

WHITE WINE

- 2019 Jasper Hill** Georgia's Paddock Riesling (Heathcote, Victoria) **61**
Arguably one of the best known names in Heathcote wine. Completely dry, with a pleasant citric nose of lemon and lime, even lemon meringue pie, crisp and refreshing acidity in abundance with an extremely long finish. Get it while it lasts.
- 2019 Adelina** Riesling (Clare Valley, South Australia) **45**
What white wine list in this country is complete without a Clare Valley Riesling! This one in particular is a winner. Exotic spice, talc and lavender over juicy lime. It's explosive with tight acidity, a fine chalk dust grip and texture, a tingle of ripe lemon, subtle sweetness, pulling tight and very long on the pure and mineral laced finish. It's a beautiful thing.
- 2018 Two Tonne Ziggurat** Riesling, Gewürztraminer (Tamar Valley, Tasmania) **51**
2018 Two Tonne TMV Riesling (Tamar Valley, Tasmania) **61**
Some of the first wines we've had from Ricky Evans's stand alone operation in Tasmania and we're loving it. The 2018 white is comprised of mostly Riesling which was fermented in barrel and in tank, and a dash of Gewürztraminer which was fermented on skins for a week giving some slight texture and just a hint of turkish delight. Get in quick as this vintage is almost sold out! TMV is a tightly coiled and refined Riesling of streamlined fruit character and delicate finesse. A lick of residual sugar gives this a lovely balance in the mouth, making it brilliant to drink immediately.
- 2015 A.J. Adam** Riesling (Mosel, Germany) **63**
The Grand Cru Hofberg is one of the greatest Mosel vineyards. In 1868 the vineyards of this hill were classified by the Preußen as an extraordinary place to make great Rieslings. The main part of the vineyards in our region are situated on the Mosel river. A stinging example of Mosel, Plenty of fruit balanced by this super vibrant acid line that almost dances the length of your tongue. if you're a riesling fan then you should jump on this action quick as it's our new favourite and we might just drink it all on you.
- 2015 Zilliken** (375ml) Riesling (Mosel, Germany) **31**
Peach, apricot, spring blossoms and wet stone, classic Mosel, just delicious, tangy fun. Concentrated lemon and lime flavors are cut clean through with a razor-sharp spritz acidity, followed by a refreshing grapefruit sherbet twist on the finish. (half bottle)
- N.V. Müller-Catoir** Riesling, Pinot Blanc (Pfalz, Germany) **61**
From one of the premier wine estates along the length of the Rhine comes a wine I'm particularly excited about. It's very unusual to see this wine outside of Pfalz, in fact it took three years of convincing to have the Müller estate release this wine into the world. Mostly Riesling, with lesser amounts of Rieslaner, Scheurebe and Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc) and coming entirely from the 2016 harvest. You won't find the vintage on the bottle as a Gutswein classification doesn't allow for the vintage to be stated. Better rope in some mates as it comes by the litre.
- 2017 Robert Weil Trocken** Riesling (Rheingau, Germany) **84**
I love Robert Weil Wines, I'm fairly certain that me and my regular wine drinking companions are responsible for last vintages scarcity in regional Victoria. The fruit for this 2015 was picked at Spätlese level, bringing remarkable depth that works beautifully to complement the wine's vibrant, crunchy acidity and mineral intensity. This may be Weil's first level wine but it is simply far too good to be called "entry level". Tasted blind you would be sure you were tasting a benchmark. Get in before I do.
- 2013 Gunderloch** Als War ein Stuck von mir Riesling (Rheinhessen, Germany) **85**
The **Als War** has some skins and lees contact, is complex and harmonious. Wines from this region bring me much joy, this is no exception. This is a bold wine that will match many foods, but will be a great exploration of the region as a great drink among friends.
- 2017 Venchiarezza** Pinot Grigio (Friuli, Italy) **63**
This variety is cultivated in northeast Italy. In Friuli, nearly a quarter of the vineyard planted it. The classical Friulian pinot grigio, rich and elegant. Straw yellow colour with typical light copper reflections. Expect mature fruit, yellow pear, banana on the nose with a silken texture with lively minerality.
- 2019 Arfion** Pinot Grigio (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **49**
If you're into fun flexible whites, this is for you! Apple and brown pear, rose and spicy cinnamon aromas with a hint of bread crust goodness. The palate is dry, savoury and textural with preserved lemon rind, fennel and pear flavours. Had I said all of that without referring to a wine you might well think I was talking about Apple pie.
- 2017 Silver Spoon Estate** Cambrian White Viognier (Heathcote, Victoria) **47**
One of my favourite verities come the warmer months, rich texture with heaps of pear and apricot harmonising with other tropical fruits. wonderfully fresh vibrant a perfect bottle among some friends in the laneway.

