

Looking back, the journey began long ago on the other side of the earth. As an expat living in London, something about the treasure trove of international vinous offerings available seemingly at every corner 'off-license', expanded my somewhat shielded 'Californian' experience of wine.

An intense fascination was sparked, and consequently a need to learn about and taste wines from all over the planet –all the while marvelling in the diversity, complexity as well as the sheer power of a living liquid in a bottle being able to evoke such a sense of place and time. Not to mention the sheer olfactory and palate delight and wonder to be had when enjoying wine, whether it be on its own or matched with some morsel of match made in heaven!

This list is constantly evolving, as is our journey of discovery in wine. Nothing, besides drinking the stuff, brings us more joy than talking about it – so please feel free to chat about wine in any way, shape or form....

All our wines are carefully curated and respectfully handled for your enjoyment by our team and within our fastidious cellar environments. Please don't hesitate to ask if you would like something "off-list" as the cellar certainly may have some hidden treasures.....

Yours in Wine

Lou Perri

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Put simply, a thin, hollow needle slides through the foil and cork into the bottle. The bottle is then pressurised with argon (a harmless gas sans odor and taste), which pushes wine back out through the needle and into your glass without letting any oxygen into the bottle. Once the needle is removed, argon is left in its place (hence no oxidation), the cork reseals itself and the remaining wine continues to naturally age as if it was never touched. We are delighted to offer these fabulous wines by the glass for your enjoyment

Sparkling, Rose and White Wines by the **GLASS**-150ml pour

NV Emily Redbank Pinot Chardonnay Sparkling 200ml piccolo	(King Valley, VIC)	9
<i>Pale straw in colour with a persistent bead-creamy texture and fine line of citrus acidity, crisp and refreshing finish.</i>		
NV Pol Roger	(Epernay, France)	32
<i>A floral, pastry rich Champagne, blended from 30 wines from different vineyards and vintages. The result is a classic style of Champagne</i>		
2016 Ata Rangi Rose	(Martinborough, NZ)	14
<i>Full aromas of sweet summer red fruits meld with a touch of spice from Syrah and the plummy notes of Merlot in this 2016 release</i>		
2016 Alasia Moscato di Asti	(Piemonte, Italy)	12
<i>Heady and Delicious, off-dry, crisp and intensely aromatic. Classic Moscato di Asti!</i>		
2016 Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc	(Marlborough, NZ)	11
<i>Passionfruit, gooseberries and citrus with grassy herbaceous notes-flavours of passionfruit, citrus, subtle herbaceous characters</i>		
2016 Pascal Reverdy Sancerre "Terre de Maimbray"	(Sancerre, France)	25
<i>Herbaceous grassy characters intermix with lime and fresh herb infusions followed by citrus, light pencil shaving and spice. Great wine.</i>		
2016 Martinborough Vineyard Te Tera Pinot Gris	(Martinborough, NZ)	13
<i>Textural elements come to the fore, imparting pithy rich fruit that is beautifully balanced w/ a small amount of residual sugar.</i>		
2009 William Fevre Bougros Grand Cru	(Chablis, France)	35
<i>Bougros is regularly among the finest Fèvre releases- spicy, flinty with nuances of tropical fruit and layers of creamy fruit in the mouth</i>		
2016 Vasse Felix Premier Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA)	13
<i>Bright nectarine and white peach fragrance- lightly grilled citrus, hazelnut, lanolin, spiced tea and a deeper parmesan biscuit complexity</i>		
2011 Etienne Sauzet Bourgogne	(Bourgogne, France)	21
<i>Muted nose of lemon and honeydew. Beautiful palate. Lemon, lime, spice, gravel, almond paste, and vanilla. Great white burg at this level...</i>		
2013 Dry River Chardonnay	(Martinborough, NZ)	21
<i>A crispy green hue encapsulates the golden core of this vibrant wine- typical flavours of citrus, white nectarine and hazelnuts are all there</i>		
2012 MESH Riesling	(Eden Valley, SA)	16
<i>Zesty lemon and grapefruit with a hint of dried green herb and spice. The palate is lively and generous, with citrus fruit and hints of talc</i>		
2016 Salomon Weiden and Berg Gruner Veltliner	(Kremstal, Austria)	14
<i>Distinctly earthy notes-juicy, ripe, yellow pear and a savory, herbal touch- lovely wine with a very savoury finish</i>		
2009 Brokenwood Oakey Creek Semillon	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	20
<i>Beautiful colour, citrus and florals.. Beeswax and then 'toast'. Quite often a 'restrained' palate but plenty of citrus pith and perfect acidity.</i>		
2015 Greco Di Tufo, Ciro Picariello	(Campania, Italy)	18
<i>Stunning white wine, savoury, very minerally, long and complex. Ciro's description: 'orange blossom, citrus peel, melon and green olive...</i>		
2016 Marc Bredif Vouvray Classic	(Loire Valley, France)	15
<i>Fine bouquet, full aromas of white flowers and yellow fruit such as pears, citrus notes such as grapefruit. lovely wine, ripe and refreshing.</i>		
2016 Prunotto Roero Arneis DOCG	(Piemonte, Italy)	15
<i>Straw yellow in colour, intense and elegant aromas of white flowers, citrus fruit, white peach, hazelnuts with mineral notes on the nose.</i>		

Red Wines by the GLASS--150ml pour

2015 Vasse Felix Premier Shiraz	(Margaret River,WA)	13
<i>Aroma shows fine fresh raspberry and dark Mulberry, with hints of forest mushroom. Rich lively fruit with savoury complexities</i>		
2007/8 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	49
<i>Big, ripe, rangy and solid, with smoky, meaty black cherry and coffee flavors, echoing enticing mint notes on the long, harmonious finish.</i>		
2014 Rockford Moppa Springs GSM	(Barossa, SA)	16
<i>A fine example of southern rhone blend with aussie magic. Medium bodied , lots of dark fruit, needs some air at this point to highlight its personality.</i>		
2012 Gaja Langhe Sito Moresco	(Langhe, Italy)	25
<i>Barolo style tar aroma, but a blend of nebbiolo, merlot and cabernet. Rich and robust palate, flavours of black cherries, blueberries, chocolate and raspberries</i>		
2016 Olivier Riviere Rayas Uva	(Rioja, Spain)	15
<i>A blend of 50% Tempranillo, 30% Garnacha and 20% Graciano. Very pure, fresh and vibrant. Loads of lovely red fruit and underlying earthy tones</i>		
2012 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	24
<i>Typical elegant Rockford style. Blackcurrant fruit with savoury tones expressing the grape-outstanding vintage for this cabernet</i>		
2014 Yalumba Cigar	(Coonawarra, SA)	15
<i>Lifted aromatics of spicy ripe blackcurrants w/ choc mint and liquorice- flavours of blackcurrant, dark chocolate and liquorice</i>		
2016 Dalrymple Pinot Noir	(Pipers River, TAS)	14
<i>Sweet summer fruits on the palate with structured fresh acidity and silky tannins which delivers a savoury complexity over time</i>		
2014 Palliser Estate Pinot Noir	(Martinborough, NZ)	19
<i>Full fruit, dark intensity and smooth and voluptuous mouthfeel, wrapping everything into a complete package. Great pinot at this price point</i>		
2012 Marechal Auxey Duresses	(Auxey Duresses)	20
<i>Wine displays floral, high toned aromas-shows all the concentration and elan you would expect from 2012. It's already quite irresistible to drink with its showy personality.....</i>		
2015 Domaine Joblot Givry Pied de Chaume	(Givry, France)	19
<i>This bursts with appealing aromas of red cherry, woodsmoke and subtle new oak. The palate is juicy, fresh and laden with crunchy fruit.</i>		
2012 La Sufrenne Rouge	(Bandol, France)	24
<i>A deep, opaque purple in colour. Scents of prunes, blueberries and woodsmoke. dry and savoury with well integrated tannins to produce a subtle yet lingering finish.</i>		
2014 Piandarino by Pian Dell'Orino	(Toscana, Italy)	21
<i>Deceiving tart cherry, earth, mint, with medium tannins on the palate. Red cherries and cola. Light bodied wine with great aroma and texture</i>		
2014 Ventisquero Queulat Carmenere	(Maipo Valley, Chile)	15
<i>A MUST TRY- Blackberry aromas with notes of black pepper, vanilla and soft smokey tones-herbs, incense, lavender, blackberry; easy-going, lengthy finish</i>		
2013 Casemate Peloro	(Sicily, Italy)	16
<i>Brilliant ruby red in colour, aroma of small red berries, floral, chocolate, licorice and spice, Palate full of rich fruit flavours and mineral</i>		

375ml CHAMPAGNE (Half Bottles)

NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs (Reims, France) 90
Smooth and rounded on the palate. Pale gold in colour, beautifully balanced warm, fruity flavours. A very well made champagne

375ml WHITE and ROSE (Half Bottles)

2014 Albert Mann Cuvee Albert Riesling (Alsace, France) 45
Bright Straw Green, aromas of kerosene and blood orange, bright acidity with lingering lemon and cinnamon basil

2016 "The Florita" Riesling by Jim Barry (Clare Valley, SA) 43
Delicate floral aromas of citrus blossom, rose water, lime citrus and hints of green pear. Lime citrus is dominant with elements of pear and rose water with long lingering acidity.

2015 Muller Scharzhofberg (Saar, Germany) 120
Gradually reveals gorgeously and beautifully integrated scents of cassis, grapefruit, pear and flowery herbs on the nose, finely spiced , oozes freshness and elegance, zesty acidity

2015 Salomon Undhof Kogl Riesling (Kremstal, Austria) 48
"Slightly herbal/ reductive, withheld nose. Smoky grapefruit. Salty, dry and stony, with restrained citrus fruit. Salty finish. Juicy and mouth-watering." Jancis Robinson

2014 William Fevre Fourchaume 1er Cru (Chablis, France) 80
Aromatic bouquet of white flower and touch of fruit. Great acidity and that underlying mineral, slate tone. Great cru...

2016 Shaw + Smith M3 Chardonnay (Adelaide Hills, SA) 48
Stonefruit and citrus, contemporary and elegant. Flavours of nectarine and white peach mingle with flashes of grapefruit over roasted almond characters

2016 Yabby Lakes Chardonnay (Mornington Peninsula, VIC) 55
Pure and intense aroma with classic notes of citrus blossom and grapefruit pith. The palate is fine and complex, with great poise and concentration of flavour

2012 Red Claw Chardonnay (Mornington Peninsula, VIC) 30
Aromas of clean citrus notes, stonefruit and spicy French oak-beautifully textured with natural acidity that runs through the mouth leading into a lovely long complex finish.

2012/13 Vincent Girardin Meursault Narvaux (Meursault, France) 72
Wine with great minerality. The mouth is often lively and full of complexity. Neighbouring Premier Cru parcel of "Les Genevrières" is a bonus!

2016 Pascal Jolivet Sancerre (Sancerre, France) 44
Rounded and softly textured on the palate, attractive in its approachability,. Nice acid, a little cream to it, and a tense, acid-bound finish

2016/17 Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc (Marlborough, New Zealand) 25
Outstanding Nose- pungent, herbal and floral with complex tropical palate. Mouth-watering acidity balanced by an elegant palate and a long lingering finish

2017 Brokenwood Semillon (Hunter Valley, NSW) 27
Crisp, fresh and zesty aromas and flavours, just as a young Hunter Semillon should have

2007 Baumard Savennieres "Clos St Yves" (Loire Valley, France) 48
Florent Baumard is one of the world's best winemakers, and you probably don't know him. That's because he produces rare but exceptional Chenin Blanc from the Loire Valley

2014/15 Mont- Redon Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc (Rhône, France) 70
One of the best white Chateauneuf du Papes - Crisp, fresh notes of white peaches, apricots, honeysuckle and quince are present in this lush, pure, mineraly, full-bodied, dry white

2016 Domaine Tempier Rose (Bandol, France) 65
The presence of Mourvedre gives this wine its strong character, balance and complexity. An intense fruit and floral nose make this an attractive rosé. The palate is rounded and full with fruity aromas of peach and pomegranate, followed by delicate spice notes and a pleasant freshness created by acidic balance.

