

RED WINE

- 2018 Lethbridge Menage a Noir** Pinot Noir (Geelong, Victoria) **47**
I can't speak more highly of the fine folks at Lethbridge, I'm yet to try one of their wines that I didn't love. This Pinot certainly isn't braking the trend. Dark cherry, Satsuma plum and berry aromas with some funky, earthy spice, and forest-floor traces. Vibrant, berry flavours, crunchy tannins and elegant mouthfeel with a lingering fresh finish. Pretty sure i'll give this one a work out for a while.
- 2017 Garagiste Merricks** Pinot Noir (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.
- 2016 Telera Su Mar** Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula , Victoria) **70**
Everything about this vintage was favourable, flowering, fruit set, intermittent rain and steady ripening season produced simply stunning fruit from a very happy healthy Vinyard. Expect complexity, richness, structure and balance in spades. Su Mar is made from a clonal blend of estate-grown handpicked grapes. It's wild fermented in an open vat, and pressed and aged for 12 months in selected French oak. An alluring wine of spice, berry and savoury intensity, with a balanced and silky finish.
- 2016 Hochkirch Maximus** Pinot Noir (Grampians, Victoria) **55**
Crimson brick red colour. Slightly cloudy. Medium body. Lightly perfumed nose with aromas of spice, plum, cherry and stewed fruit followed by a strawberry end note. The palate has good weight with silky texture and velvet tannins with a hint of stalk over a cherry, spice and earth background. Soft, velvet tannins. Aftertaste of stalk, spice and cherry with just a hint of liquorice.
- 2014 Lupe Cholet Clos de Lupe** Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France) **118**
2015 Lupe Cholet Clos de Lupe Pinot Noir (Burgundy, France) **98**
Kinda was addicted to this producer a few years ago, not life ruining addiction, but easily a bottle a week with friends. Rarely have I found a burgundy of this quality at this price. Bright garnet-red colour, lovely fruitiness, with aromas of strawberries, blackcurrant, red fruit and sweet spices. Expect up front red fruit with some lovely savouriness with a fine tannic structure.
- 2018 Bindi Original Vineyard** Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **110**
2018 Bindi Dixon Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **82**
2015 Bindi Kaye Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **120**
2018 Bindi Block 5 Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **150**
Michael Dhillon continues to fashion exceptional wines from his small parcel of land a short drive from here. As always his wines have extraordinary depth, complexity & weight. High in demand these wines sell out upon release. We are luck enough to have access to the release these exceptional wines. Get in quick, when they're gone, they're gone.
- 2016 Domaine Goisot Corpes De Garde Cotes d'Auxerre** Pinot Noir (Cotes d'Auxerre, France) **118**
Every so often you get shown something special, something intersting and exciting. In this instance wines from a place I knew very little about made by a team I'd never heard of, working tirelessly to produce stunning wines in what is considered a "lessor appellation". Like all of France's greatest winegrowers, father and son Jean-Hughes and Guilhem Goisot work tirelessly in their vineyards to produce the highest standards of grapes possible. The vineyards are planted to 10,000 vines per acre as opposed to the regional average of roughly half this. The viticulture is certified biodynamic and yields are kept very low. They use only homeopathic, natural treatments in the vineyard and harvests are done exclusively by hand, with several passes through the vineyard. In the winery the philosophy is classic 'minimalist' with natural yeasts, minimal fining and or filtration only if required. The wines of Domaine Goisot are for those open minded drinkers who don't drink vineyard names but rather are more concerned with the quality and integrity they find in the glass – in this case they will find a great deal of both. A certified biodynamic Pinot Noir the **Corpes De Garde** has a simple but pleasant black plum and raspberry coulis-scented nose, slightly confit in style. The palate is quite structured and grippy, with a lick of savoury bell pepper towards the finish.
- 2018 Place of Changing Winds Tradition** Pinot Noir, Syrah (Macedon, Victoria) **57**
Place of Changing Winds is the vineyard project of Bibendum's founder and owner Robert Walters. It is a single site in the Macedon Ranges of Victoria where Walters and his team began planting in 2012. prior to this, Walters had searched for almost five years to find the right location until Michael Dhillon of Bindi called him one day to say, "I've found your property!". Rob's motto of 'No compromise, no regrets' is one shared by more and more winemakers in Australia as they push boundaries wine production practices. "Tradition" is a blend of the two styles of red Rob produces, declassified Estate Pinot Noir blended with Heathcote Syrah. With the two varieties providing a great foil for one another, you can expect lots of crunchy red fruits, some rose like hints, bright, peppery freshness and a long, tangy close. Get in quick as it's already sold out.

