

# MEADOW

Baguette | cultured butter 10 gfa  
Sydney rock oysters | mignotte 7EA gf  
Grilled scallop grenobloise 12EA gfa  
Beef tartare toast | piparras 12EA  
Gougères | comtè | Cantabrian anchovy 11EA  
Mushroom pastilla | bèarnaise sauce 9EA v  
N25 Oscietra caviar | traditional accompaniments 125 gf

Duck liver parfait | toasted baguette | onion confit | cornichons 23 gfa  
Raw tuna | bergamot | crème fraîche | crisps 32 gf  
Braised octopus provençal | piment d'espelette 28 gf  
House smoked ocean trout rillettes | fennel pollen | roe 27 gfa  
Globe artichokes | onion | horseradish cream 20 gf v  
Wagyu bresaola | celeriac remoulade | whitlof | pear | capers 28 gf  
Meadows aged cheeseburger | Café de Paris butter 32 gfa

Crab spaghettini | garlic | chilli 36  
Baked Rigatoni | vodka sauce 24 gfa v

Grilled Kidman premium sirloin au poivre | frites 76 gf  
Half Bannockburn chicken | mushrooms | Vin Jaune sauce 38 gf  
Grilled John Dory | preserved lemon yoghurt | Swiss chard 60 gf

Creamed spinach | lemon 15 v  
Roasted potatoes | confit garlic | fried capers 15 gf v  
Green leaf salad | red wine vinaigrette | soft herbs 15 gf v  
French fries | béarnaise 14 gf v

Banana tarte tatin | vanilla ice cream 19 v  
Profiteroles | crème Chantilly | chocolate sauce 16 v  
Crème caramel 16 gf v





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## SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

<b>MEADOW MARTINI</b> Belvedere   Lillet Blanc   Meadow brine mix   triple olive	24
<b>GIMLET</b> Gin   kaffir lime leaf   lime	22
<b>SHIRE STANDARD</b> Vodka   lychee   passionfruit liqueur   lemon	23
<b>PEACH PLEASE</b> Vodka   elderflower   peach   lemon   bergamot smoke bubble	25
<b>SPRTIZ</b> Gin   elderflower   cucumber   prosecco   lemon   soda	22
<b>ADAMS APPLE</b> Hendricks Neptunia   elderflower   sour apple liqueur   apple	24
<b>BERRY SOUR</b> Gin   limonchello   raspberry   vanilla   white	25
<b>WHITE NEGRONI</b> Gin   Italicus Bergamot   Cocchi Americano Bianco	24
<b>SMOOTH OPERATOR</b> Diplomatico Planas   Los Acros   pineapple   coconut   lime	22
<b>SIN CITY</b> Hennessy VS   bourbon   Amaro Nonino   vanilla	25
<b>LEMON DROP</b> Vodka   Chell-Oh!   ginger   lemon	25

## MARGARITAS

<b>SPICY BOY</b> Jalapeño tequila   triple sec   lime   aloe vera	23
<b>COCONUT</b> 1800 Coconut   Cointreau   lime   agave	24
<b>FILTHY</b> Blanco tequila   Cointreau   Meadow brine mix   lime   pickles	23
<b>DJ TOMMYS</b> Don Julio Blanco   lime   agave	23
Don Julio Repasado   lime   agave	28
Don Julio 1942   lime   agave	37

## **MINIS** *one standard drink*

<b>SHIRE STANDARD</b> Belvedere   limoncello   lemon   ginger	14
<b>ADAMS APPLE</b> Hendricks Neptunia   elderflower   sour apple liqueur   apple	14
<b>LEMON DROP</b> Vodka   Chell-Oh!   ginger   lemon	14
<b>MEADOW MARTINI</b> Belvedere   Lillet Blanc   Meadow brine mix   olive	14

## **SIGNATURE SHOT**

<b>CHILLI</b> Chilli vodka   cherry tomato	12
<b>CITRUS</b> Yuzuchello   St Germain Elderflower   citrus	12
<b>CAFE</b> Patron XO	16
<b>COCONUT</b> 1800 Coconut Tequila	14

## **BEERS**

STONE & WOOD PACIFIC ALE (DRAUGHT)	14
STONE & WOOD EASY PALE ALE 3.5% (DRAUGHT)	10
HEINEKEN (DRAUGHT)	15
YOUNG HENRYS CLOUDY APPLE CIDER	13
HEAPS NORMAL ANOTHER LARGER 0.0%	8