375ml RED (Half Bottles)

(shiraz)

2016 Brokenwood Shiraz	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	38
<i>Red cherry/red earth fruit aromas and some vanillin oak. A perfect supple, medium bodied palate</i>		
2014 Moppity Vineyard Shiraz	(Hilltops, NSW)	35
<i>Aussie cool climate Shiraz Viognier, perfumed aromas, layers of savoury spice, powerful dark fruits and restrained elegance. It has soft oak- its long finish leaves you wanting more</i>		
2007 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa , SA)	95
<i>Big, ripe, rangy and solid, with smoky, meaty black cherry and coffee flavours, echoing enticing mint notes on the long, harmonious finish.</i>		
2013 Yves Cuilleron Cornas "le village"	(Northern Rhone, France)	80
<i>Classic Cornas flare with cassis, black raspberry, barbecue sauce, licorice and chocolaty notes to go with medium to full-bodied richness on the palate.</i>		
2012 Yves Cuilleron Cote Rotie Madiniere	(Northern Rhone, France)	99
<i>The wine is dark and tight, with intense aromas of thyme, licorice and smoked meat. The complexity continues onto the palate and underwrites serious ageing potential.</i>		
2012 Rene Rostaing Ampodium	(Northern Rhone, France)	145
<i>Sweet blackberry, wild herbs, pepper, spice and olive aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, beautifully textured and with impressive concentration (robert parker)</i>		

(cabernet and blends)

2012 Henschke Euphonium Keyneton Estate	(Barossa, SA)	56
<i>An intense nose of ripe mulberry, plum, blue and black berry fruits and anise gives way to underlying floral violet notes and hints of cassis, sage and pepper spice.</i>		
2012 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	52
<i>Typical elegant Rockford style. Blackcurrant fruit with savoury tones expressing the grape</i>		
2012 Mount Mary Quintet	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	125
<i>Red and black fruits –intense palate with vibrant cassis and redcurrant fruit and excellent french oak. Such a wine!!</i>		

(pinot noir)

2015 Red Claw Pinot Noir	(Mornington Peninsula, VIC)	30
<i>Aromas of cherry and dark berries, spice and French oak- long, silky palate has a soft and velvety texture, with powerful flavours of dark fruits and a finely poised finish.</i>		
2010 Pavelot Savigny Les Beaune Aux Guettes 1er Cru	(Burgundy, France)	55
<i>A sombre and very backward nose of dark berries, cassis, plum and wet stone introduces impressively rich, cool and pure flavours .</i>		
2012 Domaine Pavelot Savigny-lès-Beaune 1er Cru La Dominode	(Burgundy, France)	69
<i>Bouquet of black cherries, wet underbrush, fresh herbs- dense and weighty.Dark fruit, earth, sous bois and espresso but with plenty of iron and slatay minerals at its core.</i>		
2012 Faiveley les Cazetiers 1er Cru	(Burgundy, France)	125
<i>Cherry fruit and earthy, savoury raspberry tone. good weight, spice and cadied nose. Will benefit with some air so enjoy the expression in your glass slowly.</i>		
2013 Ata Rangi Pinot Noir	(Martinborough, NZ)	70
<i>This is as good as it gets outside of Burgundy, this wine is finesse and charm in a bottle!</i>		
2013/14 Valli Gibbston Vineyard Pinot Noir	(Central Otago, NZ)	55
<i>Grant Taylor is widely regarded as New Zealand's pinot guru. He produces top shelf single vineyard pinot noirs highlighting the sub regions of Central Otago- Enough said!</i>		
2012 Mount Mary Pinot Noir	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	125
<i>Spicy, red cherry, subtle meaty character with a rub of sweet dried herbs. Light, tangy, very fresh with kitten tongue tannin, slightly sappy/sour tomato</i>		

(grenache and blends)

2012 Guigal Cotes du Rhone	(Rhône, France)	27
<i>Deep and dark red. Shiny. Aromas of fresh fruits with red berries and spices. Full, round and racy. Rounded and smooth tannins. A full-bodied, rich and intensely aromatic wine.</i>		
2010 Vieux Telegraphe Chateauneuf du Pape Le Crau	(Southern Rhône, France)	105
<i>Deep, dark, dense ruby wine. Nose of herbs, earth, salt, and ripe rich fruit. Palate is rich, savoury, and loaded –standout from Chateauneuf!</i>		

(italian and french varietal stars)

2010 Macarini Brunate Barolo	(Barolo, Italy)	89
<i>DECANT this one. The nose is both powerful and subtle with earthy mineralogy. The palate is dark underlying fruit, hints of licorice, tar, tobacco, dark chocolate.</i>		
2012 La Sufrenne Rouge	(Bandol, France)	59
<i>A deep, opaque purple in colour. Scents of prunes, blueberries and woodsmoke. dry and savoury with well integrated tannins to produce a subtle yet lingering finish.</i>		
2010 Conti Costanti Brunello Di Montalcino	(Toscana, Italy)	135
<i>Unbelievably fragrant nose, intense cherry, spice, olive and violets. Great representation of the sangiovese grosso....</i>		
2011 Tignanello	(Toscana, Italy)	120
<i>Dark fruit , aromatic finish; plum fruit dominates the aromatic gamut along with cherries, aromas evolve towards sensations of mint and liquorice. Divine</i>		
2014 Isola E Olena Chianti Classico	(Toscana, Italy)	48
<i>A spicy, pure expression of Sangiovese and an authentic chianti classico</i>		

BIG BOTTLES FOR BIG GATHERINGS

Weddings, parties, anything....a big night out with your nearest, dearest collection of fellow humans calls for a BIG bottle. There's nothing like cracking open a magnum to really get a party started. And brace for the different and special experience that the added volume in the bottle brings to the wine

2009 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay	1500ml	355
2011 Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir (Central Otago, NZ)	1500ml	380
2008/9 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz (Barossa, SA)	1500ml	465
2007 Cullen Diane Madeleine (Margaret River, WA)	1500ml	420
2002 Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz (Clare Valley, SA)	6000ml	1350
2004 Roda Reserva (Rioja, ESP)	1500ml	385
2004 Marcarini Brunate Barolo (Piemonte, ITA)	1500ml	310
2010 Home Block Cabernet by Rockford Wines (Barossa, SA)	1500ml	175
1998 Home Block Cabernet by Rockford Wines (Barossa, SA)	1500ml	225

SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE

Australia and New Zealand

Rockford Sparkling Black Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	150
<i>Silky smooth and piercingly intense. Spicy, leathery perfume small berries, cherries and plums over meaty, rosemary like nuances</i>		
2011 Radenti Pinot Chardonnay Sparkling by Freycinet	(Bicheno, TAS)	94
<i>Surging fine bubbles, aroma of citrus fruit and beautiful complex bakery scents. Fine elegant palate unleashes lively stone and citrus fruit- with creamy soft yeasty complex texture</i>		
NV Jansz Premium Cuvee Brut	(Pipers River, TAS)	49
<i>The wine displays intense citrus, stone fruit, strawberry and nut flavours showing excellent texture and refinement. And just look at the price. Superb value.</i>		

France

NV Pol Roger	(Epernay)	129
<i>A floral, pastry rich Champagne, Pol Roger Brut Réserve is blended from 30 wines from different vineyards and vintages. The result is a classic style of Champagne</i>		
NV Ruinart Blanc de Blancs NV	(Reims)	176
<i>Smooth and rounded on the palate. Pale gold in colour, beautifully balanced warm, fruity flavour</i>		
NV Laurent Perrier Rose	(Reims)	176
<i>Intense, fruity and aromatic. The nose is fresh and subtle, ripe with cherry and freshly picked red berries, followed by a splash of flowers and spicy notes</i>		
2006 Laurent Perrier	(Reims)	179
<i>Delicate beading and a subtle aroma with hints of fresh pineapple, dried apricots and almonds. Rounded on the palate, lively finish with hints of white peach and Mirabelle plum.</i>		
2006 Dom Perignon	(Epernay)	340
<i>Rich, voluptuous and creamy, the 2006 shows off fabulous intensity; aromas of oily toast characters, baked bread, roasted almonds, yeast lees and citrus...</i>		
NV ARMAND de BRIGNAC Brut Gold "Ace of Spades"	(La Marne)	590
<i>On the palate, the champagne has a sumptuous, racy fruit character that is perfectly integrated with the wine's subtle brioche accents. The texture is deliciously creamy, pairing rich depth with a long silky finish. Judged as the world's number 1 champagne....you be the judge.</i>		

Italy

NV La Riva Prosecco Dei Frati	(Veneto)	49
<i>Flavours of Apples and pears - quite fruity with a touch of cream. This is a wonderful Prosecco, lively and elegant with a great finish.</i>		
NV Enrico Gatti Franciacorta	(Lombardy)	89
<i>100% Chardonnay, is aged for 27 months (partially in wood) and is crisp and fresh with notes of almond and bread. Fresh, well balanced, persistent, notes of dried fruit and citrus</i>		

ROSE

2017 Rockford Alicante Bouschet "rose style wine"	(Barossa, SA)	45
<i>Bright Cherry and Strawberry - sweetness on the palate, yet refreshing and crisp. Perfect for a summer afternoon</i>		
2016 Triennes Rose	(Provence, France)	51
<i>Cabernet, Syrah, Cinsault, Merlot, Grenache and Viognier are the raw materials that make this Rose- driven by some of the best talent in France (DRC and Dujac)</i>		
2016 Ata Rangi Rose	(Martinborough, NZ)	59
<i>Full aromas of sweet summer red fruits meld with a touch of spice from Syrah and the plummy notes of Merlot</i>		
2016 Domaine Tempier Bandol Rose	(Bandol, France)	109
<i>The presence of Mourvedre gives this wine its strong character, balance and complexity. An intense fruit and floral nose make this an attractive rosé. The palate is rounded and full with fruity aromas of peach and pomegranate, followed by delicate spice notes and a pleasant freshness created by acidic balance.</i>		

CHENIN BLANC

It's hard not to love Chenin Blanc. Originating from the Loire Valley in France, it's high acidity gives it the superpower of producing extremely versatile wines ranging from bone dry to voluptuously sweet, resulting in it starring in food and wine pairings that will blow your mind

2016 Marc Bredif Vouvray	(Loire Valley, France)	65
<i>Nose is best described as elusive, tantalisingly so. Flavours of powder, flint, light tropical fruit, herbs and musk seem to emerge from the glass with intensity</i>		
1988 Marc Bredif Vouvray Grand Annee	(Loire Valley, France)	175
<i>What a great wine. This belies its age, with lovely mid green colour, intense fragrance of stewed apples-sweet apple flavours, with a backbone of nicely balanced acidity. Many years in front of it</i>		
2015 Sébastien Brunet Vouvray Sec 'Renaissance'	(Loire Valley, France)	69
<i>Wonderful, fresh perfume, cool fragrance of apple and spring flowers. It is clear, vibrant and very refreshing on the palate with great energy and drive. This is stunning dry Vouvray</i>		

PINOT GRIS, GRIGIO, BLANCS AND THE LIKES

2016 Yabby Lakes Pinot Gris	(Mornington Peninsula, VIC)	68
<i>Pale yellow, with lifted aromas of green olive, wild honey, musk and pear- mouth filling, vibrant and savoury wine that is elegantly structured with sweet fruit, medium body, crisp</i>		
2016 Martinborough Vineyard Te Tera Pinot Gris	(Martinborough, NZ)	50
<i>On the palate the textural elements come to the fore, imparting pithy rich fruit that is beautifully balanced against a small amount of residual sugar.</i>		
2016 Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio	(Alto Adige, Italy)	52
<i>Light yellow to sandy-coloured, unobtrusive bouquet, and hints of pear and candied fruit. The strong harmonious structure emphasizes its dry full-bodied taste & round finish.</i>		
2015 Hugel Pinot Gris	(Alsace, France)	79
<i>Expressive aromas of peach and spring flowers. Concentrated and ripe but moderate complexity and depth. Off dry</i>		
2015 Franz Haas Pinot Bianco	(Alto Adige, Italy)	69
<i>Brilliant straw-yellow colour with notes of fruits and spices which recall ripe apples, elderflowers and fresh bread crust.</i>		

SEMILLON and BLENDS

Outstanding character – zesty and crispy in youth and then toasty, nutty and honeyed with such endless cellaring potential. And nice and light on the alcohol side too...such a smooth operator is Semillon

2005 Tyrrell's Vat 1 Semillon	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	159
<i>This is why we drink aged Semillon, toasty, buttery almond, breadth of citrus- iconic Aussie wine</i>		
2009 Brokenwood Oakey Creek Vineyard Semillon	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	89
<i>Beautiful colour, citrus and some florals.. Beeswax and then 'toast'. Quite often a 'restrained' palate but plenty of citrus pith and perfect acidity. Excellent</i>		
2017 Andrew Thomas Braemore Semillon	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	59
<i>This style is all about freshness, vibrancy and varietal purity. Delicate lemongrass and lime fruit characters with a zesty acidity. Perfect with freshly shucked oysters and sashimi</i>		

-Rockford Wines-

2002 Rockford Local Growers Semillon	(Barossa, SA)	89
<i>Golden colour, toasted and buttery citrus, touch of smokiness, deep and textured</i>		
2014 Rockford Local Growers Semillon	(Barossa, SA)	55
<i>Semillon with finesse and charm. Complex, smoky and floral aromas with a hint of butter. Drinking very well.</i>		