- 2018 Boomtown White** Blend (Castlemaine, Victoria) **47**
 Love these guys! Great unusual wines made by some local legends. This years "white" is a blend of six grape varieties from five sites in Central Victoria. From north to south; Albarino for Colbinabbin, Riesling and Viognier from Tooborac, Vermentino from Redesdale, Pinot Gris from Mt Alexander and Chardonnay from Faraday. The grapes where all processed individually, ranging from whole bunch pressing with press cut selection's, destemmed cold soaks, and destemmed pressing. A quality quaffer.
- 2014 M.Chapoutier Bila-Haut** Grenache Blanc, Grenache gris (Cotes du Roussillon , France) **38**
 The Roussillon history is complex and compelling, and has at times been quite violent. Terraces on stony soil, with a rich geological background and a climate that man has adopted for his crops. The Roussillon was bound to attract Michel Chapoutier's attention. An aromatic blend of Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris and Macabeu Billa-Haut has a pleasing round palate with great acidity finished with mild minerality.
- 2018 Mas de Libian** Cave Vinum Roussanne, Viognier, Clairette (Rhône, France) **69**
 Biodynamic blanc. Hélène Thibon's small-batch white comes from a blend of low-cropped, hand-harvested Roussanne, Viognier and Clairette. Racy, pulpy, orchard-fruited, and lemon curd-noted white Rhône. Awesome hooch.
- 2016 Lorca Fantasia** Torrontes (Lorca Valley , Argentina) **56**
 Torrontés is Argentina's white grape of choice. This fresh, clean example is a greenish yellow colour. Maximum expression of fruit. Strong presence of floral notes, jasmine, and citrus notes. Good freshness and a long finish. Perfect paired with some seafood or quaffed as is!
- 2016 Betes Curieuses** Muscadet (Loire Valley, France) **66**
 Wonderfully complex nose with oodles of citrus zest and lemon pie, wonderful mineralogy and zipping acidity on the palate. a great side step from riesling for those looking to step out of their comfort zone, But get in quick it's fast becoming a staff favourite.
- 2016 Grosset Apiana** Fiano (Clare Valley, South Australia) **71**
 Pretty much the first wine to spring to mind when we asked ourselves, hey who makes a bling'n Fiano? Opulent, bright fruit with perfectly balanced texture and acidity with this persistent finish. Sam's new favourite spring wine.
- 2016 Ravensworth Fiano & Friends** Fiano blend (Ravensworth, New South Wales) **52**
 Fiano, from the Hilltops, with a little Pinot Grigio and Riesling. Just a lovely gluggable wine this summer. Chill it down, break out the snacks and sun lounges. Full of citrus, pear and flowers, a wine with a little texture and a lot of drinkability. Attack it now!
- 2018 Pieropan Soave Classico** DOCG Gargenega, Trebiano (Soave , Italy) **57**
 grapes grown around the medieval village of Soave in Northern Italy. Soave wine is known for its melon-and-orange-zest flavors as well as its ability to improve with age. As good as Soave has become in recent years, the region is still very undervalued, hence bang for buck. Pioeropan is the oldest family owned vineyard in the region producing wines used as the Benchmark for the style.
- 2017 Chateau de la Roulerie P'tit Chenin** Chenin Blanc (Loire Valley, France) **61**
 Chenin but not as you may have had it before. Expect a heap of fresh pineapple, peach and white fruit flavours. It is crisp and dry, with an attractive touch of honey. A great match for anything with a little spice.
- 2018 Aller Trop Loin** Sauvignon Blanc (Yarra Valley ,Victoria) **55**
 As long as you're cool with some very slight cloudiness you're in for a treat. Crafted from grapes grown at Bulong Estate in Yarra, a 22 year old vineyard on loamy clay and siltstone soil, this fruit was destined for the Estate range until after tasting Mark decided that this was too good for fining and filtering so left it as is! Wonderful aromatics with balanced acidity and just the right amount oh herbaceousness.
- 2017 Telera Pernella** Sauvignon Blanc / Fume Blanc (Mornington Peninsula, Victoria) **48**
 Pernella is an expression of Mornington Peninsula Sauvignon Blanc. Richly textured, it's made from estate-grown handpicked grapes, barrel fermented in selected French oak. Heaps of peach and passionfruit on the nose, pleasing acidity, balanced with tropical fruits, citrus and a lingering finish.
- 2018 Sorrenberg** Sauvignon Blanc, Semillion (Beechworth,Victoria) **63**
 It was a pretty touch call on how Sorrenberg would be represented on the list as they just make so many belting wines, but what they do do exceptionally well that few can match is this! A mixture of fresh citrus fruits, some floral notes subtle herbal lick with tight Minerality with bright grapefruit notes on the palate. Some of Beechworths finest.
- 2011 Chalkers Crossing** Semillon (Young, New South Wales) **45**
 I have always hated Semillon. Then I tried the Aged Vat 1 From Tyrrells which blew my mind. Then I hated Semillon even more because to find one even worthy of knocking the air out of a glass near me, I was up for hundreds of dollars. Yeah, Nah. This isn't Tyrrells Vat 1 but it is an excellent expression of Aussie Semillon with a little age. Very well worth a look.

