling. Still incredibly fresh with deceptive acid levels lurking behind the lemon curd and fresh lemon pith palate. An aged beauty.

### 2021 Kate Hill | Derwent & Coal River Valleys, Tas | 75 bottle

Deliciously spicy light citrus nose, with a prancing acidity and texture. Supremely well balanced with some complexity through citrus and stone fruit spectrums with that acidity holding it all together tightly.

### 2022 Dr. Edge *Tasmania* | Coal River & Derwent Valleys, Tas | 85 bottle

Wild yeast ferment, 9 months on lees, some whole bunch, and pressed off to seasoned oak for funsies. Result? A medium dry, textural Riesling full of character. It's perfectly balanced and weighted, offering cumquat and white stone fruit on the palate, gentle honeysuckle on the nose and with a little brioche note on the finish. Absolutely lovely.

## International Rieslings

*The old world gets pretty worked up about who 'owns' Riesling. The Germans, the Austrians, the French. For us: who cares? Just drink the stuff. It's really good.*

### 2016 Diel *Goldloch* GG | Nahe, Germany | 195 bottle

A powerful, complex and savoury Riesling. Ripe, juicy and rich in style, fine acid has kept it – and will keep it – tightly poised despite its richly weighted palate.

### 2018 A Christmann *IDIG* GG | Pfalz, Germany | 290 bottle

Incredibly complex and a rich spicy tropical fruit bowl on the nose, then hitting the dried lime and crunchy apple spectrum that's a bit more familiar to an Aussie palate. There's a richer weight to the palate than most *Grosses Gewächs*. Powerful, intense, dense, spectacular.

### 2023 Dr Loosen Dr L | Mosel, Germany | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Charred pineapple and subtle lychee on the nose. Vibrant palate with tight acidity and sweet tropical fruit. Balanced and extremely smashable. Bargain. Not the Mosel of old, thankfully.

### 2021 Weingut Maximin Grünhaus *Abtsberg* GG | Mosel, Germany | 175 bottle

*Grosses Gewächs* from a perfect South-Southwest exposure on a 70% gradient on blue Devonian slate soils. The Abtsberg is one of the world's finest Riesling vineyards. The site stamps so much character on the wine; wet stone, dried and fresh ripe tropical and citrus fruits. Lovely balance, lovely length.

### 2019 Schloss Johannisberg *Gelblack* | Rheingau, Germany | 145 bottle

The nose encapsulates everything we love about half-dry 'Feinherb' Riesling. Aromatic guava, apple and grilled white peach over a tight minerality and pretty floral notes. Luscious palate cut with fine acidity and silky texture.

### 2016 Schätzel *Ölberg* GG | Rheinhessen, Germany | 165 bottle

Great value GG with some age on it. Deep gold in the glass, grilled yellow nectarine and melon on the nose. Palate is broad, dry and bouncing along thanks to just a tiny bit of textural sugars. It's quite lovely, and it showing some richer oily notes developing nicely along the finish.

### 2021 Domäne Wachau *Ried Bruck Federspiel* | Wachau, Austria | 85 bottle

Medium dry old-world Riesling from a super-steep site in the Wachau Valley. Really fun progression from bright citrus to immediately ripe peach and honey dew melon. Light spice and spritz to it too. Fun, yum drinking.

### 2021 Nigl *Privat Ried Hochäcker* | Kremstal, Austria | 255 bottle

A 100-pointer according to James Suckling. Totally incredible. Herby, grapefruity, peach notes on the nose. Intensely minerally, deep, fine and dry. Remarkably good Riesling.

### 2022 Joseph Cattin Riesling | Alsace, France | 80 bottle | 19 glass

Bright and fresh with fleshy stone fruit and citrus on the nose and palate, light spice and ginger notes add a little complexity and contrast to the zippy acid backbone. Interest and approachability for veterans and newcomers alike.

### 2018 Living Roots *Linden Blossom* Riesling | New York, USA | 95 bottle

Golden lemon in the glass, developing citrus blossom and lime marmalade on the nose. Delicately poised Riesling, medium acidity and a plushness to the palate. Floral, medium dry, graceful Riesling from Finger Lakes N.Y.

