

# On the Vine

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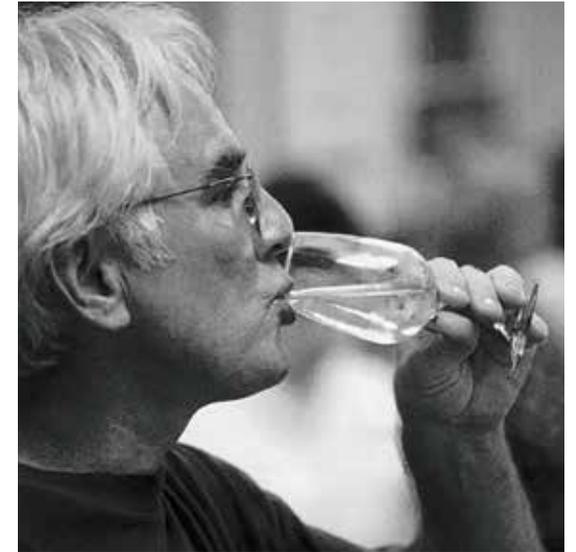
# winter 2017

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The shorts are packed away and the woollies are getting an airing. It's time for some decent red wines and we have a terrific bunch here for you. Most are ready for drinking and that's handy for those without cellars of older matured reds to choose from. Notwithstanding the reds, there are some very handy white wines here as well. We are seeing more and more use of wild yeast and oak fermentation in white wines which adds another level of interest and that's got to be a good thing. We trust you will enjoy this selection.

Cheers! Rod Properjohn.



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# the panel

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Every fortnight, the Liquor Barons wine panel meets in the cellar of the Swanbourne store, to look through 30-40 wines. This is conducted totally masked, and is an exhaustive process. The wines are discussed after each bracket and all points are shared and recorded. In this way, the best wines are selected on their merits - not their labels - and are then presented to you each quarter.



# white wine

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2016 Forester Estate, Sauvignon Blanc,  
Margaret River

This is a terrific example of modern sauvignon blanc with herbal and tropical fruit characters along with a silky palate texture and long dry finish. A multi-medal winner that has its interest lifted by partial oak fermentation. Is beautifully made and will drink well in the short term.

\$24.99 single  
\$22.99 each in any six



2016 Eden Trail, Riesling  
Eden Valley

There are floral notes here, especially wafting through on the aromatics. Then you'll notice lemony flavours and the crunch of Granny Smith apples on the palate. It's long dry and refreshing, a classical young Eden riesling that's perfect with pan-fried whiting fillets.

\$21.99 single  
\$19.99 each in any six



2016 K+B, Riesling,  
Mt Barker / Great Southern

Quality riesling from two quality WA winemakers. This label is traditionally made from the very best grapes of the Great Southern vintage. There is lime juice, lemon pith, a mineral texture and crisp acidity. It's a little tight right now and will unravel into a cracking wine with some bottle maturation.

\$29.99 single  
\$26.99 each in any six



2016 Fraser Gallop Estate 'Parterre'  
Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, Margaret River

We expect nothing else from this label and stunning vintage of semillon/sauvignon blanc. It's a blend that is helped along by wild yeast fermentation and oak maturation. Lemony fruit and herbal flavours are here with creaminess and acidity for balance. Thoroughly recommended for drinking now or in the next couple of years.

\$29.99 single  
\$26.99 each in any six



2016 Castelli, Sauvignon Blanc Semillon,  
Pemberton / Margaret River

Although a ubiquitous blend in WA, we do it better than anyone else. This Pemberton/Margaret River youngster has delightful passionfruit, citrus, herbal leafiness, a long dry refreshing palate and terrific finish. Magical drinking right now, we wouldn't waste another moment.

\$18.99 single  
\$16.99 each in any six



2016 Swinney 'Tirra Lirra' White,  
Great Southern

A blend of Alsatian grapes - riesling, pinot gris and gewürztraminer. There's stonefruit, citrus and dry cleansing acidity. The French would serve this style of wine with smoked eel or a fish terrine; why not try it with light Asian dishes? Thai, Malay or spicy Chinese would be brilliant.

\$26.99 single  
\$23.99 each in any six

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# white wine

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2016 Devils Corner, Pinot Grigio,  
Tasmania

From the east coast of Tassie, this is a very drinkable package of stone fruit, tropical fruit, kitchen spices, freshness and cleansing acidity. Ideal food wine and you just can't go past a plate of ridiculously fresh plump oysters with this – oh yes, with a squeeze of lemon.

\$17.99 single  
\$15.99 each in any six



2016 Emperica by Castelli, Pinot Gris,  
Great Southern

Pinot gris and a little traminer were partially oak barrel and whole bunch fermented, an increment to normal winemaking practices. The result is a fuller wine, 'gris style', with ripe pear aromatics; a creamy textured palate, some nuttiness, spice and soft acidity. Lovely wine, enjoy soon!

\$24.99 single  
\$22.99 each in any six



2015 Les Vignerons, Vermentino Colombard,  
Southern France

From southern France where the warmth generates bigger flavours in wines and these two varieties aren't short on flavour in their own right. The wine is a market stall of fruit – pear, citrus and apple and has an eruption of wildflower perfume that enhances its drinkability. Great value for an import. Quaff now.

\$16.99 single  
\$14.99 each in any six



2016 Watson Family Vineyards, Chardonnay,  
Margaret River

There's amazing value in this young Margs' chardonnay. From the celebrated Woodlands stable, the stone fruit here is complemented by toasty oak and the wine drinks well with a bucketful of flavour and firmness on the finish. Open and enjoy a bottle within the next couple of years.