2016 Adrien Berlioz Suzanne Mondeuse (Savoie, France) **87**

We get excited by some strange things here at The Dispensary, fresh tea towels for example bring us a perverse amount of joy. But being brought a product that you know nothing about tops the lot. Never having tried any other Mondeuse before it's hard to compare it to its counterparts. Mondeuse is a red French wine grape variety that is grown primarily in the Savoy region of eastern France. The grape can also be found in Argentina, Australia, California, Switzerland and Sicily. Plantings of Mondeuse noire was hit hard during the phylloxera epidemic of the mid to late 19th century which nearly wiped out the vine from eastern France. Think Mourvèdre weight but leaning far more to a dryer savoury expression, super food flexible and properly morish.

2016 Muhr-Van der Niepoort Cuvée vom Berg blaufrankisch (Carnuntum, Austria) **57**

This wine's subtle, savory nose has the merest hint of redcurrant. It's light in body, with a curious combination of rusticity and elegance. Shimmering, peppery spice shines amid the tart fruit on the translucent, grippy and very fresh palate. All this wrapped up in a long dry finish

2018 Daniel Bouland Morgon Corcelette Gamay (Beaujolais, France) **79**

Bouland has been on of our favourite producers for a couple of years here at the D and these new vintages do nothing but affirm our love. The Morgon, drawn from one of the better known areas of Beaujolais, is a different beast, Bright dark red core with black tinged edges and a vibrant purple red hue. The intensely perfumed nose features scents of violets and rose petals intermixed with ripe red cherry, red currant, plum and strawberry fruit notes. Mush more of a savoury expression of Gamay.

2016 Trelenel Saint Amour Gamay (Beaujolais, France) **50**

Saint-Amour is the most northerly appellation and one of the most famous due in part to its romantic name. Wines are usually among the lightest of the Beaujolais crus, offering notes of spiced berry and stone fruit, together with a nice minerality. This example opens up nicely in the glass to reveal intense notes of ripe red fruit raspberry, cherry, redcurrant backed up with hints of liquorice, leather and silken tannins.

2018 Pierre - Marie Chermette Griottes Gamay (Beaujolais, France) **53**

My goodness I love Beauj, I know it's bad to say you love one kid more than another..... But Beauj is for sure me favourite kid. The 2018 Beaujolais Griotte reveals a lovely bouquet of cherries, blackberries and licorice, followed by a medium to full-bodied, fleshy, fruit-driven palate framed by melting tannins. It's a gourmand, succulent and keenly priced red that's already drinking well. If you've not yet had a crack at the varietal this is the perfect bottle to get you started.

2010 Mauro Veglio Barolo Arborina Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy) **193**

The **Mauro Veglio** family has been growing grapes for generations. In 1992 they decided to stop on-selling their grapes to concentrate on making their own wine - and in 20 years they have become one of the leaders in Piedmont. **2010 Arborina's** are Ruby red coloured with garnet reflections, fresh scents of small red fruits, raspberry, redcurrant and wild roses that evolve into licorice and spice notes. Very complex and extremely delicate at same time, it shows all the elegance of La Morra terroir. When the wine first enters the market it is fresh and a little austere, but still harmonious and balanced. With time the wine softens a little, but maintains the initial character for many years, particularly if stored in an ambient place that is fresh and humid without temperature variations. The 2010 is a powerfully built wine that is still tightly wound.

2013 Josetta Saffirio Barolo Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy) **111**

Classic Barolo, this opens with aromas of violet, red berries and underbrush. The juicy palate shows raspberry jam, tobacco and clove alongside fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. Suuuuuper tasty.

2015 Mclvor Estate Nebbiolo (Heathcote, Victoria) **55**

We try not to pick favourite children here at The Dispensary, but oh boy is this wine getting something awesome for Christmas. Attractively savoury, think a little dried rosemary, with a fine tannin structure held by this wonderful fruit drive and vibrancy. Sure to be a new local favourite.

2017 Ravensworth Sangiovese (Murrumbateman, New South Wales) **68**

There's six different vineyards from Hall, Murrumbateman, Hilltops and Gundagai contributing to this years vintage. A beautiful medium bodied wine that carries fragrant dark cherry, floral and spice aromas with a fine textural palate. This is the fifteenth year that Ravensworth has produced Sangiovese and it just keeps getting better!