### 2018 Rippon *Mature Vine* | Central Otago, New Zealand | 145 bottle

Dry and complex Riesling. A beautiful balance to it; still a fresh wine but signs of ageing (bit like myself); citrus and ripe melon on the palate with a slight viscosity. Beautifully crafted. Reminiscent of the Austrian *Smaragd* style.

## Tim's Page

*Who is Tim? Tim is your mate. You know? The fella with discerning taste, loves dry wines with a bit of a backstory or a bit of age on them. Or both. He's keen for a chat, and knows heaps more about wine than Andy. So here's to you Tim – enjoy some speccy's ordered in with you in mind.*

### **2022 Biancoperla *Laila* Verdicchio | Castelli di Jesi, Italy | 75 bottle | 18 glass**

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### **2014 Frankland Estate *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 85 half bottle**

Cute-sized for an elegant sufficiency over lunch, or just a warm-up? Up to you, but we've got some chilled hidden away ready for you. Showing a keenly developed nose of bees wax, lime rind, marmalade, and subtle cardamom spice. A jumping vibrancy to the palate; steely acidity keeping those waxy rich flavours in check with a lovely cut-through and extremely long, silky finish.

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### **2022 Dr. Loosen *Wehlener Sonnenuhr GG* | Mosel, Germany | 180 bottle | 35 glass**

It's like a feather-weight fighter; light of body yet incredibly powerful. Has an airy, delicate nose and an elegance to the lightly textural, fine light mouthfeel. But then there's the power jab of complexity; pineapple, honeydew and green fruits layered, with a hint of spice, over a supreme lengthy, blue slate finish.

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### **2021 Suavia *Monte Carbonare Soave* | Suavia, Italy | 105 bottle**

100% Garganega from pure black volcanic soils, and it sure does show. Earthy and textural dry white. Light citrus, apple blossom, nectarine wrapped around tight acidity. Absolute knockout from a cult producer.

*We've got a little stash of some back vintage Loosen GG's, a Loosen GGR, other various GG's 2016/2017's, multiple vintages of Lark Hill estate Riesling too but not kept cold. We'll chat and give us 30mins to get them chilled..*

## Other Whites

*White wines that aren't Riesling, but we still have love for them. Listed lightest palate weight to heaviest (generally).*

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### 2022 Chalmers *Bush Vine* Inzolia | Murray Darling, Vic | 100 bottle

Sicilian variety grown in the hot dry of Murray Darling. Perfectly suited to the drought-prone spot, bush vine, low yielding and high intensity. Citrus and crunchy white nectarine, a little ginger and star anise spice to it.

### 2022 Ollivier-Cottenceau Muscadet | Sevre-et-Maine, Loire | 70 bottle

A lovely, light, clean sur-lie. Slight salinity, fresh honeydew, rockmelon and gentle lemon on the nose and palate with a softness to it making it extremely quaffable.

### 2023 Stargazer *Tupelo* Field Blend | Coal River Valley, Tas | 90 bottle

Gris, Pinot Blanc, Riesling & Gewurtz blend. Wild Ferment. Aromatic and complex nose, definitely getting whiffs of each varietal. Textural white with soft tingling acidity, melody of tropical and citrus fruits and a savoury mid palate. Fantastic.

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### 2021 Yeringberg Viognier | Yarra Valley, Vic | 110 bottle

Incredibly pure and balanced Viognier. None of that thick, cloying palate that can tarnish the variety. Expressive and bright, this will could live a long time if we let it but its highly enjoyable in its bright youth. Apricot and marzipan give way to almond notes over that acid throughout.

### 2022 Lark Hill Marsanne | Bungendore, Canberra District | 85 bottle

Subtle apricot, spice, white flowers and nougat on the nose with white stone fruit drive on the palate. Medium weighted and ripe, held together with a fine acidity. Biodynamic.

### 2022 Millon *Impressionist* Chardonnay | Eden Valley, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

A single site Chardonnay from Pewsey Vale. Generosity on the nose and palate with toasty, brioche notes underneath ripe nectarine and citrus. Balanced; not too heavy on the old oak maturation and a partial malo leaves a softness and approachability. Great value wine.

### 2022 Mada Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 85 bottle

Natural yeast fermentation, of which 60% is in old French oak for subtly, 40% in concrete to maintain the natural acidity. Partial malolactic conversion. White jasmine on the nose, lime curd on the palate, mineral driven with superb texture. Best of both for this chardy; fresh but with a hint of oak and brioche.