- 2017 Domaine Goisot Aligote** Aligote (D'Auxerre, France) **84**
 Aligoté is notorious for requiring old vines and the right soils to produce wines of quality, and Goisot's holdings nail the brief (parcels of 40 and 92 year old vines). The soils are made up of ancient clays, littered with fossilised oyster shells and limestone. A clean and precise bouquet with lime, flower scents, limestone and a whiff of sea spray. On the Palate expect a slightly waxen texture, lemon and tangerine notes all tied up with a dash of spice. A super fun textual wine and well worth a look.
- 2017 Bondar** Chardonnay (Adelaide Hills, South Australia) **57**
 Andre Bondar worked with Nepenthe for seven vintages, so when it came to finding a quality source for Chardonnay in the Adelaide Hills, he knew exactly what he was after. Expect flinty, lean citrus and green apple notes, with some stone fruit. Nice, stony-minerally, fresh perfume. Palate is racy, crisp, light and sleek with mouthwatering green apple-white pear kind of feel with fine minerally characters to boot.
- 2018 Two Tonne Ziggurat** Chardonnay (Tamar Valley, Tasmania) **65**
 This is the first release of Ziggurat Chardonnay from, Ricky Evans. A portion of this wine was fermented on skins, in search of more interesting texture without resorting to intense oak for mouthfeel and this nails it, resulting in a a more savoury, "smashable" version of Chardonnay.
- 2017 Garagiste Merricks** Chardonnay (Mornington Peninsula, Victoria) **69**
 If you've been to The Dispensary in the last three years and you drink Pinot Noir there's a good chance you've sampled some Garagiste juice, and this is by far a stand out. Sourced from the Merricks Grove vineyard, the fruit for this wine was hand sorted twice and produced in two ways, one fermenter of destemmed berries and another of whole bunches. These two fermenters are then blended together. This is a deep, lively and savoury expression of Mornington, suuuuuuper drinkable. Expect a wonderfully, succulent Pinot Noir packed with red plum, spice and dark cherry notes before a lingering, perfumed finish that suggests amaro spice and offers a lick of fine, supporting tannins.
- 2017 Arfion** Chardonnay (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **63**
 Arfion, meaning "our wine" in Scottish Gaelic" is a small batch single vineyard, independently owned producer rolling out quality from Yarra Valley. The Chardonnay being an excellent example of what they're all about. Nutty, just ripe nectarine and white flower aromatics. A slightly savoury style with a textural mouthfeel and a lick of orange zest.
- 2016 Six Parallel South** Chardonnay (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **63**
 Another winner for Both Mark Sztar and more widely the Kosher wine drinking community. A chardonnay that's right up my alley. Stone fruit, citrus and vanilla on the nose. Lemon, green apples and grapefruit with this rounding nuttiness on the palate. A wonderfully balanced circus forward Chardonnay. If you like young Chablis, this is for you.
- 2017 Denton Shed** Chardonnay (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **66**
 An excellent example of the more textural style of chardonnay endemic to Yarra. Made by Luke Lambert in a fuller-bodied style. One of Finnos new faves!
- 2018 Bindi Kostas Rind** Chardonnay (Macedon, Victoria) **88**
 Despite being an avid Dees supporter we like Michael Dhillon, one of those people who's passion is irrefutably evident in the products they produce. Kostas with fragrant notes of orange blossom, nectarine stone, spice and subtle nuttiness with a tight long and clean acidic finish. Stunning example of chardonnay.
- 2017 Trenal Beaujolais Blanc** Chardonnay (Beaujolais, France) **51**
 Straight up chardonnay off twenty-five year old vines this "Beaujolais Blanc" is produced on two parcels in the south of the region. The first, located in the "Pierres Dorées", gives the wine a zesty aspect coming from the limestone. The second, with granitic soil in the area of Montmelas, gives it elegant mineral notes. A golden hue offering up white peach and apricot with good acid and length.
- 2017 Moreau Naudet Peteit Chablis** Chardonnay (Chablis, France) **100**
 Naudet makes such a wonderful example of Peteit Chablis, crisp a lean with all those gorgeous lemon tart characteristics structured with firm bracing acidity. If you haven't had a look a Naudet and you're a lover of lean chardonnay have a go. But get in quick as we only got six and the boss drank one....
- 2016 Oliver Morin Circonstances** Chardonnay (Burgundy, France) **76**
 Aromas of white flower and fresh citrusy notes. On the palate this classic Chardonnay is energetic and precise with a nice texture and a fruity character, balanced by great acidity. It truly expresses the mineral soils of Chitry with an elegant, fresh lime and salty finish.