## BY THE GLASS (125ml)

### SPARKLING

- NV **Mumm Marlborough Brut** - *Marlborough NZ* 19  
Crisp green apple, citrus blossom, and a clean dry character that makes it the quietly useful option on the sparkling list. The one you reach for without overthinking.
- NV **Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut** - *Épernay FRA* 38  
The most Chardonnay-forward of the grandes marques at this level. PJ has always leaned floral and fine-boned where its neighbours go broad. White peach, jasmine, a chalky texture. The house style rewards those not in the mood for a statement.
- NV **Laherte Frères Ultradition (Base 22)** - *Vallée de la Marne FRA* 52  
Laherte's calling card. Meunier-led blend that makes the case for the variety more convincingly than most. Brioche warmth, apple tart, a whisper of dried flower. The house style is generous without being heavy, and it is very hard to stop at one glass.

### WHITE

- 2025 **Tillie J Aligoté** - *King Valley VIC* 21  
One of a tiny handful of Australian Aligotés — the variety barely exists here, which makes Tillie's version genuinely special. Lemon and chalk character with Australian brightness, and the brisk acidity that makes it the ideal aperitif or the most honest white on the table.
- 2023 **Gerard Duplessis Petit Chablis** - *Chablis FRA* 42  
The Chablis grower that Chablis insiders point to when asked who remains under the radar. Oyster shell, green apple, and the Kimmeridgian limestone that gives the appellation its distinct edge over every other Chardonnay on earth. No oak, no compromise.
- 2024 **Vignoble Mingot Le Petit Comptoir Blanc** - *Bordeaux FRA* 20  
A Bordeaux Sauvignon at a price that makes it the obvious by-the-glass candidate, produced with the care that means it belongs here rather than on a pub list. Grassy and vivid, with green apple and a citrus brightness that makes it as useful as it is honest.
- 2022 **Willm Pinot Blanc** - *Alsace FRA* 18  
Pinot Blanc is Alsace's working grape: honest, textural, and built for the table rather than the trophy cabinet. The Willm is clean and generous, with apple, almond, and a body that makes it one of the better by-the-glass whites on the list.
- 2024 **Domaine de la Noblaie 'Chante le Vent' Chinon** - *Loire FRA* 26  
White Chinon is Chinon's best-kept secret, grown on the same tuffeau and clay as the appellation's famous Cabernet Franc but from Chenin Blanc instead. Quince, meadow honey, and cracked flint, with the variety's signature electricity running through every sip.

## WHITE

- 2023 **Yangarra 'Ovitelli' Blanc** - *McLaren Vale SA* 25  
Grenache Blanc co-fermented with Roussanne for a white of unusual breadth: stone fruit, beeswax, dried herbs. Among the McLaren Vale's most interesting whites, from a domaine that takes Rhône varieties more seriously than most.
- 2021 **Domaine Roux Rully Les Agnières Blanc** - *Rully FRA* 38  
Rully is Burgundy's quiet achiever, producing white wines of genuine Côte d'Or character at prices the Côte d'Or has long abandoned. Toasted almond, white stone fruit, and a buttery mid-palate that resolves cleanly without heaviness.
- 2023 **Michael Hall Roussanne** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 23  
Hall grows Roussanne in the Hills with a seriousness the variety rarely attracts in Australia. Beeswax, chamomile, apricot kernel, and a textural weight that is more southern Rhône than anything the variety's limited Australian history might suggest.