### 2017 Leeuwin Estate *Art Series* Chardonnay | Margaret River, WA | 295 bottle

Such intensity and concentration gracefully kept back a few years for your drinking pleasure. There's a striking citrus blossom and Meyer lemon nose to it, white stone fruit and minerality. It's a truly exceptional wine. One of the world's great Chardonnays.

## The Fizz

*Party time. Limited only by our storage space, otherwise we'd have triple.*

### **NV Gallagher Duet | Jeir, Canberra District | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay *method traditionnelle* with citrus, pear and a light toastiness from time with yeast. Great local bubbles. Simple, clean, balanced.

### **2022 Gilbert Pet-Nat Riesling | Orange, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

Crispy and minimal funk. Cloudy apple cider to the eye, green apple and lime on the nose and palate, mouth-filling fizz. Delicious. GT Young Winemaker of the Year 2021.

### **2018 Dönnhoff Brut Nature Deutschersekt | Nahe, Germany | 160 bottle**

Organic, zero dosage *methode traditionnelle* 100% Riesling. Immediately taken by the toasty brioche notes on the nose, but 44 months on lees will do that. There's yellow grapefruit, super subtle white pepper, and white blossom underneath. A fine mouth-filling mousse with typically high acidity and minerality. There's an elegance, balance and finesse on the finish that makes it a great example of the highest quality German sparkling.

### **NV Swift Cuvée Brut | Orange, NSW | 105 bottle | 22 glass**

Made from two different crops of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, blended post fermentation for consistency. Delicious stone fruit notes, with pronounced licks of brioche and nuttiness. Richness from 5 years on lees. An outstanding bubbles, definitely rivals the big champagne houses.

### **2010 Mount Majura Silurian Late Disgorged | Majura, CBR | 160 bottle**

Bright straw yellow in the glass, belies the wines real age. Disgorged July 2022. Apple and toast aromas, delicate and persistent bead carries the same aromas to the palate, fresh baked croissants come to mind with apple, spice and citrus blossom. Long, dry finish. A remarkable labour of love.

### **2014 Henskens Rankin Blanc de Blanc D2 | Tamar Valley, Tas | 185 bottle**

Pale green-gold in the glass, lime and lemon curds on the nose with pronounced white florals and a nutty richness. Crisp granny smith and citrus on the palate with a creamy mousse and long refined dry finish. Tiny production, tiny producer, better than French. Vegan friendly.

## Rosé

*Pretty, pretty dry, and pretty good with arvo sunshine. Only dry Rosé here.*

### **2023 Collector Shoreline Rosé | Gundagai, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

Deliciously dry Rosé from Sangiovese and Mammolo grapes grown at Gundagai. Pale salmon/copper in colour with lifted dried raspberries and fine dried herbs on the nose and palate. Layered and lovely.

### **2022 Frederick Stevenson Rosé | Barossa Valley, SA | 75 bottle | 18 glass**

A savoury, dry structured rendition of Rosé from Grenache, Cinsault & Mourvedre. Turkish delight and dried Rosé petals on the nose, spice and red apple tangle with red raspberry and dark orange.

### **2023 Quiet Mutiny Charlotte's Illusion Rosé | East Coast, Tas | 75 bottle**

100% Pinot Meunier. Super vibrant nose of red currant, cranberries and ripe raspberry. A layer of dried rose petals and dried cranberry adds complexity and interest on the dry, lengthy juicy palate. Big fan.



## Red Wines – listed lightest to heaviest

### 2022 Linear Pinot Noir | Tumbarumba, NSW | 80 bottle | 19 glass

Distinct deep fleshy red cherry on the nose with a hint of savouriness. Cherry and red plum again on the palate, with a complex of smoky nuttiness. Super fine tannin. Well balanced.

### 2022 Quiet Mutiny *Venus Rising* Pinot Noir | Coal River Valley, Tas | 110 bottle

A supple, complete, small production Pinot from the Apple Isle. Dark cherry, almost brooding deepness for a Tassie Pinot, but a lovely light-footed wine with elegance and generosity across the palate with fine, soft tannins.

### 2021 Grosset Pinot Noir | Piccadilly Valley, SA | 175 bottle

Elegant. Beautifully delicate light fruit with tight acidity throughout the palate. Ripe red cherry and blood plums, fragrant violet and very delicate spice dance along through a long palate. Would recommend a quick decant.