CHARDONNAYS

Australia and New Zealand

2016 Vasse Felix Premier Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA)	62
<i>Bright straw-green; the aromatic bouquet and delicate fruit on entry into the mouth is quickly changed by the intensity, grip and length of the finish.</i>		
2013 Flowstone Queen of the Earth Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA)	100
<i>It has complex aromas of beurre bosc pears, stonefruit, brioche, nut-meal, hints of honeysuckle and creamy lees notes. The palate is dense, focussed and intense – perfectly aligning the fruit and oak. This is a serious Chardonnay of substance and moment.</i>		
2009 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA)	180
<i>Margaret River if not Australia's benchmark for Chardonnay- enough said!</i>		
2009 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA) 1500ml	355
2014 Vasse Felix Heytsbury Chardonnay	(Margaret River, WA)	150
<i>Grace and power, complex flavour, matchsticky, grapefruity, steeliness, pulp and creamy,.....just a fabulous wine.</i>		
2015 Domenica Chardonnay	(Beechworth, VIC)	87
<i>The nose displays the grapefruit and white peach typical of the region and vineyard. Aniseed and matchstick barrel ferment characters are present- palate is deceptively fine</i>		
2015 Tarrawarra Reserve Chardonnay	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	94
<i>It's restrained and refined. Fragrant, with floral nutty characters against a faint backdrop of lightly roasted cashew and grapefruit. Oak has been worked in well. Awesome</i>		
2016 By Farr Cote Vineyard GC Chardonnay	(Geelong, VIC)	155
<i>The wine has an amazing smoothness and calmness that stretches the length of the palate, surrounded with textured fruit and mineral elements...</i>		
2013 Giaconda Estate Chardonnay	(Beechworth, VIC)	195
<i>A wine of staggering power, intensity and concentration, all the components - fruit, acidity, oak - are in perfect balance, WOW!</i>		
2013 Bass Philip Estate Chardonnay	(Gippsland, VIC)	119
<i>Floral aromas, melons, citrus and nuts. Backbone of natural acidity. Pronounced minerality. Long palate. This one has additional earthiness and longer cellaring potential.</i>		
2015 Cassegrain Fromenteau Chardonnay	(Orange, NSW)	59
<i>Rich, yet restrained with obvious mineral notes combining seamlessly with abundant stone-fruits and cashew and almond meal.</i>		
2012/13 Dry River Chardonnay	(Martinborough, NZ)	99
<i>A crispy green hue encapsulates the golden core of this vibrant wine- typical flavours of citrus, white nectarine and hazelnuts are all to the fore.</i>		
2016 Felton Road Block 2 Chardonnay	(Central Otago, NZ)	119
<i>Crushed sea shells and delicate citrus blossom lead the focussed and detailed nose. The palate follows with a salinity and minerality that is subtle, complex and intriguing</i>		

Italy

2014 Castello della Sala Bramito del Cerro	(Umbria, Italy)	60
<i>Fresh & complex aromas with notes of pineapple and of citrus fruit, hazelnut butter, vanilla- mineral character in its vibrant and balanced acidity, well fused with the notes of fruit.</i>		
2015 Isole e Olena Collezione Privata	(Tuscany, Italy)	109
<i>Aromas of toasted almonds with buttery notes- great balance between rich, ripe fruit, creamy brioche and complex minerality. A full-bodied mouth extends through to long finish</i>		

Burgundy, France

Origin- it's so relevant, particularly in this instance. I recall reading this commentary many years ago whilst travelling: "Wine made from the Chardonnay grape is far and away the most popular wine in the world, enjoyed by novice and sophisticated connoisseur alike. And if you are one of them and have never experienced the superb perfection it can achieve in Burgundy, you owe it to yourself to explore this rarefied world. It won't be a cheap journey but I guarantee that you will never think about wine the same way again." Nick Passmore

2012 Domaine Valette Macon Chaintre 'Vielles Vignes'	(Maconnais)	69
<i>It smells of ripe apple, honey and lemon - subtle mineral hints all come together in a distinctly classy, vinous nose. Clarity of fruit and bright refreshing acidity feature in the mouth, with a long, almost crystalline finish.</i>		
2012 Meo Camuzet Clos Saint Philibert	(Burgundy)	120
<i>It's white Burgundy, people don't seem to know much about this wine so you might just find it on the list of a good restaurant. This is ridiculously good, not cheap, but great</i>		
2011 Domaine Ramonet Puligny Montrachet Enseigneres	(Puligny)	280
<i>Has an enticing aroma of fresh Arum lillies, chalk and pure white peach. Precise and elegant, so beautiful</i>		
2009 Olivier Leflaive Bienvenues Batard Montrachet	(Puligny)	520
<i>Predominant character of honeysuckle from freely expressing itself, along with the background traces of spice and citrus, rich, generous and delicious. This stylish effort is really quite forward, especially within the context of the appellation and it should drink well relatively early on.</i>		
2012 Vincent Girardin Meursault les Genevrières 1^{er} Cru	(Meursault)	164
<i>Excellent concentration, highly seductive and opulent flavors, minerality adds a bit of lift to the utterly delicious and balanced finish and it's complex and delicious.</i>		
2014 Domaine Faiveley Meursault 1er Cru Charmes	(Meursault)	215
<i>Elegant aromas of ripe peach, pear and roasted hazelnuts,-rich, generous and plump-buttery and well textured. Great expression</i>		
2012 Domaine Rollin Corton Charlemagne	(Corton Charlemagne)	440
<i>Great nose and some serious fat on the palate, Nice and steely. Very pure. Good austerity- accessible for a Corton-Charlemagne. Medium-full body. Good grip. Long and stylish.</i>		
2013 Heitz Locharde Chevalier Montrachet	(Chevalier Montrachet)	950
<i>Precise, cool and intense mineral-driven flavours possess a highly refined mouth feel, all wrapped in a strikingly persistent and linear finish.</i>		

-Etienne Sauzet-

2009 Etienne Sauzet Puligny Montrachet 1er Cru Les Combettes	(Puligny)	395
<i>Smells like honey and floral, Some citrus. Very rich, plush tropical fruit and tasty oak. This site exudes Grand Cru personality and remains as a highlight for anyone seeking exceptional puligny magic without taking the next step.</i>		
2011 Etienne Sauzet La Garenne 1er Cru	(Puligny)	300
<i>There is a subtle touch of wood to the ultra-pure and fresh aromas of cool white orchard fruit, floral, spice and citrus nuances. There is good vibrancy to the round and delicious medium-bodied flavors that are blessed with good levels of dry extract before culminating in a lightly mineral-inflected finish that again offers fine if not truly distinguished depth on the lingering finish. (burghound)</i>		

-Francois Mikulski-

2014 Francois Mikulski Bourgogne	(Burgundy)	80
<i>Mikulski produces elegant wines that are highly sought after and can be hard to find. They start life pale in colour and are typically nervy and tight- worth a serious look</i>		
2014 Mikulski Bourgogne Aligote	(Burgundy)	65
<i>A strong core of fruit aroma, good centre of acidity here and a crystalline aspect to the fruit. This is a good wine with no overly savoury aspects that Aligoté can sometimes deliver</i>		
2012 Francois Mikulski Meursault	(Meursault)	135
<i>Spice bread on the nose. A width of beautifully balanced flavour. Not many words needed here – super wine from great producer</i>		
2011 Francois Mikulski Poruzots 1er Cru	(Meursault)	350
<i>Very minerally nose. The generous body in the wine adds a comforting component on the palate, there is a real richness, a real chewiness, again cream, meat and citrus, you can drink and eat this wine</i>		
2011 Francois Mikulski Genevrieries 1er Cru	(Meursault)	390
<i>The almost surreal floral sensuality of Genvrieries, excited by the presence of citrus fruit. With air, the wine is peppery, musky, the description of the citrus or the flowers that make up the nose of the wine is impossible to make</i>		

-Domaine Roulot-

2009 Domaine Roulot Luchets	(Meursault)	390
<i>Elegant citric nose, lifted and mineral. Fresh and delicate yet concentrated and has grip and minerality; deliciously pure fruit and good length</i>		
2011 Domaine Roulot Meursault 1er Cru Clos des Bouchères	(Meursault)	745
<i>Ripe peach with floral notes and subtle spice aromas. Very elegant textures with good concentration-fun fruit and spice on the palate-very good drinking for some time</i>		

-Domaine Leflaive-

2012/13 Domaine Leflaive Rully 1^{er} Cru	(Rully)	89
<i>Fruity, floral and toasted, it features a round and coating mouth feel along with lovely tension.</i>		
2010 Domaine Leflaive Puligny Montrachet 1^{er} Cru Le Clavoillon	(Puligny)	295
<i>One of two producers to work this vineyard, virtually monopole. Wish I could drink more of Leflaive's wines, others agree</i>		
2009 Domaine Leflaive Les Folatieres 1^{er} Cru	(Puligny)	325
<i>Golden yellow; chalk, lemon, lovely nose; good acidity, highly rich, wide body, lots of taste, zesty; long aftertaste. All you could dream of from a Burgundy white.</i>		

-William Fevre-

2012 William Fevre Chablis 1^{er} Cru "Montee de Tonnerre"	(Chablis)	125
<i>Pure, elegant and airy nose of white flowers and oyster shell notes that is a step up in overall elegance ,intense minerality with grace and refinement</i>		
2008 William Fevre Valmur Grand Cru	(Chablis)	195
<i>Elegance of the nose is simply stunning with a perfumed aromatic profile , minerality , concentrated and palate staining flavors that possess a striking and explosively long finish</i>		
2009 William Fevre Bougros Grand Cru	(Chablis)	155
<i>Bougros is regularly among the finest Fèvre releases- spicy, flinty with nuances of tropical fruit and layers of creamy fruit in the mouth, zesty acidity, with exceptional fruit</i>		
2014 Christian Moreau Les Clos Grand Cru	(Chablis)	175
<i>This could not be mistaken for anything other than Chablis as there is plenty of typicity to the white fruit and floral scented nose. There is also excellent size, weight, power and richness to the middle weight plus flavors that exude ample minerality on the overtly saline and hugely long finish. This is flat out terrific and is a classic expression of the vineyard. (burghound)</i>		

RIESLINGS, GRUNER VELTLINERS and MOSCATO

As the illustrious Jancis Robinson has proposed – Riesling could be viewed as “the finest white variety in the world” on the basis of its longevity and ability to clearly express terroir. Not a big call at alland one we passionately concur with. Enough said.

riesling, australia

2015 Rockford Riesling	(Eden Valley, SA)	57
<i>Light straw-green; tight, fine lime and apple blossom aromas, moving into slate and mineral on the palate; long and fine finish</i>		
2005 Rockford Riesling	(Eden Valley, SA)	74
<i>Honey, inky floral, honeysuckle, preserved lemon. Hessian sack, creamy white florals. Developed, and interesting.</i>		
2012 MESH Riesling	(Eden Valley, SA)	70
<i>Zesty lemon and grapefruit with a hint of dried green herb and spice. The palate is lively and generous, with citrus fruit and hints of talc</i>		
2006 Pewsey Vale Contours	(Eden Valley, SA)	94
<i>Contours style of lemon and lime fruit. Intense flavours, almost nutty. Full bodied, will undoubtedly evolve for many years. Recently tasted both vintages in the vineyards...divine.</i>		
2004 Crawford River Reserve	(Henty, VIC)	135
<i>Aromas of lime blossom and nashi pear, followed by floral notes and more luscious cashew and brioche undertones. textured palate, extremely long on the finish.</i>		
2017 O’leary Walker Watervale Riesling	(Clare Valley, SA)	46
<i>Lime with hints of lemon and fennel, great fruit purity, refreshing acidity and beautifully balanced. Hard to go past this watervale proposition.</i>		

riesling, germany

2014 Dr Burklin Wolf Altenburg “trocken”	(Wachenheim)	95
<i>An almost tropical scent is perfectly partnered by some fine spicy nuances. The salivary glands are stimulated by a mouth-watering combination of exotic fruit and juicy acidity</i>		
2014 Egon Müller Wiltinger Braune Kupp “kabinett ”	(Saar)	109
<i>Ripe Peach morphed into slate minerality, then into a cooler nectarine profile. A powerful wine with great balance and wow factor</i>		
2013 Donhoff Leistenberg “kabinett”	(Nahe)	83
<i>Complex and very mineral nose leading to a medium-bodied, dense, juicy, piquant and salty Kabinett with power and persistency. This is a highly complex, salty, and persistent wine.</i>		
2016 Dr Loosen Wehlenher Sonnenuhr “kabinett”	(Wehlen)	79
<i>I just love wines from this vineyard. Sugar and acidity just fighting for supremacy but really just finding this amazing balance to leave you wanting more and more...just love it.</i>		

riesling, alsace

2012 Trimbach Reserve Riesling	(Alsace)	77
<i>Wonderful texture with a zesty minerality and crisp acidity. The wine is definitely dry, but still fruity. It ends with lots of tangy, zesty, salty fruit that lasts for a long time .</i>		
2009 Trimbach Frederic Emile	(Alsace)	165
<i>Citrus zest, fruit pit, huckleberry, and white pepper- juicy lime, tangerine, and kiwi. Crushed stone and mineral add depth to an invigoratingly and tenaciously lingering finish</i>		
2004 Kientzler Riesling Grand cru “Geisberg” cuvee exceptionelle	(Alsace)	149
<i>The Geisberg is immense and rivals with the greatest wines of the world-ripe and opulent, with a wisp of smokiness to the fruit</i>		

gruner veltliner, austria

2015 Bernhard Ott Gruner Veltliner Fass 4	(Feuersbrunn)	69
<i>“Fass 4”, a Cuvée featuring the fruits from the top Feuersbrunn sites is a multi-layered wine of fantastic drinking pleasure from a top producer.</i>		
2015 Nikolaihof Grüner Veltliner 'Zwickl'	(Wauchau)	135
<i>The wine-on-top is oyster and delicate and birchy. The cloudy one is “darker,” more boxwood and cress. It’s fun! You can shake this wine up a little. It will be cloudy and yummy</i>		

moscato, italy

2016 Alasia Moscato di Asti	(Asti)	49
<i>Heady and Delicious, off-dry, crisp and intensely aromatic. Classic Moscato di Asti!</i>		