2014 Nicole Deriaux Domaine De Montbourgeau Chardonnay (Jura, France) **98**

Domaine de Montbourgeau vineyard was planted in 1920 by Nicole's grandfather. Since then it has produced traditional Jura wines. In 1956 Nicole's father, Jean Gros became the head of the family and took is turn developing the vineyard and the cellar. Then in 1986 some thirty years later it was finally time for Nicole to take part in the operation of the Domaine with her father. This is a wine for the ages. Acidity balanced with an underlying, concentrated body with complex notes of beeswax, honey and resin as well as some mineralogy. For those that haven't tried 'vin jaune' style Chardonnay, Expect some fairly aggressive oxidation as its made in a very similar style to sherry, developing under a flor-like ceiling of yeast.

2010 Domaine Parigot Clos St jean, 1ere Cru Chardonnay (Chassagne - Montrachet Burgundy, France) **160**

The hillside above Clos Saint-Jean is occupied by a large quarry, which serves to demonstrate the area's soil profile. This soil is pebbly and chalky, underpinned by the limestone that is found along most of the Cote d'Or. The porosity of the soil, as well as the slope of the hill, makes for good drainage, and vines will grow deep into the ground in search of moisture. This Premier Cru offers up layers of toasted almonds and caramel underscoring the baked apple, mineral and spice. A smooth creamy finish is cleansed by the fresh acidity and a tinge of pineapple, a finish that will send you back for another sip time and time again.

2008 Deux Montille Sueur et frère Sous Fretille 1ere Cru Chardonnay (Pernand-Vergelesses Burgundy, France) **128**

It's often tough to find great Burg in shitty growing years in the better known vineyards of the region, however if you have a good gander around and do some leg work you can find some absolute winners in hither to unknown appellations. Expect some serious complexity, classic burgundian fruit characteristics working along side some toasted oak, all this held together by a still present fine acid line that persists the length of the wine.

ORANGE & PINK

2016 Aller Trop Loin Pinot Gris (on Skins) (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **50**

Not your average Pinot Gris, For starters its lurid pink. Left on skins for texture and colour and boy is it gnarly. The closest I can liken it to is cranberry juice with a hint of spritz. Not at all like the other gris getting around but worth a crack if you want to try something a little funky. Adult fruit juice.

2018 Gentle Folk Scary Gully White Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay (Adelaide Hills, South Australia) **53**

A Sauvignon blanc/ Chardonnay co-ferment from the schist of the back block. Couple of buckets of Gewurztraminer skins thrown into the mix. Two weeks of whole bunches covered in juice slowly going through carbonic maceration. Definitely not orange, just texture and aromatics for days.

2019 Jean Paul Riesling, Syrah (Mount Alexander, Victoria) **45**

We like Jean Paul, he's a interesting guy doing some interesting things with co & barrel ferment. A complimentary blend of riesling and syrah results in a "greater than the sum of their parts deals". Vibrant cherry and cranberry fruit with a little barrel ferment funk.

*"Wine improves with age. The older I get,
the better I like it."*

-Anon