### 2022 Dr. Mayer *Remstal* Pinot Noir | Württemberg, Germany | 135 bottle

Germany produces some fantastic Pinot and this is a great example. Sourced from the Remstal subregion of Württemberg by Yarra Valley based Timo Mayer. Dark blue fruit and dark cherry, starts with a delicate palate weight to begin and then brooding with medium and fine tannins. Red and black plum with baking spice and great length.

### 2022 Somos *Garnacha y Amigos* | McLaren Vale, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Beautifully juicy, light dry red. Grenache is topped up with Dolcetto, Syrah, Malbec and Cab Franc making for a fun wine with red and blue fruit with light tannins. It's a quaffer built for Summer.

### 2021 Dominique Piron *Brouilly* | Beaujolais, France | 105 bottle

Cru Beaujolais. Extremely approachable style of serious gamay. The nose is layered with dark red and blue fruit, clove, anise and cooked strawberries. Black cherry drives the palate over the acid and subtle tannins.

### 2019 Collector *Rose Red City* Sangiovese | Murrumbateman | 95 bottle

Is it Australia's best Sangio? Dunno but it's about as close to chianti classico as you can get. Several of the Tuscan varieties are blended in, Malvasia Nera, Canaiolo, Sagrantino, Colorino & Mammolo, all bringing depth and complexity to a stellar dry, medium bodied red worthy of a decant.

### 2019 Eden Road *Block 71 Cullarin* Syrah | Lake George, CBR | 90 bottle | 22 glass

Shiraz exclusively from the first vineyard ever planted in the district on the verge of Lake George. Pristine quality fruit, all red and blue, light Sichuan pepper through the palate. Fine french oak is evident. Phenomenal length.

### 2019 Living Roots *Depths of the Earth* | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Smooth, quaffable drop of South Australian red. Mostly Shiraz but blended with Montepulciano, Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache. Juicy, smooth and velvety. Cherry and blackcurrant with well balanced tannins.

### 2019 Surveyors Hill Cabernet Franc | Wallaroo, CBR | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Opulent blue fruit and eucalypt nose, there's cassis, liquorice and tight oak too. Juicy on the front palate yet structured, medium palate weight, good length.

### 2021 Te Mata *Awatea* Cabernet/Merlot | Hawke's Bay, NZ | 95 bottle

Youthful medium-bodied red from New Zealand's most consistent producer of Bordeaux blends. Cab Sauv, Merlot, and Cab Franc blended to create a layered, expressive and structured wine with black currant, plum, spice and fine tannin. See over for it's 'big brother'.

## Cellared Red Wines

### 2016 L.A.S *Vino Pirate Blend* | Margaret River, WA | 140 bottle

A super funky, sweet-yet-savoury, spicy red blend of three Portuguese varietals Touriga Nacional, Tinta Cao and Sousao forming a unique medium-bodied curiosity from the west. Damn good wine.

### 2015 Freeman *Secco Rondinella Corvina* | Hilltops, NSW | 150 bottle

Rich and seductive. The grippy tannins are thanks in part to partial dehydration of the grapes; 'secco'. Very much dabbling in the Valpolicella Amarone production to deliver a cacophony of plum and date tones laid over an old gold rum'n'raisin bar. Its delicious. Its big.

### 2012 Farnese *Fantini Cinque Autoctoni* | Abruzzo, Puglia | 165 bottle

A blend of Sanviovese, Primitivo and Sagratino, Montepulciano and negroamaro and it's a big, ripe monster. Dark plum and prunes, vanilla and oak dominate. Juicy and seductive.

### 2017 Charles Melton *Voices of Angels Shiraz* | Adelaide Hills, SA | 265 bottle

The addition of 4% Riesling adds a little extra aromatic and acid to the nose and overall structure. Brilliant length, supple fruit, structured and elegant. A powerhouse shiraz by any other measure but with a finesse of experience.

### 2011 Nick O'leary *Bolaro Shiraz* | 185 bottle

A cool year resulting in a vintage of densely structured and weighted reds and driving acidity. We think it's time to let this one loose now all those factors are balancing and building to this exceptional local shiraz by one of the best.