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sancerre is the home of this very popular varietal. New Zealand has created some very popular demand and the combined effort appears to be pleasing many palates. We should all explore the complex and intriguing Sancerres produced by some leading producers whilst appreciating that NZ's style and conviction has certainly made us take notice.....there is no such thing as bad publicity!

2016 Saint Clair Sauvignon Blanc	(Marlborough, NZ)	46
<i>Passionfruit with a floral lift- rich palate with passionfruit and blackcurrant flavours and a salty minerality. This wine has a silky luscious texture with a long finish</i>		
2016 Dandelion Wishing Clock Sauvignon Blanc	(Adelaide Hills, SA)	55
<i>Outrageous lift of grapefruit mixed with fragrant gooseberries. Scents of fizzing limes lemongrass, mouth-filling pithy grapefruit juice and fresh layers of mineral</i>		
2016 Roblin Sancerre Origine	(Sancerre, France)	86
<i>Has intense citrus, minerals and anise aromas with a strong chalky tone-great vibrancy to the flavours of lime, pink grapefruit and suggestions of stone. Really outstanding</i>		
2015 Vincent Pinard Le Chateau	(Sancerre, France)	140
<i>Arguably one of the top two producers in Sancerre with some of the best vineyard sites, Vincent Pinard is dedicated to his craft</i>		

-Francois Cotat-

2014 Francois Cotat Caillottes Sancerre	(Sancerre, France)	125
<i>Nose showing ripe lemon, apple, melon and pear notes. Complex, rich and round yet shows wonderfully balanced and juicy acidity. Iconic Producer</i>		
2013/14 Francois Cotat Mont Dames Sancerre	(Sancerre, France)	155
<i>Aromatic with citrus and floral elements, very natural with some mineral notes as well. Depth of flavour and crispness without intruding acidity. A really beautiful wine</i>		

INTERESTING WHITE VARIETALS & BLENDS WORTH A LOOK

On smaller patches of land from terroir far away come some wonderful little gems from grapes whose names don't roll off the tongue. But sniff and slurp and swallow them and smile you will

Garganega- Fiano di Avellino- Greco di Tufo - Arneis

2015 Pra Monte Grande Soave Classico	(Verona, Italy)	74
<i>Aromas are of golden apples and peaches-lightly spiced with notes of lightly dried lavender and medicinal herbs- fruit is mature and the wine has a long finish of sweet almond</i>		
2015 Fiano di Avellino, Ciro Picariello	(Campania, Italy)	69
<i>Distinctive aromas and flavours of almond, herbs, citrus, and an enticing smokey/struck flint character. On the palate there is bright, green-apple acidity, and great complexity.</i>		
2015 Greco Di Tufo, Ciro Picariello	(Campania, Italy)	69
<i>Stunning white wine, savoury, very mineral, long and complex. Ciro's description: 'orange blossom, citrus peel, melon and green olive...'</i>		
2016 Prunotto Roero Arneis DOCG	(Piemonte, Italy)	55
<i>Straw yellow in colour with golden reflections, intense and elegant aromas of white flowers, citrus fruit, white peach, hazelnuts with mineral notes on the nose.</i>		

Vermentino

2015 Jankara Vermentino di Gallura	(Sardinia, Italy)	62
<i>White flowers, almond and tropical notes with a firm backbone of nervy acidity and delicate freshness. Lovely balance and true to Gallura</i>		
2013 Antoine Arena Carco Blanc	(Corsica, France)	79
<i>100% Vermentino: the wine is rich, complex, tangy, and broad. Salty sea air and peach fruit qualities make for great concentration and a long, lingering finish.</i>		

Melon de Bourgogne

2016 Domaine De La Pepiere Clos de Briords (Muscadet, France) 59
old-vine cuvée -this is my kind of Muscadet- textbook with everything you would expect, lemon, apple and great salinity.

Rousanne

2015 Chave Circa St Joseph (Northern Rhone, France) 100
Almond and floral aroma, fresh nectarine, salted butter, verbena and mineral notes-long elegant finish

OTHER RED VARIETALS AND BLENDS WORTH YOUR CONSIDERATION

Let us take you on a journey of grapes less travelled in this neck of the woods that will get your senses soaring and your mind wandering to a spectacular viticultural amphitheatre in Corsica or perhaps a small and ancient vineyard located high above the Strait of Messina in North East Sicily. Just sip and close your eyes...

Carmenere

2014 Ventisquero Queulat Carmenere (Maipo Valley, Chile) 52
A MUST TRY- Blackberry aromas with notes of black pepper, vanilla and soft smokey tones-herbs, incense, lavender, blackberry; easy-going, lengthy finish

Tempranillo

2015 Isaac Fernandez Pingao (Rioja, Spain) 55
Bitter cherry and cassis flavours that pick up hints of succulent herbs and candied flowers, delivering strong closing punch w/ dusty, slow-mounting tannins

2016 Olivier Riviere Rayas Uva (Rioja, Spain) 60
A blend of 50% Tempranillo, 30% Garnacha and 20% Graciano. Very pure, fresh and vibrant. Loads of lovely red fruit and underlying earthy tones

Malbec and Blends

2006 Wendouree Malbec (Clare Valley, SA) 129
2005 Wendouree Shiraz Malbec (Clare Valley, SA) 149

A rich and deep bouquet, notes of plum, licorice and cocoa; subtle leather and wild blackberry jam and subtle tannin

2015 Chateau de Cedre Heritage (Cahors, France) 54
Dark, ruby colour and violet hints, intense smells of cassis, violet and spices. Straightforward on the palate, with pure and clear acidity, wrapped in mellowness.

Sangiovese

2012 Antoine Arena "Morta Maio" Patrimonio (Corsica, Italy) 80
Niellucciu or Sangiovese. Wow, lots of earth in the aromas. Very pleasurable. dark, earthy, chewy and juicy.

2013 Felsina Chianti Classico Berardenga (Chianti, Italy) 98
The wine reveals a very full and luscious set of aromas with cherry and blackberry -spice and tobacco fill in at the back and give the wine a greater sense of aromatic lift w/ velvety richness.

2014 Piandarino by Pian Dell'Orino (Montalcino, Italy) 89
Deceiving tart cherry, earth, mint, with medium tannins on the palate. Red cherries and cola. Light bodied wine with great aroma and texture

2010 Pian Dell'Orino Versante Amiata Brunello di Montalcino (Montalcino, Italy) 390
Stylistically, Pian dell'Orino draws considerable inspiration from the wines of Gianfranco Soldera. The approach can be best described as one of minimal intervention in both the vineyards and cellar where the wines are aged mostly in large casks. Next door to Biondi Santi and all the right inputs to make this a blockbuster..

Cesanese, Nerello Mascalese & Corvina

2013 Casemate Peloro	(Sicily, Italy)	64
<i>Brilliant ruby red in colour, aroma of small red berries, floral, chocolate, licorice and spice, Palate full of rich fruit flavours and mineral</i>		
2015 Damiano Ciolli Silene	(Lazio, Italy)	60
<i>Think perfumed red berry fruit and dried roses, notes of earth, wild herbs and aromatic spice. An original, charming and complex wine that will make you think about Cesanese.</i>		
2011 La Grola by Allegrini	(Valpolicella, Italy)	75
<i>Opaque ruby red in color with arresting aromas of wild berries, juniper, tobacco, and coffee. On the palate the wine is rich, elegant, and full-bodied</i>		

GRENACHE and THE BLENDS

2014 Guigal Cotes du Rhone	(Rhône, France)	49
<i>Deep and dark red. Shiny. Aromas of fresh fruits with red berries and spices. Full, round and racy. Rounded and smooth tannins. A full-bodied, rich and intensely aromatic wine</i>		
2014 Lino Ramble Treadlie GSM	(McLaren Vale, SA)	62
<i>Raspberries and cherries, dried herb, hazelnuts. Medium bodied, nutty, glycerol feel but with slate. Succulent. Long. Chateauneuf eat your heart out." - Gary Walsh (The Wine Front)</i>		
2015 John Duval Plexus SGM	(Barossa, SA)	69
<i>Rhône-style blend of Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvèdre. This is a cracker! From one of the best vintages in living memory, it has both power and elegance and is approachable</i>		
2016 Noon Eclipse	(McLaren Vale, SA)	110
<i>A grenache with sheer power and elegance. Cardamom, pepper and a touch of dark chocolate, Bold but beautiful</i>		
2014 Anne Gros La 50/50	(Minervois, France)	72
<i>A blend of grenache, shiraz and carignan- lovely spice with fresh peppery fruit and a fresh finish, elegance and finesse without this producers' bourgogne pricing!</i>		
2014 Anne Gros La Grenache 8	(Minervois, France)	68
<i>Light ruby and lighter weight than the 50/50. supple and less tannic, but still has the fine acidity. More savoury and darker fruited than southern Rhône Grenache.</i>		
2006 Font De La Figuera	(Priorat, Spain)	94
<i>Excellent deep ruby colour with an open sweet bouquet of black cherries and the classic Priorat mineral tones</i>		
2015 Olivier Riviere GANKO	(Rioja, Spain)	110
<i>Cassis notes with leather and tobacco undertones. abundant fruit, refined tannins and a rich finish of roasted coffee. Spent many years working with Telmo Rodriguez</i>		
2014 Rockford Moppa Springs GSM	(Barossa, SA)	69
<i>Great example of a GSM blend from a great producer, you be the judge.....</i>		
2012 Domaine de Ferrand Chateauneuf du Pape	(Southern Rhône, France)	165
<i>One of the finest examples of essentially old vine Grenache wines in the world today, and despite all the plaudits (Jancis Robinson, in a 130+ wine tasting, rating his CNDP behind only Rayas and Clos des Papes!), sticks to an incredibly reasonable pricing policy</i>		

-Mont Redon-

2007 Mont Redon Chateauneuf du Pape	(Southern Rhône, France)	140
<i>Inky deep hue. The rich and complex nose displays ripe black fruit character along with some refined toasted notes. The dense full bodied palate shows a great fruit concentration and a tight but fine tannic structure with some black truffle aromas in the finish. Long, Long finish.</i>		
1989 Mont Redon Chateauneuf du Pape	(Southern Rhône, France)	275
1995 Mont Redon Chateauneuf du Pape	(Southern Rhône, France)	200

NEBBIOLO AND BLENDS

Nebbiolo haunts us- so mysterious and yet so captivating and it's a real home body. The vines are deeply rooted in the soils of Piemonte, Italy continually displaying a resistance to any relocation. It displays aromas that are truly unique and mesmerising! From the top crus it will leave you wanting more and more. Pinot Noir lovers generally love to explore this varietal- fortunately they are two very different propositions providing us with just another excuse to explore....

nebbiolo, Italy

2010 Fratelli Alessandria Barolo (Barolo) 120
Pale crimson. So fragrant and heightened rose. Tannins somewhat softened –exceptional value from this top vintage

-Gaja-

2005 Gaja Barbaresco (Barbaresco) 350
Displays elegant floral and smoky tar nose- hints of leather and tobacco as well. Beautifully balanced, incredibly long and plenty of time on its side...divine!!