## ORANGE, ROSÉ & CHILLED RED

- 2025 **La Violetta Lounge Dor** - *Great Southern WA* 19  
Western Australian Grenache given a brief skin pass that adds colour, texture, and a wildness that the variety's more polished expressions deliberately avoid. Dry, perfumed, and slightly unpredictable in the best sense.
- 2023 **Pyramid Valley North Canterbury Orange** - *Canterbury NZ* 26  
Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc, and Pinot Noir fermented together with skin contact on one of New Zealand's most philosophically committed estates. Amber, tannic, and steeped in preserved citrus, dried chamomile, and earth. A wine that asks you to meet it halfway.
- 2023 **Cobaw Ridge 'Il Pinko' Rosé** - *Macedon Ranges VIC* 27  
Alan and Nelly Cooper have been farming biodynamically at 610 metres in the Macedon Ranges since 1985, and their Syrah rosé reflects every bit of that elevation. Pale copper, with pink pepper, dried cherry, and a savoury, iron-flecked depth that owes more to Bandol than to Provence.
- 2023 **M de Minuty** - *Saint-Tropez, Provence FRA* 18  
Grown on the peninsula of Saint-Tropez and made to a standard that most rosé doesn't attempt. Pale salmon, citrus blossom, and a dry precision that works as well at a table as it does with a view.
- 2023 **Domaine de Colette Beaujolais-Villages 'Tradition'** - *Beaujolais FRA* 23  
From a domaine that still farms with horses, and the traditionalism is not a marketing posture. Gamay's characteristic cherry and violet, with a structure that the soils give it for free. One of the best arguments for a light red with almost anything.
- 2023 **Poppelvej Cinsault 'Blue Rose'** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 19  
Poppelvej makes wines in the Hills that feel European in their restraint and Australian in their directness. Cinsault is pale, fragrant, and low in tannin, with raspberry, dried rose, and a violet perfume that the cool Hills climate draws out with unusual clarity.

## RED

- 2025 **Le Petit Mort Gamay** - *Granite Belt QLD* 18  
The Le Petit Mort approaches Gamay with freshness and immediacy in mind, favouring perfume over weight. Tart red berries, violets and soft spice sit over lively acidity and fine tannin, making for an energetic red well suited to lighter dishes or gentle chilling.
- 2024 **Zymo Pinot Noir** - *Tasmania TAS* 29  
Sierra Blair makes Zymo as a creative side project from her base in Tasmania, focusing on wild ferments and small batches from quality fruit. Red cherry, forest floor, and a cool-climate precision that is exactly what the variety requires from the island that does it best.
- 2022 **Domaine du Petit Oratoire 'T'as poussé le bouchon trop loin'** - *Rhône Valley FRA* 23  
A playful name belies a quietly serious Rhône blend, centred on Grenache and made for drinkability. Red berries, dried herbs and soft spice sit over supple tannins, while bright acidity keeps the wine energetic and comfortably suited to the table.
- 2022 **Alain Voge 'Les Peyrouses' Côtes du Rhône** - *Cornas FRA* 42  
Voge's Côtes du Rhône is made from young Syrah vines grown within the Cornas appellation itself, declassified only by vine age rather than terroir. Dark plum, violet, cracked pepper, and a northern Rhône savouriness that the appellation rarely delivers at this price.
- 2022 **JC's Own 'Rock-It' GSM** - *Barossa Valley SA* 26  
Grenache, Shiraz, and Mataro from the Barossa: full-bodied, spiced, and unapologetically Southern Rhône in its ambitions. Dark plum, garrigue, and a warmth that suits the colder end of the evening.
- 2022 **Schwartz Wine Co. 'Schiller' Shiraz** - *Eden Valley SA* 24  
Tom Schwartz's tribute to the 19th century Silesian immigrants who planted Shiraz in the Eden Valley. Dark plum, cracked pepper, and a cool-climate brightness that keeps the Valley's natural warmth from tipping into excess.
- 2022 **A. Rodda 'Cuvée de Chais' Cabernets** - *Beechworth VIC* 21  
Adrian Rodda's Beechworth blend brings together multiple Cabernet varieties in a wine of Bordeaux-inflected structure and Australian generosity. Cassis, cedar, and a herbal note that the variety's cooler Victorian home provides naturally.
- 2018 **Château Sénéjac Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois** - *Haut-Médoc FRA* 35  
Sénéjac demonstrates why the Cru Bourgeois classification exists: serious wine at a price that the Cru Classé system has long abandoned. The 2018 is now approachable: cassis, cedar, graphite, and the structural authority that the Médoc's gravels provide to those who farm them well.