### 2016 Clonakilla *Shiraz Viognier* | Murrumbateman, CBR | 285 bottle

The Ron Burgundy of Canberra reds; it's kind of a big deal. Great vintage of a super wine; elegant, perfumed, precise, medium-bodied. Simply a great wine and a big reason behind Clonakilla being the flagship of Murrumbateman.

### 2012 Lakebreeze *Bernoota Shiraz/Cabernet* | Langhorne Creek, SA | 95 bottle

A bargain Aussie claret. Big fruit palate has softened over the years adjacent Langhorne's customary menthol tones and grippy tannins.

### 2008 Helm *Premium Cabernet Sauvignon* | Murrumbateman, CBR | 290 bottle

The region's finest Cabernet, with fruit sourced from the Lustenberger vineyard up the road from Helm. Depth of cassis, black plum and eucalypt has not been hindered by age but the tertiary notes of mushrooms and dried herbs add complexity and elegance.

### 2017 Mount Mary *Quintet Cabernet Blend* | Yarra Valley, Vic | 280 bottle

A flagship Aussie Cabernet blend; violet and red fruits on the nose, elegant bright palate. Due to live another 30+ years so best give us a heads up early so we can decant it for a solid hour before drinking.

### 2018 Te Mata *Coleraine* | Hawke's Bay, New Zealand | 310 bottle

OK so maybe not cellared anywhere close to it's ageing potential, but this may well outlast me. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Cabernet Franc blend. Dubbed 'NZ's Grange' which is weird; its not shiraz and its not wildly overpriced. Beautifully perfumed, silky tannins, abundant black fruit and cassis, dark chocolate, rose petals and subtle spice. A wine with everything that you'll grasp after a magnificently long finish.

## Dessert style Rieslings

*From beautifully light, to thick and rich, sweet style Rieslings can do anything! Listed here from least to most residual sugar. 375ml bottles, 75ml glasses unless indicated.*

### **2023 SC Pannell Lenswood Riesling | Adelaide Hills, SA | 85 bottle | 16 glass**

Immediately aware of the higher residual sugar and age, with candied lime and lanolin on the nose. Meyer lemon and lime lead off on the palate with softened acidity and a slick sweet ripe peach finish. **750ml bottle.**

### **2022 Collector Golden Mean Late Harvest Riesling | Collector, CBR | 90 bottle**

The balance, the sweetness, the acid. Not a true Aussie 'sticky' and that's why we love it; it's a very delicate botrytis with zippy lime curd and citrus blossom characters. The palate weight and zesty citrus sherbet pop holds it in balance.

### **2022 Lark Hill Ley-Line | Bungendore, Canberra District | 125 bottle**

Pale green in the glass, totally deceptive of the power and purity to come. Intense lemon and candied lime peel on the nose, lifted floral notes, with a super fine acidity and sweetness. Phenomenally well balanced little dessert wine. **750ml bottle, 75ml glass.**

### **2019 Dönnhoff Niederhauser Hermannshöhle Auslese | Nahe, Germany | 180 Bottle**

Precise and delicate, this is the Nahe deepend right here. An incredibly light palate weight to carry a crisp, sweet tropical fruit punch without the cloying stickiness of a 'sticky'. Really next level stuff.

### **2019 Joh. Jos. Prüm Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 195 bottle | 25 glass**

From the vintage of the century on the famous *Wehlener Sonnenuhr* site. Intensity, balance and purity of fruit. Ripe peach, nectarine and tropical aromas dance with floral notes with a very pretty tangerine acid line throughout. Beautiful semi-botrytised fruit spectrum blends from citrus to stones, with tropical and minerality in the background. Proper lovely stuff. **750ml Bottle.**

### **2019 Dr. Loosen Erdener Prälat Goldkapsel Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 280 bottle**

A kaleidoscope of palate-smashing intensity. From the most revered 4-acre site on red slate soils with 45° gradient. Seductive, complex, ridiculous. One of the finest Rieslings we've ever had. Intense residual sugar overlaid by fine acidity and an immense structure to the wine. There's guava and gooseberry, pine lime and mango to the spectrum with the incredible minerality we've come to know and love from Loosen & the Mosel at large.

### **2013 Dr. Loosen Beerenauslese | Mosel, Germany | 190 bottle**

A vinous treasure. Select berries are taken after being heavily affected by botrytis. Rich and intense, with a totally synchronised nose and palate of honey, apricot, rich and ripe tropical fruit and fine acid holding it together from being too rich. Another jewel in the VDP crown.

