



## WINE SELECTIONS WINTER 2023

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Our list is a seasonal offering showcasing some of the best wines of the local region alongside benchmarks from around the country and around the world.

The list has been brought together with the assistance of Patrick Walsh, former president of Sommeliers Australia, a respected wine importer and distributor & most importantly, a friend of the Royal Mail Hotel

## SPARKLING WINE AND CHAMPAGNE

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NV	<b>Airlie Bank Yarra Cuvée</b>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>10 / 38</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Dott (by Chalmers) Prosecco</b> <i>An Australian take on an Italian favourite brought to you by the Chalmers family who pretty much invented the whole idea of growing Italian varieties in Australia in the first place. Lively, fresh, softly fruited - this is delicious!</i>	<b>Murray Darling, NSW</b>	<b>10 / 40</b>
2019	The Story 'Col Fondo'	Central Victoria	47
2016	Stefano Lubiana Sparkling Brut Reserve	Granton, TAS	60
NV	Ruggeri Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore 'Quartese' Brut DOCG	Veneto, Italy	55
NV	JM Seleque 'Solesence' <i>Jean-Marc and Oriane Seleque craft brilliant 'grower' Champagne wines at their family estate, Pierry, near Epernay. Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier fruit from 7 villages in total used here in what is a fine, delicate, dry and delicious non-vintage, based mostly on the 2019 harvest.</i>	Champagne, France	129
NV	Jacquesson Cuvée 744	Champagne, France	195

## RIESLING AND 'AROMATIC' WHITES

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2014	Crawford River 'Museum Release' Riesling	Henty, VIC	87
2020	Franland Estate 'Poison Estate' Riesling	Frankland River, WA	56
2020	Frankland Estate 'Isolation Ridge' Riesling	Frankland River, WA	65
<b>2022</b>	<b>Clos Clare Riesling</b> <i>Classic Clare Valley dry Riesling, bursting with lime and citrus with concentrated minerality. Try this with Fish!</i>	<b>Clare Valley</b>	<b>12 / 48</b>
2020	Gunderloch 'Fritz' Riesling <i>From the gentle slope along the Rhine river in Germany's Rheinhessen region comes this playful Riesling with just a touch of citrusy sweetness, balanced by clear, crisp acidity.</i>	Rheinhessen, Germany	38
2020	Dr Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett (off-dry)	Mosel, Germany	58
2020	Prager 'Klaus' Riesling Smaragd <i>The Bodenstein family of Prager is perhaps the purest distiller of terroir in Austria's famous Wachau valley. Klaus is a luxurious vineyard on the rocky slopes above the Danube. In Prager's hands its Riesling has a slow-burn intensity with great finesse and mineral length. A 'Grand Cru' Austrian if there was such a thing!</i>	Wachau, Austria	162
<b>2022</b>	<b>Punt Road Pinot Gris</b>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>10 / 38</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Brown Magpie Pinot Grigio</b>	<b>Modewarre, VIC</b>	<b>11 / 42</b>
2021	Little RaRa Pinot Gris	Pyrenees, VIC	56
2020	Groiss Gruner Veltliner	Weinertel, Austria	44
2021	Corymbia Chenin Blanc <i>This fabulous dry Chenin Blanc is made by Rob Mann - a descendant of the great Jack Mann of Houghton fame. Mineral, fresh, lively this is a delicious white from the increasingly fashionable Swan Valley.</i>	Swan Valley, WA	44
2019	Arnault Lambert Saumur 'St Cyr en Bourg' (Chenin Blanc)	Loire, France	64
2021	Mutual Promise Garganega	King Valley, VIC	42
<b>2020</b>	<b>Pieropan Soave</b> <i>From the north of Italy and from a grape variety called Garganega comes this perennial luncheon classic that year after year is a favourite Italian white. We challenge you to stop at one glass!</i>	<b>Veneto, Italy</b>	<b>13 / 52</b>