## BY THE BOTTLE

### SPARKLING GROWER CHAMPAGNE

- NV **Larmandier-Bernier 'Latitude' Blanc de Blancs (Base 22)** - *Vertus, Côte des Blancs* 790  
Pierre Larmandier's entry point to one of Champagne's most rigorous domaines  
biodynamic farming, zero-dosage honesty, and a Côte des Blancs purity that makes  
the price feel almost reasonable. Chalk, white citrus, and a linear energy that doesn't  
let go.
- NV **Laherte Frères Ultradition (Base 22)** - *Chavot, Vallée de la Marne* 277  
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convincingly than most. Brioche warmth, apple tart, a whisper of dried flower. The  
house style is generous without being heavy, and it is very hard to stop at one glass.
- NV **Pascal Agrapart Grand Cru Complantée (Base 21)** - *Avize, Côte des Blancs* 523  
A field blend of all six Champagne varieties planted cheek-by-jowl in the grand cru of  
Avize, as they once were. Ancient in concept, pristine in execution: toasted brioche,  
preserved lemon, and a saline persistence that belongs in a much longer  
conversation.
- NV **Adrien Renoir 'Le Cépage'** - *Vandières, Vallée de la Marne* 380  
Renoir farms the Vallée de la Marne where Meunier is king, and this single-variety  
blanc de noirs treats it accordingly. Red berry skin, warm spice, and a fleshy texture  
that is more satisfying than its peers who insist on Chardonnay for everything. A  
champagne that wants food.
- NV **Frédéric Savart L'Ouverture Extra Brut Blanc de Noirs** - *Écueil, Montagne de Reims* 400  
Savart works the Montagne de Reims with the focus of someone who knows exactly  
how good his terroir is. Dark cherry, pomelo, earthy mineral depth: Pinot Noir in  
champagne at its most expressive, with the extra brut dosage keeping everything  
honest.

## CHAMPAGNE HOUSES

- NV **Krug Grand Cuvée - Reims FRA** 657  
Krug decided consistency was not enough. The Grand Cuvée blends as many as 120 wines across ten or more years to produce something that transcends vintage. Toasted hazelnut, ripe stone fruit, candied ginger. Entirely itself, entirely unreasonable, entirely worth it.
- NV **Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Brut - Reims FRA** 193  
The textbook Pinot-driven grande marque: apple, brioche, and a clean dry character that has closed more deals and opened more evenings than any other bottle on earth. Reliable in the best possible sense.
- NV **Perrier-Jouët Grand Brut - Épernay FRA** 208  
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- NV **R de Ruinart - Reims FRA** 276  
The oldest champagne house still operating, and still quietly one of the most reliable. The R is fresh, precise, and uncommonly food-friendly for an NV blend: pear, white florals, and a mineral edge that places it firmly in the Côte des Blancs tradition.
- 2015 **Dom Pérignon - Épernay FRA** 690  
A vintage wine that happens to carry no vintage on its label. Each release is the house's best interpretation of a single harvest, held until they are satisfied. Smoky, precise, mineral, and more interesting than its ubiquity suggests.
- NV **Bruno Paillard Brut Premier Cru - Reims FRA** 330  
The rare grande maison founded by a single individual in living memory. Bruno launched in 1981 and has maintained a craftsman's approach ever since: disgorged date on the back label, 25% reserve wines, and a Chardonnay-led character of citrus and fresh almond that rewards attention.

## METHOD TRADITIONAL, PÉTILLANT-NATUREL & ROSÉ

- NV **Bruno Sorg Crémant d'Alsace Brut** - *Eguisheim, Alsace FRA* 153  
François Sorg makes this Crémant from Pinot Blanc, Pinot Auxerrois, Pinot Gris and Chardonnay on the south-facing slopes of Eguisheim. Fine mousse, brioche, green apple, and a citrus brightness that makes it one of the most convincing arguments for Crémant as a genuine alternative to Champagne.
- NV **Gilbert Family Pétillant-Naturel Riesling** - *Orange NSW* 85  
The Gilberts have been farming Orange's cool slopes since 1985 and their Pét-Nat has become something of a summer institution: frothy, slightly hazy, bursting with lime and green apple. No fuss, no pretension; just good fruit and natural bubbles doing exactly what they should.
- NV **Mumm Marlborough Brut** - *Marlborough NZ* 92  
Crisp green apple, citrus blossom, and a clean dry character that makes it the quietly useful option on the sparkling list. The one you reach for without overthinking.
- 2022 **Deviation Road 'Loftia' Vintage Brut** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 122  
The most Champagne-obsessed producer in the Hills, using the same varieties, the same method, and the same attention to time on lees that the French have spent centuries perfecting. Creamy autolysis, green apple, and a structural dryness that makes it the table wine of the sparkling section.
- 2015 **Laherte Rosé de Meunier** - *Chavot, Vallée de la Marne FRA* 304  
Where many rosé champagnes are made by blending, Laherte bleeds the Meunier. Saignée, with the colour and flavour of the skins, the result is a champagne rosé that actually tastes of red fruit rather than gesturing vaguely in that direction. Strawberry, raspberry, dried rose, and the house's characteristic texture.
- NV **Perrier-Jouët Blason Rosé** - *Épernay FRA* 241  
Pale salmon, fine mousse, and a fruit profile that errs on the side of dried strawberry and white cherry over anything jammy. A rosé champagne for those who find most rosé champagnes slightly too emphatic.
- 2015 **Veuve Clicquot Rosé** - *Reims FRA* 270  
The fuller-bodied, more generous sibling of the Yellow Label. Where that leans precise, this leans plush. Red berry, spice, and the confidence of a house that has been making this style for fifty years.
- 2024 **Patrick Bottex Bugey-Cerdon 'La Cueillette'** - *Ain FRA (sweet)* 122  
Cerdon is the sweet sparkling appellation that serious wine people pretend not to enjoy and then order anyway. Bottex is its definitive producer: Gamay and Poulsard, méthode ancestrale, low alcohol, and a wild strawberry sweetness kept honest by a freshness that makes it far more dangerous than it appears.