2018 Gil Graves Sangiovese (Axedale, Victoria) **47**

Kaye and Ken are two of the loveliest folks you'll ever have the pleasure of meeting, genuine souls working tirelessly to bring great wine to market. We've been lucky enough over the course of the last few years to be a part of that experience. When Ken called with a new Sangiovese I was thrilled to find it was, at least in my opinion, the best juice from them to hit bottle yet! A great balance of sweet and savoury notes with a firm but fine tannin structure. Great with a little food. Do yourself a favour.

2018 Vanita Organico Nero D'Avola (Sicily, Italy) **46**

Love it when we find a absolute gem of a wine at an even better price point. Packed full of red and dark fruits, spice and balsamic balanced with a touch of something floral. You're looking at our new dinner party red.

- 2018 Mandurang Valley** Malbec (Mandurang, Victoria) **52**
 Generation three hot off the tank! This is the first wine produced by Wes and Pams grandson Oliver and we must congratulate him on a belting first vintage. Classic Aussie Melbec, deep purple with blueberry and rich cherry balanced out with intense spiced plum and chocolate.
- 2013 Mayu Carménère** Carménère (Elqui Valley, Chile) **49**
 Grown on Chile's most northerly Vineyard Mayu Carmenere is a flagship of Chilean viticulture. This wine itself is very ripe with excellent tannin and fruit expression. A perfect match with cured meat or something with a little char.
- 2017 Sutton Grange** Aglianico (Bendigo, Victoria) **82**
 Don't you love it when you find something new and amazing! Like when your mate told you to mix maltase's and popcorn in the same mouthful! New and unusual variety finds is what excites us wine nerds. Aglianico is a black grape from the southern regions of Italy, mostly Basilicata and Campania. Mel at Sutton grange has taken this hither to unknown varietal (unless you often take an Italian holiday) and produced a stunning wine. Dried cranberry and raspberry aromas, with rose petals and pink peppercorn. The palate is red fruited, with sinewy, drying tannins framed by bright acidity. Get in quick as you might not see it again for a couple of vintages.
- 2013 Mclvor Estate Giannisceddu** Sangiovese, Cabernet (Heathcote, Victoria) **84**
 I still struggle to pronounce this wine no matter how many times Cynthia very patiently sounds it out for me, but lets put that aside as the juice itself is awesome. A "super Tuscan" blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon makes for a suuuuper moreish savoury food wine. Heaps of primary red fruits, raspberries and cranberries courtesy of the the Sang bolstered by a fine tannin structure and savoury spice from the Cab. Hopefully I'll learn how to pronounce it before we run out.
- 2018 Aller Trop Loin Fu Manchu Summer Red** Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc (Bendigo, Victoria) **46**
 Every year Mark Sztar from Six Parallels south releases a fun funky non kosher wine for the masses to glug. This year is a fun summer red comprised of Bendigo Shiraz and Yarra Valley Sauvignon Blanc. Imagine all the the fruit tones of a shiraz without the tannic structure and well basked off on the secondary savoury elements. Make sure to get a look at the bottle as it pays homage to the classic kung fu movies of the 70s. **Served Chilled.**
- 2018 Tellurian GSM** Grenache, Shiraz, Mourvèdre (Heathcote, Victoria) **48**
 A pretty classic and wonderfully balanced blend, although a little havieron the Mourvedre than is custom, from the fine folks at Tellurian. Lifted aromas of wild strawberry, raspberry and savoury spice. sweet red fruits lighting up the mid palate, and hints of cranberry leading to balanced finish, with super fine tannins. A superb expression of the region.
- 2018 Spinifes Esprit** Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro (Barossa Valley, South Australia) **52**
 Fashioned from 56% Grenache, 40% Mataro and a seasoning of Barossa Shiraz, 2018 marks a cracking release for Pete Schell's emblematic Esprit blend. It has been sourced from a selection of very old vineyards on the northern (Ebenezer), western (Moppa) and eastern edges (Angaston Foothills) of the Barossa, as well as from Springton in Eden Valley. Vine ages range from 75 to over 150 years, and all sites are dry grown with minimal vineyard inputs--old vineyards grown the old way. A bang'n mid week bottle.
- 2016 F.Jeantet** Grenache, Shiraz, (Rhône, Valley, France) **57**
 Super tasty Rhône expression, mostly grenache offering plenty of vibrant red fruit drive balanced and structured by a solid lick of syrah. a nice step up from Pinot well staying in that light red category.
- 2016 Armstead Estate Moorabbee road** Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **56**
 Produced by low yielding mature vines just off the road for which this wine is named. A medium bodied Shiraz with lovely fruity aromas licks of spice and a rounded finish. A very drinkable wine with flavours of cherry and blackberry and just a hint of licorice. Well worth a trip out to the banks of lake Eppalock to enjoy the cellar door and a little BYO lunch. Tell Tom and Emily we sent you.
- 2013 Vina Marson** Shiraz, Viognier (Heathcote, Victoria) **56**
 Ruby red in colour, the 2012 Syrah possesses attractive notes of plum, tar, black olive and sweet vanilla. This funky wine has a dark and attractive palate of blood plum, dark chocolate with a sweet and toasty finish. A delightful expression of Shiraz from one of Australia's most renowned Shiraz regions with just a lick (7%) of Viognier to round the edges.
- 2017 Condie Estate The Gwen** Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **50**
 Located in the far east Heathcotes Cambrian soil, along Wild Duck creek, Condie are making wines to best reveal not only varietal but also Heathcotes unique terroir. After maturation in a blend of both new and old French oak for 15 months, the result is a rich, full bodied, fruit driven Shiraz with dark plum, blackberry and cherry fruit characters, well balanced acid with fine tannins.
- 2018 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock** Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **122**
 A Heathcote institution if there ever was one, when I mention Heathcote wines so often the next words spoken are of Jasper Hill and their belting wines. Suuuuper black core with a deep dark red black hue. Powerful blackberry, liquorice and dark plum scents are followed by hints of black cherries, toasted cedar, and spicy dark chocolate. Rich with bang'n intensity, lusty flavours of ripe blackberries, dark plums, liquorice, dark chocolate and black cherries swamp the mouth with a base of firm ripe chewy tannins providing the framework. If you want to try "Heathcote" this is the wine to do it with.