## SAUVIGNON BLANC, FRIENDS AND BLENDS

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2022	TWR Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough, NZ	47
2021	<b>Weaver Sauvignon Blanc</b> <i>Legendary winemaker Geoff Weaver produces what is surely one of this country's finest Sauvignons from his old-vine vineyard in the Adelaide Hills. More white stone-fruits than grassy herbals this, a delicious example of how great Sauvignon can be!</i>	<b>Adelaide Hills</b>	<b>12 / 48</b>
2019	Mount Mary Triolet (Sauvignon, Semillon, Muscadelle)	Yarra Valley, VIC	128
2017	Mount Mary 'Reflexion' Fume Blanc <i>A textural and complex version of Sauvignon Blanc that bears some resemblance to the great Sancerre wines of the Loire Valley. This one though from Yarra Valley icon, Mount Mary.</i>	Yarra Valley, VIC	60
2019	Apis (by Crawford River) Florea Sauvignon Semillon	Henty, VIC	52

## CHARDONNAY AND TEXTURAL, FULL-BODIED WHITES

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2022	<b>Punt Road Chardonnay</b>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>10 / 39</b>
2019	Lethbridge Chardonnay	Geelong, VIC	63
2021	Craiglee Chardonnay	Sunbury, VIC	63
2018	Provenance Henty Chardonnay	Henty, VIC	65
2021	Onannon Chardonnay	Mornington Peninsula	55
2021	By Farr Chardonnay	Geelong, VIC	175
2019	Eastern Peake Chardonnay	Ballarat, VIC	119
2019	Louis Michel Chablis	Chablis, France	83
2021	Nocturne, Chardonnay	Margaret River, WA	52
2021	Irrewarra by Farr Chardonnay	Western VIC	84
2021	By Farr "Cote Vineyard" Chardonnay	Geelong, VIC	159
2021	Deep Woods Estate Single-Vineyard Chardonnay	Margaret River, WA	67
2016	Mount Mary Chardonnay <i>From the iconic Yarra Valley vineyard, this wine shows that the Middleton family isn't afraid to give you flavour with your Chardonnay. This also has texture and complexity from its invisible winemaking. It's seamless and elegant, with jubilant length.</i>	Yarra Valley, VIC	170
2017	Domaine Matrot Meursault Perrières 1er Cru <i>Perrières is Meursault's greatest vineyard, and sisters Elsa and Adèle Matrot celebrate its seductive power with a seamless Chardonnay of cool stoniness and tangy acids. From 56-year-old vines, this is sensual, tensile and light on its feet.</i>	Burgundy, France	218
2019	Between Five Bells 'White Field Blend'	Geelong, VIC	47
2021	Sentio Aligote <i>Aligote is a Burgundian variety not unlike Chardonnay but maybe with some different, sometimes floral aromatic nuances. Plenty of texture and interest here.</i>	King Valley, VIC	49
2021	Chalmers Bush Vine Inzolia	Murray Darling, NSW	65
2022	Lakes Folly Chardonnay <i>From Australia's oldest boutique winery in the Hunter Valley comes this sensational Chardonnay. Colour is golden straw. Nose shows lifted fruits of peach, pear juice and citrus with hints of spice and dried oats. The palate is generous, with same fruits coming through, along with subtle but perfectly integrated French oak. Elegant, stylish with great texture, length and persistence</i>	Hunter Valley, NSW	144
2021	By Farr Viognier	Geelong, VIC	175
2018	Yeringberg Viognier	Yarra Valley, VIC	58

## ROSÉ AND AMBER WINE

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<b>2020</b>	<b>Pig in the House Rosé</b> <i>Vibrant pinkish, rose gold in colour. Fresh flavours of strawberries and kanzi apple are complemented by a soft mouth feel, complexity and texture derived from being aged in old oak barrels. Australian Certified Organic.</i>	<b>Billimari , NSW</b>	<b>10 / 38</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Pierre Amadieu Côte du Rhône 'Roulepiere' Rosé</b> <i>Pierre Amadieu Côtes du Rhône Rosé is a blend of classic southern French rosé grapes Grenache and Cinsault. This wine is vinified in stainless steel tanks at a low temperature to preserve its freshness and fruitiness. Raspberry and redcurrant flavours with floral notes are followed by a pleasantly full-bodied mouthfeel.</i>	<b>Port Phillip, Vic</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Save Our Souls Rosé</b>	<b>West Gippsland, VIC</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Crawford River Rosé</b>	<b>Crawford River, South West VIC</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Scorpo 'Bestia' Pinot Grigio "Orange" Wine</b>	<b>Mornington Peninsula, VIC</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Latta Vino 'What-a-Melon' Rosé</b> <i>Savoury, slightly funky but still wonderfully fresh and juicy Rosé made from a blend of white and red varieties by young-gun winemaker Owen Latta who grew up in the vines at his parents 'Eastern Peake' vineyard near Ballarat.</i>	<b>Ballarat, VIC</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Pittnauer Rosé</b> <i>It is light as a feather, smells of strawberries, roses and is crystal clear, slightly spicy, juicy and invigorating. Flows fresh, fruity and without dangling over the palate.</i>	<b>Burgenland, Austria</b>	<b>11 / 42</b>