## Not wine

### Ciders & Beers in tins

Willie Smith's *Traditional Apple Cider* 5.4%ABV 355ml | Multi-regional, Tas | 12

Capital Brewing *Summit Hazy Mid* 3.5%ABV 375ml | Fyshwick, ACT | 10

Bridge Road Brewers *Little Bling IPA* 3.4%ABV 355ml | Beechworth, Vic | 12

Hawke's Lager 4.2%ABV 375ml | Marrickville, NSW | 9

### Cocktails

#### Negroni | 20

Gin + Campari + Vermouth. No need to mess with it.

#### Aperol Spritz | 18

Aperol, Gallagher Duet, charged with soda. Simple.

#### Spicy Savvy | 19

Embracing our lack of a Sauvignon Blanc; Ambrosia Passionfruit vodka, Artesia vodka, citrus squeeze and muddled chili for a kick and balance.

#### Zoe's OJ | 19

Elixir Blood Orange Gin, Cello Arancello, squeeze of orange and a cheeky sugar rim for an evening version of your classic breakfast pick-me-up.

#### Rum Old Fashioned | 28

A classic stir down old-fashioned using Plantation 2007 'Australia' rum. Garnished with a drunken cherry.

### After dinner beverages

Delord 1979 Tenarèze Armagnac | Bas Armagnac, France | 27 glass

Normandin-Mercier VSOP Cognac | Cognac, France | 25

Stanton & Killeen Classic Muscat | Rutherglen, Vic | 16 glass

Starward Nova Red Wine Barrel Aged Single Malt | Port Melbourne, Vic | 18 glass

### Non-booze beverages

Coca-Cola | Sprite | Coke No Sugar | LLB | Lime + Soda 4

#### No-booze Mojito | 8

Lime, mint and mineral water. The ultimate refresher.

Loosen *Dr Lo Non-Alcoholic Riesling* | Mosel, Germany | 13 glass

Purezza Sparkling Mineral Water | 3pp unlimited

## Spirits & Liqueurs

*Our love is wine so this list is short, but it's all and only high-quality booze.*

Archie Rose Signature Dry Gin | Sydney, NSW | 12

Barton Estate Sangiovese Gin | Murrumbateman, CBR | 14

Brookies Dry Gin | Byron Bay, NSW | 11

Ladbroken Distillery *Elixir* Blood Orange Gin | Tumbarumba, NSW | 14

Darling Distillery Coffee Gin | Melbourne, Vic | 15

Artesia Distillery Vodka | Southern Highlands, NSW | 9

Ambrosia Lemon Myrtle Vodka | Fyshwick, CBR | 11

Ambrosia Passionfruit Vodka | Fyshwick, CBR | 12

Underground Spirits Vodka | Kambah, CBR | 13

Underground Spirits Caramel Vodka | Kambah, CBR | 13

FNQ Distillery *Iridium 5yo* Rum | Queensland | 12

The Aisling Riverina *Shiraz Cask* Rum | Riverina, NSW | 19

Plantation Rum *Australia 2007* Rum | Queensland | 22

The Gospel Straight Australian Rye Whisky | Victoria | 15

Starward *Two-Fold* Double Grain Whisky | Melbourne, Vic | 14

Starward *Nova* Australian Malt Whisky | Melbourne, Vic | 18

Headlands Distilling *Muscat Cask* Single Malt Whisky | Wollongong | 20

Corowa Distilling Co. *Wine Cask* Single Mat | Corowa, NSW | 16

Brookies Slow Gin | Byron Bay, NSW | 12

Brookies *Mac* Macadamia Liqueur | Byron Bay, NSW | 14

Mr Black Coffee Liqueur | Erina, NSW | 11

Aperol | Padua, Italy | 10

Maidenii Sweet Vermouth | Harcourt, Vic | 11

Stanton & Killeen Classic Topaque | Rutherglen, Vic | 16

Stanton & Killeen Classic Muscat | Rutherglen, Vic | 16

Saltram Wine Estate *Mr Pickwick's Particular* Tawny | Angaston, SA | 20

Autonomy *Davo Plum* Bitters | Melbourne, Vic | 14

Henriques & Henriques 5yo Seco Madeira | Madeira, Portugal | 16

*"I'm beastin' off the Riesling"*

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