## WHITE MINERAL & BRIGHT

### ALIGOTÉ

- 2023 **Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne Aligoté - Burgundy FRA** 216  
Leroux treats Aligoté with the same seriousness he brings to his Meursault: impeccably sourced, carefully made, and not a gram of dosage to hide behind. Bracing citrus, wet stone, and a tautness that makes it the ideal aperitif.
- 2025 **Tillie J Aligoté - King Valley VIC** 110  
One of a tiny handful of Australian Aligotés. The variety barely exists here, which makes Tillie's version genuinely special: lemon and chalk character with Australian brightness, sitting next to the Leroux as an honest cross-hemisphere comparison, if you are in the mood for such things.

### RIESLING

- 2025 **Clovis Riesling - Eden Valley SA** 99  
A well-made South Australian Riesling that earns its place without fanfare. Lime cordial, clean acidity, and the bone-dry style that makes Australian Riesling the natural companion to the menu's lighter dishes.
- 2024 **Crawford River Riesling - Henty VIC** 150  
Thompson's farm in Henty is among the coldest and most exposed in Australia, which is precisely why its Riesling is among the country's finest. Lime blossom, slate, and a coiled acidity that will age for twenty years but is already excellent now.
- 2025 **Grosset Polish Hill Riesling - Clare Valley SA** 194  
Jeffrey Grosset has been making Polish Hill since 1981 and it has never been anything other than one of Australia's greatest white wines. Lime, beeswax, steel, from clay and siliceous schist in the Clare, with a decade of cellaring ahead of it
- 2022 **Mader Rosacker Grand Cru Riesling - Alsace FRA** 239  
Rosacker is one of Alsace's most celebrated grand crus, gneiss and sandstone on a south-facing slope above Hunawirh, and Mader's interpretation is among its most honest. Dry, mineral, and nervy with white fruit and a stony persistence that will only improve for years.
- 2022 **Clemens Busch 'Schieferterassen' Trocken - Mosel GER** 151  
Busch farms the slate terraces of Pünderich, steep, difficult, and irreplaceable, and his dry Riesling carries that geology in every sip. Peach skin, river stone, and none of the sugar that the Mosel's reputation sometimes unfairly implies.
- 2020 **Egon Müller Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett - Saar GER** 258  
The Scharzhofberg is perhaps Germany's most venerated Riesling site, and Egon Müller its most celebrated steward. The Kabinett is the entry level in the way a first-class seat is the entry level: orchard fruit, flint, slate, and a tension between sweetness and austerity that the valley has been perfecting for centuries.

## PICPOUL

- 2025 **Ministry of Clouds Picpoul - McLaren Vale SA** 96  
Julian Forwood and Brooke Bohinc brought Picpoul to McLaren Vale as a deliberate provocation: warm climate, Languedoc variety, completely against the grain. It works with disarming ease: citrus-driven, saline, and brisk in a way that McLaren Vale whites often are not.
- 2025 **Domaine Félines Jourdan Picpoul de Pinet - Languedoc FRA** 106  
Picpoul de Pinet is the Languedoc's great gift to seafood, high-acid, saline, and bred for oysters on the Étang de Thau. Félines Jourdan is the domaine that does it best: white grapefruit, green herb, and a sea-spray quality that belongs on a table near the water. Arguably mandatory in Cronulla.