## PINOT NOIR, GAMAY AND OTHER LIGHT REDS

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<b>2021</b>	<b>Airlie Bank Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Brown Magpie Single Vineyard Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Modewarre, VIC</b>	<b>12 / 52</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Strelley Farm Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Cool River Valley, TAS</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Lethbridge Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Farr Rising Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Irrewarra Pinot Noir (by Farr)</b>	<b>Western VIC</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>By Farr 'Farrside' Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>By Farr 'Sangreal' Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Tout Pres by Farr Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>By Farr Pinot Noir Cote Vineyard</b>	<b>Geelong, VIC</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Shadowfax Macedon Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Macedon Ranges, VIC</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Josh Cooper 'Ray Monde' Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Macedon Ranges, VIC</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Josh Cooper 'Spring' Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Central Highlands, VIC</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Cor Ribbe Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Mornington Peninsula, VIC</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Marco Lubiana Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Tasmania</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Onannon 'Leongatha' Single Vineyard Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Gippsland, VIC</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Burn Cottage 'Moonlight Race' Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Central Otago, NZ</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Burn Cottage Vineyard Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Central Otago, NZ</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Mount Mary Pinot Noir</b>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Hautes Cotes de Beaune Borgogne - Pierre Boisson</b> <i>Proper Burgundy wine! Sumptuous Pinot Noir from the Villages above Beaune in France's star wine region. Earth, spice, cherries, strawberry compote - it's all there and good to go!</i>	<b>Burgundy, France</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Domaine Jean Tardy Gevrey Chambertin "Champerrier"</b> <i>The Pinot Noir of Vosne-based Guillaume Tardy embodies the sensuousness and vibrant prettiness of his home commune. This perfumed, mid-weight Gevrey from 1957-planted vines is no different, offering delicious red and blackberry flavours with spice, fine tannins and a delightful thread of acidity.</i>	<b>Burgundy, France</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Gantenbein Pinot Noir</b> <i>This is Switzerland's most famous wine, with a worldwide reputation as grand as it is scarce. From low-yielding, close-planted vines at the foot of the Alps, Martha and Daniel Gantenbein's wines are raised in the finest Burgundian tradition and show great tension and sophistication.</i>	<b>Rhine Valley, Switzerland</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Airlie Bank 'Garden Red' Gamay/Franc/Grenache</b> <i>Not weighed down by any oak, this crunchy, bunched, lighter red still packs bucket-loads of flavour and interest in a very much hitherto un-tried blend that, well, just works!</i>	<b>Yarra Valley, VIC</b>	<b>10 / 40</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Dominique Piron Beaujolais Village (Gamay)</b>	<b>Beaujolais, France</b>	<b>44</b>

## THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

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2020	Chalmers Nero D'Avola	Heathcote, VIC	38
2019	Little RaRa 'Noir' (Nero d'Avola)	Heathcote, VIC	44
2019	Il Modo Rosso (Nebbiolo, Pinot Noir, Schiopettino)	Heathcote & Mildura	42
2019	Protero Barbera <i>Barbera originates in the hills of Piedmont in Italy but this one comes from the hills near Adelaide! No less delicious for it though, laden with bright red and blue fruit notes and refreshing acidity, an Autumnal red if ever there was one!</i>	Adelaide Hills	48
2019	Garden of Earthly Delights	Lancefield, VIC	55
2019	Pietradolce, Etna Rosso, Nerello Mascalese <i>From the truly (obviously!) volcanic soils on the slopes of Mount Etna in Italy, a medium-bodied spicy red that is reminiscent of both Pinot Noir and Nebbiolo, but its neither. Extremely tasty!</i>	Sicily, Italy	58
2019	Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico DOCG	Tuscany, Italy	68
2019	Fiorini Chianti Superiore	Tuscany, Italy	36
2020	Umani Ronci Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 'Podere'	Abruzzo, Italy	35
2019	Brancaia Chianti Classico <i>"The Chianti Classico – the only Brancaia red wine that is made without wood – pays homage to our terroir. This single origin Sangiovese fascinates with its lightness &amp; its fine cherry notes – typical Sangiovese aromas"</i>	Tuscany, Italy	66
2019	Felsina Chianti Classico	Tuscany, Italy	70
2018	Poggerino Chianti Classico	Tuscany, Italy	65
2021	<b>Vajra 'Langhe Rosso' Barbera, Dolcetto, Nebbiolo</b> <i>A tasty blend of Dolcetto, Barbera, Nebbiolo &amp; Pinot Nero, the winemaker Giuseppe Vajra describes this as a 'hug from Piedmont'. Well, we can't go there so this might just be the next best thing!</i>	<b>Piedmont, Italy</b>	<b>13 / 52</b>
2019	Vajra Barbera D'Alba	Piedmont, Italy	61
2019	Cigliuti Barbera D'Alba 'Campass' <i>The 2019 Barbera d'Alba Campass emerges from a single south-east facing block in the hills of Barbaresco. It offers up an exciting mélange of blueberry, spice, lavender, mocha and licorice. Deep, dense and beautifully layered, the 2019 is a gorgeous wine from Cigliuti. It spent 18 months in French oak, about 15% new.</i>	Piedmont, Italy	68
2017	Vajra Barolo "Albe" <i>Lovely Nebbiolo aromas of rose, violet, red berry and botanical herb shape the fragrant nose. Smooth and savory, the elegant palate features juicy red cherry, crushed raspberry and cake spice alongside polished tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced.</i>	Piedmont, Italy	139
2017	Vajra Barolo "Coste di Rose"	Piedmont, Italy	170
2017	La Spinetta Barbaresco "Starderì" <i>Starderì is one of the great Barbaresco vineyards, where these 55-year-old vines sit at 230m on blue-tinted calcareous marl with a small amount of clay. The Rivetti family's rendition has all the power, within relatively soft contours, culminating in a Nebbiolo that is at once bold and lush, refined and detailed.</i>	Piedmont, Italy	317

## CABERNET, BLENDS AND FRIENDS

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2020	Josh Cooper Cabernet Sauvignon	Pyrenees, VIC	90
2022	Josh Cooper "Spring" Cabernet Blend	Central Highlands, Victoria	58
2009	Dalwhinnie Moonambel Cabernet Sauvignon	Pyrenees, VIC	120
2020	<b>Nocturne 'Sub-Regional' Cabernet</b>	<b>Margaret River, WA</b>	<b>12 / 48</b>
2021	Lake's Folly Cabernet <i>An Australian icon! Lifted blueberry, raspberry and fresh cherry aromas with hints of liquorice and black pepper that carry over to the palate, Medium bodied style that is beautifully balanced with a lovely tannin-to-fruit ratio, resulting in a textural, stylish wine that will have outstanding longevity. But just so delicious now!!</i>	Hunter Valley, NSW	144
2021	Corymbia Cabernet Sauvignon	Margaret River, WA	83
2018	Balnaves Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Four hours West of where you are right now, lies the famed strip of 'Terra Rossa' red soils of Coonawarra. Year in, year out the Balnaves family produce a set of fabulous estate-grown wines, most of which are based on Cabernet Sauvignon. Here's a sumptuous 2018 example – proof that 'Cabernet is back'!</i>	Coonawarra, SA	58
2019	Mount Mary Quintet	Yarra Valley, VIC	219
2018	Wantirna 'Amelia' Cabernet Blend	Yarra Valley, VIC	120
2018	Two Wolves 'Group Song' Merlot Cabernet Syrah <i>Two Wolves is the very real wine project of one Alecia Moore, otherwise known as Pink, i.e. the 'Rock Star'! But make no mistake, this is the real deal. Alecia lives on the property, works in the vineyard herself, and is turning out some fabulous bottlings including this sumptuous blend inspired by her love of the great wines of Bordeaux!</i>	Santa Barbara, USA	137