2001 Gaja Conteisa (Langhe) 375
Perfumed Nebbiolo with lovely soft tannins, tons of cranberries and raspberries, rose petals and the mouth filling whoooooosh. excellent

2001 E. Pira e Figli Chiara Boschis Via Nuova (Barolo) 255
Dark red, Soft, muted aromas of black cherry, bayleaf, and rosemary. The wine is round and full on the palate but well proportioned.

2004 Macarini Brunate (Barolo) 179
Mature fruit, spice, natural rubber, asphalt, tar and root beer. a "grand cru" of Barolo and undoubtedly a producer who over-delivers at this price

2004 Marcarini Brunate (Barolo) 1500ml 360

2006 Poderi Colla Dardi Le Rose Bussia (Barolo) 195
Very complex bouquet showing decided character and personality, albeit without aggressiveness. Mineral & animal notes enrich its structure and layered complexity

2006 Aldo Conterno Cicala (Barolo) 340
Austere Barolo, fruit is dark and intense, while the aromatics tend towards menthol, pine, spices and balsamic. Finishes with a blast of roasted coffee beans, licorice and mint.

2012 Gaja Langhe Sito Moresco (Langhe) 94
Barolo style tar aroma, but a blend of nebbiolo, merlot and cabernet. Rich and robust palate, flavours of black cherries, blueberries, chocolate and raspberries

nebbiolo, australia

2012 Giaconda Nebbiolo (Beechworth, VIC) 165
Magenta to blood red in colour. Earthy with lingering notes of rose petals, black cherry, cold tea and twigs. Savoury tannins, bold yet beautifully classic example of the Nebbiolo

2013 S.C Pannell Nebbiolo (Adelaide Hills, SA) 89
Medium bodied, cherry, blackcurrant and some earthy, leathery tones. Awesome nebbiolo from Australia, possibly the best....

CABERNET, MERLOT, AND BLEND

2015 Soumah Cabernet Sauvignon	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	48
<i>Warm scents of blackcurrant, gum leaf, mint and toast. Fine chocolatey tannins dust the mouth, the fruit is the real star here. It's flavoursome and immediately appealing</i>		
2014 Yalumba Cigar	(Coonawarra, SA)	64
<i>Lifted aromatics of spicy ripe blackcurrants alongside some choc mint and liquorice notes flavours of blackcurrant, dark chocolate and liquorice followed by a touch of mint</i>		
2015 Woodlands Wilyabrup Cabernet Merlot	(Margaret River, WA)	75
<i>The nose shows dark cherry, blackberry, and plum with toasty French oak and hints of rum and raisin-layers of red berry fruits combining with fine tannins</i>		
2014 Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon	(Margaret River, WA)	69
<i>Ripe berry and damson flavours is intense, savoury twist of soy and bay leaf, gently seasoned with stylish oak. A wine of great elegance, structure and purity, great length</i>		
2010 Stella Bella Luminosa Cabernet Sauvignon	(Margaret River, WA)	110
<i>This is perfectly balanced, both in terms of fruit and oak, and also the balance between the cassis fruits and the more savoury characters; it has all the length and focus one could wish for (Halliday)</i>		
2007 Moss Wood Cabernet Sauvignon	(Margaret River, WA)	235
<i>Massive palate of dark fruit, cassis and tannins, densely fruited and fine tannins with violet and herbal character, cedar complexity. Excellent cabernet not to be missed</i>		
2011 Voyager Cabernet Merlot	(Margaret River, WA)	99
<i>Displays sweet dark and red berry fruit with earthy gravelly notes- graphite and bayleaf, The wine is rich and complex with great length and balance</i>		
2004 Cullen Diane Madeleine	(Margaret River, WA)	220
<i>Dense, mulberry red Bouquet: concentrated fresh rich cherry and plum flavours- perfect balance by the excellent tannins. Great structure, length and persistence</i>		
2007 Cullen Diane Madeleine	(Margaret River, WA) 1500ml	420
<i>Black fruits of the forest, cherry clafouti and hints of cocoa- dark cherries mingle on the palate with rich dark chocolate and hints of mint, soft, velvety finish</i>		
2008 Parker First Growth Cabernet Sauvignon	(Coonawarra, SA)	145
<i>Essence-like cassis fruit ahead of mint, dried leaves and some plum fruits too-The palate is beautifully concentrated and shows terrific power, real intensity here, yet elegance</i>		
2004 Mount Mary Quintet	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	240
<i>I always leave this wine for a special occasion- 10 years plus for bottle development and drinking this wine becomes the occasion!</i>		
2007 Penfolds Bin 389	(South Australia)	145
<i>Raspberry, dark stone fruit, oak on the nose. Raspberry, blackberry and some tar and black pepper after...</i>		
1998 Penfolds 707 Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	550
<i>This is an opaque red/black colour and has a beguiling nose of rich fruit (blackcurrant and berry fruits), chocolate, coffee and sweet, spicy American oak. Superbly rich...</i>		
2009 Wendouree Cabernet Sauvignon	(Clare Valley, SA)	175
<i>This is a very muscular cellaring style with dark chocolate mint fruit characters and fine sinewy tannins- 10 years on, you be the judge!</i>		
2012 Noon Reserve Cabernet	(Langhorne Creek, SA)	145
<i>Blackcurrant, tobacco, chocolate powder, warm spices, sweet juicy raisins. Fine, soft tannin. Momentum of warm fruit rushes out through the finish</i>		

Yarra Yering Dry Red No.1 (Yarra Valley, VIC)

Yarra Yering Dry Red No 1 – a Cabernet dominant Bordeaux blend with lashes of Merlot, and dollops of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot-has a bright blackcurrant fruit characters, savoury complexity and fine grained tannins. The wines age for between 10 and 20 years easily, developing some of the most extraordinary exotic, gamey nuances over time.

We have the following vintages available for your enjoyment:

2003 Yarra Yering Dry Red no. 1	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	189
2009 Yarra Yering Dry Red no. 1	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	220
2010 Yarra Yering Dry Red no. 1	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	170
2012 Yarra Yering Dry Red no. 1	(Yarra Valley, VIC)	165

Rockford Wines (Barossa Valley, SA)

"Wine is crafted, not created. The skill is to capture and enhance the fleeting flavours that grapes give from their variety and extract from the earth, then bottle these as a living record of the vintage they represent. Rockford wines are made from established Barossa varieties which form an important part of our winemaking heritage, in a style that best reflects the vineyards, the winemaker's attitude and the climate in which we live" - The Rockford Story by Robert O'Callaghan

2014 Rockford Rod and Spur "Cabernet Shiraz"	(Barossa, SA)	79
2006 Rockford Rod and Spur "Cabernet Shiraz"	(Barossa, SA)	110
2001 Rockford Rod and Spur "Cabernet Shiraz"	(Barossa, SA)	130

Ripe and long flavours on a medium palate, with a hint of savouriness. Fine tannins in balance with fruit and acid

2012 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	120
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Superb examples of Barossa cabernet. Balanced, ripe, generous and yet honed and persistent. Precision power. Flavours of blackberry, cassis, dust and dark chocolate build towards a twisting finale. It makes the asking price look cheap (halliday)

2006 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	135
2005 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	139
2001 Rockford Rifle Range Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa SA)	145
1998 Rockford Cabernet Sauvignon	(Barossa, SA)	200

2010 Home Block Cabernet by Rockford Wines	(Barossa, SA) 1500ml	175
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Bordeaux

This region is undoubtedly the World's most famous and the French love it, albeit not many get to drink it. The 1855 Medoc Classification which highlights the 1st-5th growths still stands 160 years later. The wines across this region are predominately merlot and cabernet based. When they are within the optimal drinking window they are ridiculously deep and stimulating expressions of cabernet and merlot. Always best to explore these wines with some entertaining people as you will need the time.....

2007 Chateau Pavie	(St Emilion)	525
<i>Strong violet notes-blackberry, licorice, coffee bean, vanilla and plum. An outstanding expression of Pavie given the vintage</i>		
2008 Chateau Certan de May	(Pomerol)	299
<i>Truffle, cocoa powder, violets and cherries grab your focus. The soft, silky textures and sweet, fresh, red berries leave a good impression on your palate. This seems like it's going to get even better with age.</i>		
2010 Chateau Les Ormes De Pez	(St. Estephe)	125
<i>Seductive, concentrated wine with ripe, juicy mulberry fruit and ultra-ripe tannins. A smooth, velvety mouthfeel and wonderful harmony make this a truly gorgeous wine</i>		
2009 Chateau Bernadotte	(Haut Medoc)	79
<i>Cedar, dark berries, cassis. There are concentrated, dark blackberry fruit with firm tannins in this wine that is all upfront pleasure.</i>		
2001 Pontet Canet	(5th Pauillac)	295
<i>Ripe, smooth and sweet. Quite pure, with some elegance. Fresh with some minerality and fine chalky notes. Nice red cherry and plum fruit and a bit of tannic grip</i>		
2003 Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande	(2nd Pauillac)	345
<i>Intoxicating scent. Classic tobacco, cedar, dark berries. Fine tannins. Still young but outstanding now nonetheless-Exceptional value considering today's prices!!</i>		
2009 Lynch Bages	(5th Pauillac)	630
<i>Smoky vanilla oak, dark cherries, cassis and cedar. Tannic, structured and filled with ripe, juicy cassis aromas of liquorice, dark berry fruit and subtle oak</i>		
2010 Chateau Haut Bages Liberal	(5th Pauillac)	180
<i>Deep dark opaque purple and a full body to match. Nose of fruit and tobacco. Dark fruit flavor with a nice finish. What will this be like 10 - 20 years from now....</i>		
2003 Chateau Lafite Rothschild	(1st Pauillac)	2200
<i>We achieve true greatness in this wine and particularly this vintage. As close to perfection as wine will allow.....</i>		
2005 Langoa Barton	(3rd St Julien)	365
<i>Vibrant nose of cassis, cola, tobacco and leather. Medium body, great palate with super silky tannins and long finish. Will benefit from a decant..</i>		
2005 Chateau Lagrange	(3rd St Julien)	345
<i>Medium body, great structure. still very young. dark fruit with emerging tobacco and cedar flavours. Classic St Julien, decant...it just gets better and better.....</i>		
2001 Leoville Las Cases	(2nd St Julien)	630
<i>Absolutely delish! Very smooth, wonderful fruit - for a 17 year old wine it is very fresh and vibrant! Long, wonderful finish - beautiful soft/gentle tannins. Amazing!</i>		
2001 Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou	(2nd St Julien)	400
<i>Beautiful, deep colour, dark fruit, cedar, tobacco, cocoa. dark spices, dried herb, black cherry, light smoke and earth and minerals. Elegant yet powerful</i>		
2000 Chateau Leoville Poyferre	(2nd St Julien)	510
<i>Outstanding wine. very dark and dense ruby, dense-packed violets, high quality ripe dark fruits aroma with earthy-leather-tobacco notes</i>		
1999 Chateau Margaux	(1st Margaux)	1125
<i>Creamy Truffle, floral, violets, tobacco, cocoa, coffee, creamy cassis, blackberry, cigar box.....absolutely divine wine and drinking superbly</i>		

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Burgundy, France

Burgundy is where it all started and continues to this very day...the desire and uncontrollable urge to experience the heights pinot noir offers. I love the journey and absolutely love the experience I encounter with every expression. It can be a little overwhelming at times, virtually navigating through the specific vineyards and the respective families that produce this wonderful stuff. Bring on the challenge, it is undoubtedly my stimulus (fortunately) to pursue and seek out my next experience...this is a truly wild and yet so fulfilling experience.