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

- 2024 **Sorrenberg Sauvignon Blanc / Sémillon - Beechworth VIC** 139  
Barry Morey's Beechworth farm has been making this classic Bordeaux Blanc combination since the early nineties, long before it was fashionable. Textured, dry, and herb-flecked with lanolin and white peach, and none of the pyrazine showboating that Sauvignon too often defaults to.
- 2024 **Vignoble Mingot Le Petit Comptoir Blanc - Bordeaux FRA** 89  
A Bordeaux Sauvignon at a price that makes it the obvious by-the-glass candidate, produced with the care that means it belongs here rather than on a pub list. Grassy and vivid, with green apple and a citrus brightness that makes it as useful as it is honest.
- 2025 **Gérard Boulay Sancerre - Chavignol FRA** 218  
Boulay farms in Chavignol, home of the famous Crottin, a pairing that answers many questions. His Sancerre comes from Kimmeridgian limestone and shows the variety at its most Gallic: restrained, mineral, dry as dust, with white grapefruit and a chalkiness that lingers rather than disappears.
- 2024 **François Cotat 'Monts Damnés' Sancerre - Chavignol FRA** 303  
Monts Damnés earns its name from the near-vertical Kimmeridgian slopes that Cotat's family has farmed for generations. Richer and more textural than most Sancerre, with stone-fruit depth and mineral concentration that justifies its cult following. Please ask your sommelier for pricing.
- 2023 **Blank Canvas Abstract Sauvignon Blanc - Marlborough NZ** 153  
Matthew Donaldson proves that Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc does not have to be a caricature of itself. Single block, no manipulation, no engineered aromatics: passionfruit and nettle alongside a textural weight that demands food.

## LAYERED & TEXTURAL

### CHENIN BLANC

- 2025 **Domenica Chenin Blanc** - *Beechworth VIC* 128  
Barrel-fermented with real ambition from Beechworth; apple, chamomile, and a textural weight that is decidedly more Savennières than anything Australian Chenin had previously attempted.
- 2025 **Foreign Friends Chenin Blanc** - *King Valley VIC* 113  
Foreign Friends decided Chenin Blanc belonged in King Valley, a claim that sounds unlikely until you taste this wine. Generous orchard fruit, lanolin, and a warmth that is entirely the Valley's own, sitting alongside the variety's natural acidity with surprising coherence.
- 2022 **Dormilona Chenin Blanc** - *Margaret River WA* 92  
Josephine Perry's Margaret River Chenin is the kind of wine that gets passed around at industry tables: honest, direct, and made with intelligence that far exceeds its price. Apple skin, hay, citrus zest, and a leanness that earns its spot among more expensive company.
- 2022 **Sato La Ferme 'Schisteux'** - *Central Otago NZ* 178  
Kyeong Sato grows Chenin Blanc on schist in Central Otago, a combination that should not work nearly as well as it does. Quince, struck match, dried apricot, with the cool-climate energy of Otago keeping the whole thing lifted and long.
- 2024 **Domaine de la Noblaie 'Chante le Vent' Chinon** - *Loire FRA* 145  
White Chinon is Chinon's best-kept secret, grown on the same tuffeau and clay as the appellation's famous Cabernet Franc but from Chenin Blanc instead. Quince, meadow honey, and cracked flint, with the variety's signature electricity running through every sip.
- 2023 **Guiberteau Saumur Blanc** - *Loire FRA* 192  
Romain Guiberteau's Saumur Blanc has been one of the Loire's most talked-about whites for fifteen years. Grown on the tuffeau plateau, aged in barrel, and given the time to resolve into something that feels simultaneously ancient and alive: golden fruit, beeswax, and a tension that holds the whole thing taut.
- 2023 **La Coulée de Serrant Savennières** - *Loire FRA* 547  
La Coulée de Serrant is its own appellation, seven hectares on a slate and schist slope above the Loire, farmed biodynamically by Nicolas Joly. Not always easy, never predictable: lanolin, bitter almond, quince paste, and a mineral severity that makes it one of the great contemplative bottles in the cellar.