## SHIRAZ AND 'RHONE-STYLE' BLENDS

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<b>2020</b>	<b>Pig in the House Organic Shiraz</b>	<b>Billimari, NSW</b>	<b>10 / 40</b>
2019	Anti Hero Shiraz <i>Adam Foster has carved out quite a reputation over the last 10 years or so for his Shiraz (mostly) wines from his vineyard at Tooboorac near Heathcote. This wine is pure Shiraz fun - not meant to be too serious - just chock-full of spicy Shiraz goodness!</i>	Otway Ranges, VIC	58
<b>2018</b>	<b>Pondalowie Shiraz</b>	<b>Bendigo, VIC</b>	<b>10 / 44</b>
2017	Pondalowie 'Special Release' Shiraz	Bendigo, VIC	92
2018	Brown Magpie Single Vineyard Shiraz	Modewarre, VIC	51
2015	Dalwhinnie Moonambel Shiraz <i>The deep purple-crimson colour semaphores serious intent, thoroughly intimidating when you realise this is the fourth tier of Dalwhinnie's shiraz releases; the intimidation continues with a black fruits, tar and liquorice bouquet of what is an unashamedly full-bodied Shiraz needing to be left alone until '20.</i>	Pyrenees, VIC	120
2020	Dalwhinnie 'Mesa' Shiraz <i>Bright crimson in colour with intense aromas of fresh red berries and brambly nuance, lifted by warm spice such as cinnamon and nutmeg. Elegant yet rewarding cool-climate wine from the Pyrenees in Victoria. It exhibits a beautifully ripe core of dark fruits, lifted by complex notes of cinnamon and star anise. Powder fine tannins and subtle French oak complete this regional classic</i>	Pyrenees, VIC	55
2019	Pierre Amadieu Cotes de Rhone	Rhone, France	39
2019	Charvin Côtes du Rhône 'Le Poutet'	Rhone, France	63
2019	Charteris Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	62
2017	Craiglee JADV Shiraz	Sunbury, VIC	62
2019	Lethbridge Shiraz	Geelong, VIC	55
2018	SC Pannell Merrivale' Shiraz	McLaren Vale, SA	58
2019	Pyrenn Reserve Syrah	Warrenmang, VIC	62
2018	Heartland 'Directors Cut' Shiraz <i>The dark purple colour is a clear indication of the intensity that awaits in your glass. The nose is inundated with berry compote and a decorative topping of fresh berries. These are accented by whispers of spice. The palate offers juicy plums and chocolate dipped dried fruits. There are hints of oregano and thyme to be sort out. The finish is long and the freshness unmistakable.</i>	Langhorne Creek, SA	53
2019	Glaetzer 'Bishop' Shiraz <i>For lovers of a bolder, richer and dare we say more 'traditional' Australian Shiraz but still with great freshness, it's hard to go past this one - from very old dry-grown vines in the Ebenezer district, Northern Barossa.</i>	Barossa, VIC	53
2018	Koomilya GT Block Shiraz <i>From very old vines in McLaren Vale. Ripe and pure red plum aromas with fruit bread and sarsaparilla, black fruits, dark spices and iodine. The palate is intensely concentrated with ripe dark plum and panforte flavours set amid athletic tannins that hold the finish long. A striking wine from one of Australia's very best. Mr Steve Pannell!</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	127
2019	Alkina 'Old Quarter' Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro	Barossa Valley, SA	124
2019	By Farr Shiraz	Geelong, VIC	139

## DESSERT WINE & PORT

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2019	Baumard 'Carte d'Or' Coteaux du Layon 375ml	Loire, France	39
2017	Crawford River 'Nektar' 375mls	Henty, VIC	71
<b>2008</b>	<b>Pondalowie "Two Rows" 14 Year old Tawny Port</b>	<b>Bendigo, VIC</b>	<b>12 / 52</b>