- 2016 Six Parallel South** Merlot (Bendigo, Victoria) **51**
 The blow inflicted to Merlot by the 2004 film 'Sideways' may very well be irreparable, but I'm going to do my bit. Red and blue plums, berry compote with undertones of cedar. Ripe blue fruits, blackberries and fruit cake with hints of mocha. all wrapped up in a velvety mouthfeel with smooth tannin. A belting expression of bendigo fruit
- 2015 Ellis Wines** Merlot (Colbinabbin, Victoria) **49**
 Dense purple /red colour with the aroma of red plums and some herbacious notes showing. Good firm tannins on front palate followed by nicely balanced fruit flavours and a mouth filling finish. Despite the famous line from Sideways, you should drink this Merlot.
- 2017 Sutton Grange** Fiarbank Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot (Bendigo, Victoria) **49**
 black dark crimson red colour with deep dark red hue. Exhibiting lifted scents of blackcurrant intermixed with leather followed by some cedar, cigar box like characters and spice the nose shows good intensity. On the palate blackcurrant flavours are followed by some earthy cedar and spice with a leathery back palate. Dry still quite firmish tannins give the wine a chewy mouthfeel. Aftertaste of blackcurrant, leather and earthy cedar.
- 1996 Wynns** Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra, South Australia) **100**
 First released in 1954, Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon is produced from only the top 20 to 25 per cent of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit grown in our terra rossa vineyards. With a reputation for ageing gracefully and displaying excellent varietal and regional characteristics, the Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 continues this fine tradition. With a wonderful purple hue and intense black core, the 2006 vintage smells of juicy mulberries and cherries, with hints old dark fruit and creamy oak. The palate contains medium bodied cassis flavours, supported by fine tannins and integrated French oak.
- 2004 Majella** Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawarra, South Australia) **00**
 Regarded as one of Coonawarra's greatest wines, it continues to win trophies and medals throughout Australia and the world. Magenta in colour, with a deep red hue. Mint, eucalypt and dark fruit aromas are evident on the nose, with a palate of plums and hints of fruitcake complexity give great length and backbone. Fruit, oak and tannin concentration will reward your patience, the best bit is, we've done the waiting for you!
- 2009 Chateau Liversan** Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot (Bordeaux, France) **98**
 Classified as a Cru Bourgeois in 1932, this splendid estate built in 1850 was formerly owned by the Marquis de Latresne during the 18th century and by the Prince Guy de Polignac from 1984 until the takeover by the Lapalu family in 1995. A stinging example of Haut - Medoc, and a favourite of a few of our regulars, Get in quick!

*"Age appears best in four things: old wood to burn,
 old wine to drink, old friends to trust and old
 authors to read."*

-Francis Bacon