2012/13 Meo Camuzet	(Bourgogne)	99
<i>Old World Burgundy from fabulous domaine.....</i>		
2005 Meo Camuzet Fixin	(Fixin)	175
<i>Very ripe red berry and currant aromas with plenty of the classic Fixin earth character that gives way to sappy and mouth coating flavours that are relatively forward and tender.</i>		
2015 Domaine Joblot Givry Pied de Chaume	(Givry)	84
<i>This bursts with appealing aromas of red cherry, woodsmoke and subtle new oak. The palate is juicy, fresh and laden with crunchy fruit.</i>		
2010 Geantet Pansiot Gevrey Chambertin	(Gevrey -Chambertin)	179
<i>Lovely intensity and energy here, hedgerow flavours bursting on the palate, finishing with hints of chocolate and spice.</i>		
2011 Domaine G. Roumier Chambolle Musigny	(Chambolle Musigny)	295
<i>Expressive nose is attractively elegant with its red berry fruit profile The silk-textured and vibrant medium weight flavors are very Chambolle in style before terminating in a lingering and firm finish that is slightly clipped at present.</i>		
2012 Hubert Lignier Vieilles Vignes Chambolle Musigny	(Chambolle Musigny)	200
<i>50 year old vines. Red cherry, rhubarb, musk, baking spice, floral nose and medium bodied- relatively inexpensive for Chambolle.</i>		

-Catherine and Claude Marechal-

This estate is without doubt one of the best kept secrets in Burgundy. The 2012 Chorey-les-Beaune is great as usual, almost the standard bearing red wine at this estate. Has more flesh and richness next to the sheer elegance of the Auxey Duresses. This has the Allen Meadows "inner mouth perfume" and fans out with lovely persistence and freshness. Super burgundy

2012 Marechal Chorey les Beaune	(Beaune)	130
2012 Marechal Auxey Duresses	(Auxey Duresses)	110

-Domaine Dujac-

1996 Dujac "Aux Combottes" 1^{er} Cru	(Gevrey-Chambertin)	435
<i>Funky and dark nose. Velvet and balsam textures. Fruit, touch of mocha. All of these elements harmonised in a equilateral triangle of balance. Incredibly suave with a really nice weight as well. Really complete, even intense. Great stuff</i>		
1996 Dujac Bonnes Mares	(Bonnes Mares)	1195
<i>Raspberry essence, expensive perfume, lavender and sweet spices. Excellent fruit energy, balance and seamless- this is why we looove burgundy!</i>		
1996 Dujac Clos St Denis	(Clos St Denis)	845
<i>Bright leaf tobacco with some complimentary smells of saddle leather and fall spices (nutmeg and cinnamon) as well as prune syrup-leathery and herbaceous tea qualities- how divine!!</i>		
2005 Dujac Morey St Denis	(Morey St Denis)	225
2011 Dujac Morey St Denis 1^{er} Cru	(Morey St Denis)	275

-Domaine Faiveley-

Erwan Faiveley has certainly made some changes in the past 10 years – all for the better in my opinion. Although Erwan believes 2012 may have been the “turning point” we believe it may have happened sooner so we decided to highlight some of these gems mainly from a cracking 2010 vintage

2010 Faiveley Mercurey 1^{er} Cru 'Clos des Roy'	(Mercurey)	79
<i>Concentrated and a bit monolithic now. Firm tannins are wrapped around a center of cherry and blackberry notes. Vibrant and long, with a spicy, cherry aftertaste</i>		
2011 Faiveley Clos de Issarts 1^{er} Cru	(Gevrey –Chambertin)	190
<i>The nose has aromas of very ripe fruits ,fiery liquorice notes and underbrush.This is an elegant, well-balanced wine with very good long-lasting aromas.</i>		
2010 Faiveley Nuits Saint Georges “Les Damodes” 1^{er} Cru	(Nuits-Saint Georges)	220
<i>Complex nose of spice, fruit compote and earthy minerality. Powerful, expansive and mineraly, it has crunchy red fruit and high acidity with some tannic grip</i>		
2010 Faiveley Clos St Denis Grand Cru	(Morey St Denis)	480
<i>A very limited production bottle from an amazing site</i>		

-Domaine Duroche-

2005 Duroche Lavaux St Jacques 1^{er} Cru	(Gevrey -Chambertin)	169
<i>Red berry nose nuanced by hints of earth and underbrush, very pure aromas and great vintage</i>		
2005 Duroche Charmes Chambertin Grand Cru	(Gevrey-Chambertin)	259
<i>Great Vintage, Effort and Price from this Fantastic Grand Cru site.</i>		

-Bruno Clair-

Bruno Clair symbolizes structure and grace and is undoubtedly one of Burgundy's true greats. His fellow growers consider him one of the greatest of their ranks. They admire his attention to detail in the vineyard. His wines show no ego or even style, but just seem to be true to the essence of each individual vineyard. Enjoy

2005 Bruno Clair Chambolle Musigny “Les Verailles” 1^{er} Cru	(Chambolle Musigny)	340
<i>Such an elegant wine, exhibiting florals, clove spice, red berries and stone quality. Structure. Drink it slow as you will regret it once you get to the last glass</i>		
2009 Bruno Clair Champ Perdrix	(Vosne Romanee)	220
<i>A lightly spiced and solidly complex nose offers up notes of red and blue pinot fruit as well as hints of violet, rose petal and earth. High-quality villages that is worthy of your attention. “mr meadows”</i>		
2009 Bruno Clair Clos St Jacques	(Gevrey Chambertin)	495
<i>That hedonistic experience one encounters when drinking great red burgundy can be found here...overwhelmed to find the words..</i>		
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2007 Meo Camuzet Clos Du Chapitre 1^{er} Cru	(Fixin)	210
<i>Straight wine with a lot of minerality. This wine, deep in colour and with frequent black fruit aromas, fresh and subtle nose and its frank character</i>		
2005 Chanson Pommard Eponets 1^{er} Cru	(Beaune)	165
<i>Overflowing in the mouth with small berried fruits: raspberries, strawberries, redcurrants, red cherries and integrated expensive spicy oak</i>		

-Lost For Words Producers-

Should the idea of losing yourself and perhaps, your bank account, in a euphoric pinot noir experience take hold..... look no further. A few examples of the greatest producers in burgundy or perhaps the world

2009 Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair Les Cras 1^{er} Cru (Nuits-Saint-Georges) **695**
An expressive and quite fresh nose features beautifully layered aromas of ripe red berry fruit, wet stone and earth. There is excellent vibrancy and detail to the restrained middle weight flavours that possess plenty of underlying tension on the balanced, long and really quite stylish finish. This is a classy and sophisticated effort that offers excellent length and focused power. "burghound"

2006 Armand Rousseau Chambertin (Chambertin) **2300**
"There is excellent freshness and vibrancy to the pure, round, rich and focused full-bodied flavors that carry obvious muscle and minerality on the deep, powerful and hugely long finish. This is an extremely impressive effort and one of the finest wines of the vintage. Not surprisingly, this hasn't changed a great deal since my last review except that the length is now even more phenomenal and the supporting tannins are a bit more apparent"(burghound)

2006 Domaine de la Romanee Conti Echezeaux (Echezeaux) **2600**
"Here the less expressive but very floral nose is spicier and ever so slightly riper with a range of black and blue fruit aromas nuanced by hints of earth and a touch of the sauvage that is also picked up by the rich, round and notably pure flavours that are more elegant than usual, all wrapped in a textured and punchy finish that is dry in the best sense and comes across as very clean and crisp. I very much like the overall sense of balance and about the only nit is a trace of backend warmth" (burghound)

Australia and New Zealand

2016 Dalrymple Pinot Noir (Pipers River, Tasmania) **57**
Sweet summer fruits on the palate with nicely structured fresh acidity and silky tannins which in time delivers a savoury complexity typical of these sites

2015 Freycinet Pinot Noir (Swansea, TAS) **118**
Alluring aromas of spicy black cherries, ripe raspberries and plum fruits combine with a subtle perfume of game, truffle and cedar .

2015 Tolpuddle Pinot Noir (Coal River, TAS) **150**
Intensely aromatic, balanced with savoury spice notes from whole bunch fermentation, along with purity of varietal expression, fresh acidity and firm tannins.

2015 Willow Creek (Merricks North, VIC) **89**
Sourced from some of the Mornington Peninsula's oldest vines, Willow Creek Pinot Noir shows deep colour, with rich berry fruit aromas and spicy complexity.

2016 Soumah Nygumby Pinot Noir (Yarra Valley, VIC) **82**
Hints of red berry, spice and savoury characters. Rich yet complex with firm, round tannins and an enduring finish. This producer is impressive..

2015 Yabby Lakes Block 6 Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula, VIC) **155**
Black fruits, spice, brambly and intense. Rich with red and blue fruits, layers of flavours and texture roll in unison with the tightly-packed tannin

2010 Kooyong Meres Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula, VIC) **125**
Flavours of liqueur cherry and blood orange a-tightly structured and focused palate with incredible length and tannin: this will mature gracefully.

2016 Dexter Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula, VIC) **99**
Complex flavours of blackberries, plums, spices and hints of oak- mid palate fruit sweetness and lovely texture.

2014 Tyrells Vat 6 Pinot Noir (Hunter Valley, NSW) **109**
Strawberry lift on the nose with stalk character-. The palate is delicate with bright berry fruit characters being the forerunner to the fine tannin structure

2013 Tout Pres By Farr (Geelong, VIC) **160**
With every year that passes, the Tout Pres vineyard's subtleness and delicate fruit structure are becoming increasingly pronounced in the wine. The bouquet fills the glass with spicy fruit, mineral elements and a hint of integrated French oak, with the darkness and essence of the Moorabool Valley true expressions of site. This wine exhibits primary and secondary flavours, which strengthen the overall integration for a seamless finish. It is a tightly packed combination of plums and undergrowth with an edgy acidity—and one of our favourite drops.

2013 Savaterre Pinot Noir (Beechworth, VIC) **159**
Florals and perfumed fruits lifting through the spice. Cherry-plum here, some cranberry, twigs and herbs, chicory. Woodsmoke. Deli meats. It's all going on here

2006 Mount Mary Pinot Noir (Yarra Valley, VIC) **245**
Pinot with delicate floral perfume of raspberries, cherries, red plums and restrained cedary oak, subtle presence of undergrowth and dried herbs, cloves, nutmeg

-Felton Road-

2014 Felton Road Pinot Noir Bannockburn	(Central Otago, NZ)	125
<i>If you haven't tried their Pinot, you should wait no longer and if you have.....nothing needs to be said.</i>		
2010 Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 5	(Central Otago, NZ)	175
<i>Same as above however.....not sure if we are dancing within the same ballroom....block 5 certainly knows the fox trot!</i>		
2010 Felton Road Cornish Point	(Central Otago, NZ)	139
2011 Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir	1500ml	380

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2014 Valli Waitaki Pinot Noir	(Central Otago, NZ)	105
<i>Grant Taylor is widely regarded as new Zealand's pinot guru. He produces top shelf single vineyard pinot noirs highlighting the sub regions of Central Otago- Enough said!</i>		
2010 Ata Rangi Pinot Noir	(Martinborough, NZ)	120
<i>Sleek tannins, vivid plum, stone and black cherry fruits coupled with intriguing dark chocolate and savoury notes- a Martinborough champion</i>		
2008 Dry River Pinot Noir	(Martinborough, NZ)	175
<i>One of NZ's if not the world's greatest Pinot Noirs- nose seems quite fragrant and pure – flowers, cherries/black fruit, potpourri and black olives with a touch of sweetness.</i>		
2014 Palliser Estate Pinot Noir	(Martinborough, NZ)	79
<i>Full fruit, dark intensity and smooth and voluptuous mouthfeel, wrapping everything into a complete package. Great pinot at this price point</i>		

SHIRAZ, SYRAH AND BLENDS

2015 Vasse Felix Shiraz	(Margaret River, WA)	62
<i>Medium weight with an elegant mouthfeel -palate has flavours of spicy black cherries, subtle liquorice, dried meats and black olives with a peppery overlay. Very fine grained tannins.</i>		
2015 Rolf Binder RHB Reserve Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	78
<i>Lifted aromas of dark plums and liquorice are followed by some toasty vanillin oak and spice. Medium to full bodied the palate boasts dark plum, blueberry and liquorice flavours.</i>		
NV Sami Odi Little Wine no. 7	(Barossa, SA)	125
<i>An unvintaged 'assemblage' composed of casks from 2017 (43%), 2016 (38%), 2015 (15%) & 2012 (4%). Exclusively sourced from our treasured plots within the Hoffmann's 'Dallwitz' vineyard from vines planted in 1996, 1995, 1960 & the oldest vines planted prior to 1912.</i>		

-Alex Head Wines-

2015 Head "Red" Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	69
<i>Deep red core to purple rim. Medium to full bodied palate with juicy red and black fruits, spice, plums, black cherry and pepper. Dense chewy tannins finish long</i>		
2015 Head Shiraz "The Blonde" Stonewell	(Barossa, SA)	99
<i>It's perfumed, rosy, smooth with milk chocolate, raspberry and plum, light spicy oak-Medium bodied, silky and fine, melts on palate and lays the charm on thick</i>		

-Greenock Creek Wines-

2010 Greenock Creek Alices Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	89
<i>Outstanding super saturated inky black purple colour. Good lift with perfumed scents of liquorice allsorts, aniseed and dark plum followed by some smoky vanillin oak</i>		
2010 Greenock Creek Apricot Block	(Barossa, SA)	119
<i>It's big and lushish with an intriguing nose of berries and a touch of star anise- in a word, fantastic!</i>		
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2011 Brokenwood Graveyard Shiraz	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	290
<i>Vanillin oak is evident with sufficient fruit to balance. Fruit characters are in the red savoury spectrum, almost cherry compote- medium bodied palate with plenty of sweet fruit.</i>		
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2008 Henschke Hill of Roses	(Eden Valley, SA)	400
<i>Aromas of Satsuma plums, briary mulberry, exotic spices are entwined with Dutch liquorice, black pepper, herbaceous rosemary, sage nuances, hints of cedar, anise and roast meats.</i>		

-Penfolds -

1992 Penfolds Grange	(South Australia)	1100
2005 Penfolds Grange	(South Australia)	950
2007 Penfolds Grange	(South Australia)	845

Liquorice dominates the palate and there is also a flavour reminiscent of chocolate-coated Turkish delight.. Ripe, silky tannins combine with chocolaty cedar, spicy black pepper, ripe fruits of citrus, plum, and blueberry, with liquorice savouriness and creamy flavours lingering. What a treat!