\$16.99 single  
\$14.99 each in any six



2013 Flowstone, Chardonnay,  
Margaret River

Nutty, smoky oak and layers of stone fruit, citrus, butterscotch and minerality prevail in this medium-weighted wine from the southern Margaret River region. The balance is precise and the mouthfeel seductive. Good effort by this new label. Perfect with char-grilled chicken.

\$33.99 single  
\$29.99 each in any six



2015 Domaine Naturaliste 'Floris' Chardonnay,  
Margaret River

A contemporary expression of chardonnay with freshly scented aromatics that spiral out of the glass and grapefruit and stone fruit marry to subtle mealy characters along the palate. It has a modern clean mineral edge. We wouldn't bottle age it, it's too enjoyable right now.

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# red wine

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2015 Catalina Sounds, Pinot Noir,  
Marlborough (NZ)

Attractive wine with strawberry and cherry fruit and a little sweaty funk for another edge. The medium body has a firm structure albeit with velvety texture and refreshing acidity. Absolutely superb with duck breast on a berry flavoured sauce. Drinkers of Kiwi pinot will enjoy this.

\$27.99 single  
\$24.99 each in any six



2015 Flowstone, Shiraz Grenache,  
Margaret River

You won't be disappointed in drinking this wine this winter, it's the winemaker's recommendation and we agree. It's a soft savoury youngster with supple tannins and fresh lively red fruit. You don't need to think about this too much, quaff it down with some beef ribs and a spicy sauce.

\$23.99 single  
\$21.99 each in any six



2015 Ulithorne 'Specialis', Tempranillo Grenache  
Graciano, McLaren Vale

A blend of McLaren Vale tempranillo, grenache and graciano from this small winery. The wine has Spanish roots and distinctive savoury European characters. There is an earthy trait with sour cherry, dried kitchen herbs and balancing tannins. Drink in the short term with slowly braised lamb shanks and potato mash.

\$24.99 single  
\$22.99 each in any six



2015 Wirra Wirra 'Original Blend' Grenache  
Shiraz, McLaren Vale

A traditional Australian red blend popular in warm/hot regions decades ago. From McLaren Vale, this highlights the varietal characters with candy-like red fruit, a touch of licorice, spiciness, chocolate and chalky tannins. It's not built for aging, so hop in and enjoy it in the short term.

\$23.99 single  
\$21.99 each in any six



2014 Purple Hands, Shiraz,  
Barossa Valley

A philanthropic red wine, it keeps giving and giving. It's generous in colour, nose and palate, you'll find it full of richness and flavour, with ripe fruit, chocolate and rounded velvety tannins. A classic of the Barossa from a good vintage. Is one for our 'big red' wine lovers.

\$26.99 single  
\$24.99 each in any six



2015 Belasco De Baquedano 'Llama Old Vine  
Malbec', Mendoza (Arg)

Very good malbec from the ever-improving standard of Argentinean wines here in Australia. There's a bright crimson colour, spice and plum on the nose and a well-constructed middleweight palate of red berry fruit, herbal characters and fine finishing tannins. Lots of value here.

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# red wine

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2014 Mandoon Estate, Cabernet Merlot,  
Margaret River

This label wears more gold than a British Field Marshal. The gongs are well deserved as the wine fronts with ripe blackberry and plum, a vanillin spicy waft of oak, a well-defined firm structure and long satisfying finish. From a winery that is simply brilliant at making red wines. Don't miss this!

\$25.99 single  
\$23.99 each in any six



2014 Harewood Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Denmark

From the Great Southern, this epitomises cabernet sauvignon by its very deep red colour, blackcurrant aromatics and long palate, which is densely packed with ripe tannins, black fruit and cleansing acidity. Well structured with complementary oak, this is one for drinking now if you wish, or after a few years in the cellar.

\$17.99 single  
\$15.99 each in any six



2014 Majella, Cabernet Sauvignon,  
Coonawarra

Super consistent cabernet from Majella, although we feel this is more sociable than previous vintages. It still has the marvellous blackcurrant fruit, regional minty herbal influence and middleweight body, but the oak is less obvious and we reckon that's a good thing. Great with Spring lamb, which will soon be available.

\$35.99 single  
\$32.99 each in any six



2014 Plantagenet 'Aquitaine'  
Cabernet Sauvignon, Mt Barker

From this very popular Great Southern winery, the wine is bright red in appearance and has attractive fresh and lively blackberry fruit and the complexity of oak for interest. There are enough tannins and built-in structure for aging, but it impresses by its symmetry and drinkability right now.

\$26.99 single  
\$23.99 each in any six



2014 Galafrey, Shiraz,  
Mt Barker

Gaining in popularity, cool region shiraz is enjoyed for its peppery spicy undercarriage and medium weight. This wine has those characters plus 'cool in the mouth' low-alcohol dignity and drinkability. A sirloin of aged rare beef would be a cracker with this beaut young red. Galafrey is 40 years old this year. Congratulations!

\$24.99 single  
\$22.99 each in any six



2015 Manora, Primitivo,  
Puglia IGP (It)

A dry red wine made from the primitivo grape, known in Oz as zinfandel. It's the pride of southern Italy, especially in the heel, where the grapes achieve consistent ripeness and generous flavour. Expect that in this wine, along with a spicy lift, balance and cleansing acidity.

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