2008 Penfolds St. Henri Shiraz	(South Australia)	185
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Scents of Provencal herbs, bay leaves, blackberries, black currants, new saddle leather, and loads of meaty characteristics. Rich, texturally opulent and soft

2012 RSW Shiraz by Wirra Wirra	(McLaren Vale, SA)	98
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Lifted wild plums, blueberries and dark cherries leap from the glass.-dark bitter chocolate and aniseed are surrounded layers of fine vanilla bean and roasted almond from oak

2010 Noon Reserve Shiraz	(Langhorne Creek, SA)	150
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Boasts great intensity, superb richness, and a glorious perfume of camphor, acacia flowers, blueberries, and blackberry liqueur-WOW!

-Kilikanoon Wines-

2006 Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA)	189
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2010 Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA)	135
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Powerful, rich, concentrated blackberry, earthy fruit, ripe tannins

2002 Kilikanoon Oracle Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA) 6000ml	1350
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-Andrew Thomas-

2013 Andrew Thomas Sweetwater Shiraz	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	88
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The Sweetwater shiraz is true to form with its distinctive floral notes of violets and potpourri. Plump and juicy wine, red earth of the Hunter, quite pretty

2013 Andrew Thomas Kiss Shiraz	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	125
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Deep garnet-purple color and intense aromas of ripe cassis, black cherries, cracked black pepper, lavender, cloves and sage- pure fruit and spices layers , aniseed as well

2006 Maurice O Shea Shiraz	(Hunter Valley, NSW)	165
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Sweet red and black berry fruit entry. The palate is dense with sweet fruit and underlying vanillin oak that supports chocolate fruit tannin and good length of flavour.

-Great Rhone Examples-

2006 Rene Roistang la Landonne	(Cote Rotie)	400
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Intensely expressive and perfumed nose. Black pepper, bright florals. notes of dark fruit, spices, smoke, red flowers, bacon. Don't rush!

2013 Auguste Clape Cornas Syrah	(Cornas)	235
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Amazingly intense. Nose of sweet ink, stone, 'mud', prune, and dark berry. Huge palate at the same time sweet and burnt fruit. Lots of extract. Like drinking dark fruit juice. Huge but interesting

2010 Guigal Hermitage	(Hermitage)	169
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Aroma of bacon, herb, violet and liquorice. Silky tannins. Savoury palate with black pepper and herbs- an absolute steal for hermitage!

2000 Jean Louis Chave Hermitage	(Hermitage)	950
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More forward, open and textured, the 2000 Hermitage is an almost promiscuous effort that's just hard to resist. According to Jean-Louis, this wine has never shut down and has always delivered plenty of pleasure. It has classic cassis and blackberry fruit, bacon fat, violets and herbs to go with a full-bodied, layered and seamless, if not voluptuous style on the palate. Rating: 96 Points; Drink 2014-2024; Issue #214, Date: August 2014, Jeb Dunnuck - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

-A.P Birks Wendouree Wines-

For many lovers of big Australian red wines the discussion begins and ends with Wendouree. Truly exceptionally cellar-worthy, these full bodied and gripping red wines are the result of extremely low yields from the very old, unirrigated vines of Shiraz, Malbec, Mataro (Mourvèdre), and Cabernet Sauvignon, many of them growing on untrellised bush-vines. "Iron Fist within a velvet glove" says Halliday.

I will not dispute him on this one.....Perhaps you should form your own view on these wines

2003 Wendouree Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA)	185
2004 Wendouree Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA)	245
2005 Wendouree Shiraz	(Clare Valley, SA)	200
2002 Wendouree Shiraz Mataro	(Clare Valley, SA)	160
2005 Wendouree Shiraz Mataro	(Clare Valley, SA)	140
2008 Wendouree Shiraz Mataro	(Clare Valley, SA)	137
2010 Wendouree Shiraz Mataro	(Clare Valley, SA)	190

-Rockford Wines-

Whilst many Barossa producers were chasing the palate of one VERY influential wine critic, Robert o Callaghan decided that Barossa shiraz was special and it didn't require nor need to be influenced by the preferences of this particular critic. He stayed true to what he (and I) believe is a sophisticated, refined and exquisite style of Barossa shiraz that can only come from such a custodian.

We are delighted to offer the following vintages of Rockford Basket Press and the SVS from this iconic Barossa producer:

1998 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	345	
2002 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	275	
2004 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	215	
2005 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	195	
2006 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	195	
2007 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	189	
2008 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	179	
2011 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	145	
1996 Rockford SVS Moorooroo Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	400	
1998 Rockford SVS Flaxman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	350	
2004 Rockford SVS Flaxman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	300	
2005 Rockford SVS Flaxman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	275	
2006 Rockford SVS Flaxman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	260	
1997 Rockford SVS Hoffman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	315	
1998 Rockford SVS Hoffman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	340	
2005 Rockford SVS Hoffman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	275	
2006 Rockford SVS Hoffman Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	260	
1998 Rockford SVS Pressings Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	350	
2001 Rockford SVS Pressings Shiraz	(Barossa, SA)	300	
2008/9 Rockford Basket Press Shiraz	(Barossa, SA) 1500ml		465

Beverage List

COCKTAILS

lime margarita

XQ anejo, cointreau, fresh lime, salt rimmed glass

18

PA southside

dobsons sweet pea gin , fresh lime, fresh mint

18

buffalo sour

buffalo trace bourbon, lime, egg white

18

feeling spritzzy

aperol, prosecco and soda

or

contratto vermouth, prosecco, lemonade

15

long island ice tea

jose cuervo , haymans gin, absolut vodka, cointreau,

havana rum, coke and fresh lemon

18

negrini

poli marconi gin, rosso, campari, orange

18

MARTINIS

grey goose vodka martini

shaken or stirred , dry 2 wet, olive or twist

20

dobsons dry gin martini

shaken or stirred , dry 2 wet, olive or twist

20

espresso martini

absolut vodka, hunters blend espresso

Patron XO café

19

HANDCRAFTED BEERS

Wicked Elf Pale Ale (Port Macquarie)

A seductive combination of citrus hop flavour with a generous malty character balanced towards hop flavour and bitterness 10

Wicked Elf Pilsner (Port Macquarie)

Dominated by maltiness with a pronounced rounded bitterness and flavour from Saaz hops. Aftertaste is a balance of malt and hops with a medium body and a lingering bitter finish 10

Wicked Elf Porter (Port Macquarie)

Wicked Elf Porter is Robust in style. Overall, rich, full bodied, seductively smooth and sessionable, yet complex and rewarding. 12

Fastidious Bastard IPA (Port Macquarie)

Fastidious Bastard IPA" pays homage to the very hoppy and bitter India Pale Ales in the American West Coast style. Hoppy aromas and flavours of pine, citrus, spice and resin entice the senses, before a long bitter finish 12

Lord Nelson Three Sheets Ale (Sydney)

Delightfully balanced malt, overtones of herbaceous hop characters, citrus flora aromas . Medium Gold in colour 10

Hills Apple and Ginger Cider (Adelaide Hills)

Fresh Adelaide Hills Apples with hand selected Queensland Ginger 10

Long Point Ginger Beer 3.5 % (Port Macquarie)

Leave it to the English to provide us with such vision however leave it to a local to deliver this fragrant, wonderfully spicy, mildly sweet and so balanced. A must, seeing the English had very little to do with this one 12

INTERNATIONAL BEERS

Peroni Nastro Azzuro (Italy)	8
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AUSTRALIAN BEER

Coopers Light	7
MOO brew (can) 4%	8
James Boag	8

FEVER TREE – tonics and mixers

fever tree being the colloquial name for the *cinchona tree* in which quinine, a key ingredient for tonic, is found. The highest quality quinine was sourced from the Rwanda Congo border and blended with spring water and eight botanical flavours, including rare ingredients such as marigold extracts and a bitter orange from Tanzania. Crucially, no artificial sweeteners, preservatives or flavourings were added. Since launching, fever tree have adopted this intrepid attitude to sourcing quality botanicals for all their tonics and mixers. The result is delicious drinks to mix or enjoy on their own.

Fever Tree indian Tonic **4**

A very soft flavour. The subtle and supportive citrus and fruit notes are perfectly balanced by the bitterness of natural quinine. The finish is clean with none of the usual cloying mouth feel created by artificial sweeteners which are used in the majority of other tonics

Fever Tree Mediterranean Tonic **4**

Mediterranean Tonic Water was created to accompany the finest citrus and herbaceous gins. Blended with essential oils from the flowers, fruits and herbs that we have gathered from around the Mediterranean shores with the highest quality quinine from the 'fever trees' of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The result is a uniquely delicate, floral gin and tonic, when paired with citrus and herbaceous gins.

Fever Tree Elderflower Tonic **4**

The bright, fresh aroma and taste of our Elderflower Tonic has been created by carefully blending the essential oils from handpicked English elderflowers with the highest quality quinine from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Enjoy with fresh and floral gins or as a refreshing drink on its own.

Fever Tree Aromatic Tonic **4**

By blending the gentle bitterness of South American angostura bark with aromatic botanicals such as cardamom, pimento berry and ginger, we've created a delicious, unique tonic water. Created to enhance juniper-rich and robust gins, Aromatic tonic can be enjoyed in a Pink G&T or as a sophisticated soft drink on its own.

Fever Tree Ginger Beer **4**

By brewing a blend of three gingers from Nigeria, Cochin and the Ivory Coast we have a ginger beer that has been highly acclaimed by gastronomes and critics alike. Perfect with rum or vodka and lime or simply as a soft drink on its own.

Fever Tree Ginger Ale **4**

A distinctive ginger flavour created from a blend of the worlds finest gingers. Added complexity comes from the supportive citrus notes. An overwhelmingly clean finish creating a perfect mixer for dark spirits

GIN

AUSTRALIAN GINS:

Dobsons Distillery

Locally produced just over the ranges in the New England area

The delicious delicate dance of botanicals and light pure spirit. Dobson's is one of only a handful of Gin makers in the world to employ the rarest of specialist Gin stills... The Carter head still. There are believed to be less than six working Carter Heads in the world, Thankfully one of them is here.

The Carter head is unique in the way it extracts the Botanicals which make up the molecular soup that is Gin. Instead of coarsely extracting by soaking the botanicals in ethanol as most gins distillers do, the botanicals are not steeped or even allowed into contact with the neutral spirit: they are packed into a "flavour basket" through which the 95.6% pure alcohol vapour passes on its way to be condensed back into liquid. This leaves the impurities and volatile oils behind...the resulting gin is light, fragrant and balanced.

<u>Dobsons Sweet Pea</u>	<u>- mediterranean tonic-</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Dobsons London Dry</u>	<u>-indian tonic-</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Dobsons Sumac</u>	<u>-aromatic tonic</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Donsons Saffron</u>	<u>- mediterranean tonic-</u>	<u>11</u>

Adelaide Hills 78 Degrees -elderflower tonic- 12

Pungently aromatic and displaying resinous, citrus and floral notes with underlying spice. This gin offers fresh resinous pine juniper notes paired with coriander spice, orange citrus hints and a delicate earth spices including clove, cinnamon, black pepper, nutmeg and star anise. This is all topped off with a long finish through traditional use of Oris and Angelica.

Splendid Gin -mediterranean tonic- 11

Delicate notes of mandarin, rosemary and bergamot are preserved through vapour infusion and balanced with juniper and coriander. Triple distilled and refined with the finest Tasmanian spring water

West Winds -indian tonic- 11

Fine Gin from Australia? The West Winds Gins are gin lovers gins, set apart by utilising native botanicals like wattle seed and bush tomato and the pristine waters of Margaret River in Western Australia

Four Pillars -aromatic tonic- 12

The Four Pillars consist of the STILL, WATER, BOTANICALS and LOVE A magnificent copper pot **STILL**, made by CARL in Germany. **WATER**-from the Yarra Valley. **BOTANICALS**- from mostly native Australia, however some sourced from around the world. **LOVE** a commitment to craft and attention to detail every step of the way

Forty Spotted - *mediterranean tonic* 11

This gin is a nod to London Dry Gin, but with perhaps a few brighter notes of citrus and something sunny. 12 different botanicals, including macadamia, sandalwood, orange, angelica and orris root and the most important spiritual botanical love!

Blind Tiger - *indian tonic* 11

Blind Tiger Organic Gin is distilled in small batches and is a complex, yet elegant and aromatic gin made from the finest certified organic botanicals.

ITALIAN AND SPANISH GINS:

Gin Mare (Spain) - *mediterranean tonic* 11

Wonderful aromas of spicy orange chai, carrot-zucchini cake, and a pine with a silky, dryish medium body and oily cinnamon, clove, pepper, honeyed citrus zest, and potpourri finish. Delicious, distinctive, and vibrant.

Poli Marconi 46 - *aromatic tonic* 12

Marconi 46 is an Italian gin artisanally distilled and obtained from a unique infusion of juniper berries, muscat grape, mountain pine, cembra pine, mint, cardamom and coriander. Intense scent of juniper, fresh and balmy with silky touch from the muscat grapes, elegant sensations from cardamom and coriander

ENGLISH and SCOTTISH GINS:

Hendricks - *elderflower tonic* 10

Delicate aromas of cucumber, rose, honeyed citrus and floral juniper with a satiny dry-yet-fruity medium-full body with a long, elegant and smooth finish

The Botanist - *elderflower tonic* 12

An exciting and unusual gin from Islay whisky distillery Bruichladdich, the Botanist is made in a Lomond still christened Ugly Betty and contains no fewer than 31 botanicals, of which 22 are native to the Southern Hebridean Island itself. These latter include the likes of Mugwort, Meadow Sweet and the enigmatic Lady's Bedstraw flowers, and the resultant dry gin is described, perhaps unsurprisingly, as 'floral'

Ten by Tanqueray - *aromatic tonic* 10

The final product is clean and transparent, setting alcohol citrus flavours, perceiving the softness of chamomile, and giving a prolonged flavour. In the nose there is also perceived citrus

Tanqueray London Dry - *aromatic tonic* 8

It starts with the man. Charles Tanqueray. The bold spirit who traded the church for the still and in the process, created one of the world's most awarded gins. Tonight we toast the bold spirit worthy of its seal and 180 years of distilling excellence

Bombay Sapphire - *mediterranean tonic* **8**

Although there's a gin like quality in here, with juniper present in all phases of the tasting, it isn't quite the driver. This is contemporary, but I think the flavor profile and botanical mix [as well as how the notes come through] that don't seem radically situated in the contemporary gin movement. But it's not quite classic.

London No 3 - *indian tonic* **10**

No.3 is the London Dry Gin distilled to a proprietary recipe of Berry Bros. & Rudd- The name No.3 refers to the address in St James's Street, London: On the nose there's an instant and welcome hit of piney juniper with citrus and coriander very evident. In the mouth the juniper develops into a crispness nicely balanced by a soft spiciness. A classic."

Martin Millers - *elderflower tonic* **12**

Born out of Love, Obsession and some degree of Madness.' Martin Miller and his two friends, David Bromige and Andreas Versteegh, kicked off the whole gin 'new wave' back in 1999 with the launch of Martin Miller's eponymous gin involving a little Love, Obsession and, it has to be admitted, more than a Degree of Madness.

VODKA

Tito's Vodka (USA) **10**

Tito's Vodka is a small batch, gluten-free vodka made in small-batches in Austin, Texas, by Tito Beveridge. It's distilled six times in a pot still and filtered to reach the level of quality Tito desires for his spirit

Ketel One (Holland) **9**

The Master Distiller uses a categorisation called the 4Fs to highlight what makes Ketel One Vodka so unique. **Fragrance** Nosing Ketel One Vodka will return hints of citrus and honey. **Flavor** After a sip of Ketel One Vodka, you'll taste a crisp, unmistakable coolness. **Feel** Ketel One Vodka generously and smoothly coats the tongue. The finish of Ketel One Vodka leaves a lively tingle- its quality.

Grey Goose (France) **10**

A clean nose with a slight mix sweetness as well as subtle nut and pepper gently arising. A smooth palate with cracked pepper, liquorice and butter with a lingering aniseed flavour. Creates a rounded finish.

Absolut (Sweden) **9**

Absolut Vodka is made exclusively from natural ingredients, and unlike other vodkas, it doesn't contain any added sugar. In fact Absolut is a pure vodka. Still, that purity has a certain taste: Rich, full-bodied and complex, yet smooth and mellow with a distinct character of grain, followed by a hint of dried fruit.

Zubrowska (Poland) 8

Lots of light grass aromas on the nose with a slight earthy note coming through near the end creamy flavour of grass and vanilla with a slight kick of spice. Becomes rather soft at the end.

Belvedere (Poland) 10

Belvedere Vodka is the original and true expression of luxury vodka, Created exclusively from Polish Dankowskie Rye and quadruple-distilled to create the perfect balance of character and purity; it is completely free of additives, including sugar or glycerin. Dilution with purified water from Belvedere's own artisan wells is essential, enabling the character of the rye to shine. Perfect on the rocks, in a martini or breathing character to any cocktail.

RUM

Ron Zacapa 23yr Old (Guatemala) 14

This is a truly superb Guatemalan rum, blended using the solera system. Sublime stuff. This was matured in a mix of bourbon and sherry casks. The Beverage Testing Institute awarded this 98 points!

Captain Morgan (Jamaica) 8

Spiced, rich. Molasses and pepper. Full, warming. Stone fruits, dried peels, a hint of aniseed- Aniseed develops into the finish, honey too.

Bundaberg (Australia) 8

First distilled in 1888, the product we drink today still faithfully follows the same time honoured process. Rich, sweet molasses is produced, which is then fermented, double distilled, then sealed away to age in oak vats that to this day are still hand made by a family cooperage.

Havana Club Anejo Blanco (Cuba) 8

Light, straw colour that reveals its age: The nose is a full bouquet of smooth aromas, with hints of oak, molasses and sugar cane. The taste is well-balanced and complex: a sweet, mild, fruity flavour with a light hint of citrus.

Appleton Estate (Jamaica) 9

A dark rum blended from 20 pot and column still rums from Jamaica. This was aged for a minimum of 8 years and it offers lots of dark sugar, and honey character. Great value for money because whilst it's great in cocktails, it's also very good neat.

Dictador Rums(Colombia)

Dictador 12yr 13

Nose is intense with soft caramel, honey, dry seeds and lightly roasted coffee giving way to medium oak aromas. Soft and round feel in the mouth with caramel, cocoa, and honey light coffee flavours

Dictador 20yr 16

Big on the nose with soft caramel, vanilla, smoky honey, toffee, dry seeds, roasted coffee and a rich rounded oak sensation. Big and full flavoured, with caramel, vanilla, cocoa and roasted honey – a strong and rare texture

Dictador XO Insolent 27

Deep, noble mahogany-shine, an unforgettable colour in the glass. Hypnotic aroma, intricate roasted honey, pure vanilla, royal toffee, mature oak and parfait caramel. In the mouth it is extremely smooth, with a range of exquisite flavours starting with fudge, intense vanilla, parfait caramel, and Colombian coffee,

WHISKIES

AMERICA

Buffalo Trace 10

Spicy and sweet with caramel, creamy toffee eclairs, hints of cinnamon, rum spice and cereal sweetness. Brown sugar, toffee apple, sweet oak, custard, oily espresso beans, a touch of chocolate-covered raisins and toasty wood.

Jack Daniels Tennessee 8

There are hints of dry spice and oily nuts, a touch of smoke. The palate is quite smooth and soft with notes of banana milkshake, a mixed nut note, a touch of caramel with crème anglaise. The finish is quite sweet with a little cereal sweetness and toasty oak.

Sazerac 6yr Rye 17

The whiskey from New Orleans that started it all back in the 1800's. Aromas of clove, vanilla, anise and pepper. Subtle notes of candies spices and citrus. The big finish is smooth with hints of licorice.

Wild Turkey 8

A spiced, oaky nose with vanilla fudge, rye spices and coffee beans. Rich and thick, notes of caramel, manuka honey and fudge, hints of rhubarb and custard sweets and oily espresso beans.

Makers Mark 9

The nose is quite fruity and rich. There are lovely notes of spiced honey and mixed peels, a little malmsey and a touch of cut fruit with toasty oak providing a backbone. The palate is rich and full. There are notes of rye and spice, barley malt, a little nut oil with butterscotch and vanilla. The finish is quite sweet with butterscotch and dry oak spice.

Woodford Reserve 11

The nose is quite thick and creamy. There are notes of honey and spice, leather, a touch of cocoa, a little smoke, toasty oak and vanilla cream with a hint of butterscotch. The palate is thick and full. The finish is long and mature with notes of cereals and toasty oaken spice

Colonel E.H Taylor Small Batch 40

Tastes of caramel corn sweetness, mingled with butterscotch and liquorice. The aftertaste is a soft mouth-feel that turns into subtle spices of pepper and tobacco.

CANADA

Crown Royal

10

Canadian whisky benchmark. Rich and robust, with slight hints of vanilla and fruit. Delicately smooth and creamy with hints of oak and the sweet flavor of vanilla.

Canadian Club

9

Refreshing and smooth, bright gold, fresh and soft, with an almond nuttiness, hint of peppery spice. spicy and zesty, complimented with hints of rich oak and sweet vanilla, pleasant sweetness

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Helleyers Road finished in Pinot Noir Cask

15

Fresh fruit on cereal, a touch of vanilla, coconut oil with a hint of spice evident in the background. creamy in texture, malty flavours promised by the nose in a most distinguished fashion. A tantalizing twist

South Island 10yr

16

Rich, toasted oak-Quite tropical too, with a hint of coconut and guava. Floral. Spicy, toasted palate. Creamy vanilla and barnyard. Dried grass, allspice. Malt. Thick, malty finish.

SCOTLAND

Lagavulin 16y

16

Massive Peat and Oak! Very thick and rich. A massive mouthful of malt and sherry with good fruity sweetness

Talisker 12y

12

Thick, pungent smoke. Notes of kippers, seaweed, apple peels. Fresh and fragrant. Full bodied with huge plumes of smoke and volcanic, peppery peat. Intense.

Macallan Fine Oak 10y

15

The nose is quite clean and crisp. There are some gristy cereal notes with rubbed petals and a pastry note. A milky note emerges with a little marmalade. The palate is quite smooth and of medium-body. Notes of oily nuts and barley with some bourbon notes. The finish is of medium length with chewy oak.

Laphroaig 10y

13

Really smoky and iodine rich. This has to be one of Scotland's most characterful drams. Laphroaig are known for their medicinal malts, and the classic 10 year old is no exception.

Glenfiddich 12y

10

Grain. Slightly floral, mineralic. Spirity, orchard fruit, malty, honey. Citrus develops. Light, floral, spices. Very smooth. Sweet, touch of oak and general fruit, oily

JAPAN

Hibiki Harmony 25

Hint of raspberry, honey and sweet maltiness. Strong but subtle, extremely fragrant and sweet, balanced by spicy ginger and oak notes. Lively and velvet smooth with defined vanilla and honey notes. Cereal sweetness is held in check by more robust oak and rich exotic fruitiness, particularly raspberry and plum

Hibiki 17yr 40

Exceedingly rare outside of Japan. Sweet and rich aromas of raisins, sultanas and plums. Lots of toffee and butterscotch. Definite honey. Smooth and such a great nose- a privilege....

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Fortified Wines
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Spirits

Emilio Lustau Pedro Ximenez Sherry	(60ml)	12
Rockford Marion Tawny	(60ml)	10
Rockford 2009 VP Shiraz	(60ml)	14
Warre's Vintage Port 1985	(60ml)	40
Joseph Cartan Poire Williams	(30ml)	9
Nonino Grappa di Moscato	(30ml)	12
2000 Loujan Bas Armagnac	(30ml)	18
Frapin VS Cognac	(30ml)	12
Ragnaud-Sabourin No.10 VSOP Cognac	(30ml)	15
2009 Rockford Cane Cut Semillon (75ml)	14 (375ml)	64
2010 Raymond Lafon Sauternes	(375ml)	89
1998 Chateau d Yquem Sauternes	(375ml)	475
2007 Chateau Rieussec Sauternes (75ml)	49 (375ml)	172
2009 Royal Tokaji Aszu 5 Puttonyos	(250ml)	75
Wicked Elf Porter		12

Whiskies

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