## CHARDONNAY

- 2024 **Salo Chardonnay** - *Yarra Valley VIC* 135  
Unshowy, textural, and made from fruit that could afford to be more ambitious in its marketing. White peach, gentle oak, fine acidity. The wine the table reaches back for before realising the bottle is finished.
- 2023 **Domain Naturaliste 'Purus' Chardonnay** - *Margaret River WA* 161  
Purus, pure in Latin, is an apt name for a wine of this directness. No new oak, no excess: nectarine, grapefruit, struck flint, and a linear quality that is modern in the best sense of that overused word.
- 2024 **By Farr GC Chardonnay** - *Geelong VIC* 303  
Gary Farr's decades in Burgundy, alongside Dujac among others, are evident in every vintage of the GC. White peach and citrus wrapped around a structural tension that asks you to put the glass down and pay attention. Rarely obliges.
- 2024 **Patrick Sullivan Woori Yallock Chardonnay** - *Yarra Valley VIC* 200  
Sullivan's upper Yarra site gives him Chardonnay of Alpine-leaning energy: cool, precise, and driven by acidity rather than fruit weight. Nectarine, white flower, and a flinty reduction that lifts off the glass with air.
- 2024 **Cloudburst Chardonnay** - *Margaret River WA* 564  
Will Berliner tends some of Margaret River's most fastidiously managed vines and produces a Chardonnay of global standing: biodynamic, wild-fermented, and made in quantities small enough that it rarely stays on any list for long. Stone fruit, brioche, citrus oil, and a savoury mineral edge that separates it from everything around it.
- 2023 **Black Estate Home Chardonnay** - *Canterbury NZ* 159  
Black Estate's Home Vineyard sits on Waipara limestone, soils that give their Chardonnay a mineral backbone unusual in New Zealand. Green apple, white flowers, a faint smoky quality, and a precision that the grape rarely achieves in warmer climates.
- 2023 **Kumeu River Estate Chardonnay** - *Kumeu NZ* 138  
Michael Brajkovich MW has been making Burgundian Chardonnay in Auckland since before it was credible to do so. Oak-fermented, textured, and serious, with white peach, toasted hazelnut, and a sustained mineral length that rewards the last drop.

## CHABLIS & BURGUNDY

- 2023 **Gerard Duplessis Petit Chablis** - *Chablis FRA* 217  
The Chablis grower that Chablis insiders point to when asked who remains under the radar. Oyster shell, green apple, and the Kimmeridgian limestone that gives the appellation its distinct edge over every other Chardonnay on earth. No oak, no compromise.
- 2022 **Tribut Chablis** - *Chablis FRA* 277  
Marie-Clotilde Tribut runs a small domaine on the Kimmeridgian clays north of the town, producing Chablis of genuine mineral authority. Crisp, marine, and dry, with a steeliness that distinguishes real Chablis from the broader white Burgundy category.
- 2022 **La Soufrandière Saint-Véran Mâconnais** - *Mâcon FRA* 301  
The Bret Brothers proved Saint-Véran deserved serious attention: biodynamic, low yields, a Côte d'Or approach applied to the Mâconnais. White peach, hazelnut, and a limestone minerality that punches well above the appellation's reputation.
- 2023 **Bachelet-Monnot Bourgogne Blanc** - *Burgundy FRA* 259  
Marc Bachelet makes his Bourgogne Blanc with the same attention he gives his Chassagne premier crus, declassified only by appellation and not by intent. Creamy texture, white fruit, and a mineral thread that keeps it from ever feeling heavy. The most versatile white on the list.
- 2021 **Domaine Roux Rully Les Agnières Blanc** - *Côte Chalonnaise FRA* 192  
Rully is Burgundy's quiet achiever, producing white wines of genuine Côte d'Or character at prices the Côte d'Or has long abandoned. Toasted almond, white stone fruit, and a buttery mid-palate that resolves cleanly without heaviness. A sommelier's favourite.
- 2023 **Fabien Coche Meursault** - *Côte de Beaune FRA* 407  
Fabien works in the shadow of his family name and produces village wine that stands entirely on its own merits. Beurre noisette, white flowers, citrus oil, and the weight of limestone underneath everything: Meursault doing what only Meursault does. Please ask your sommelier.

## MUSCAT À PETIT GRAINS

- 2023 **Spinifex Muscat à Petits Grains** - *Barossa Valley SA* 82  
Peter Schell grows old-vine Muscat in the Barossa with a French-Provençal sensibility. Dry, which surprises, and dense with orange blossom, apricot, and a warm spice that makes it the list's most useful aperitif for those who find Chardonnay boring.

## SAVAGNIN

- 2024 **Entropy Savagnin** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 132  
Savagnin in the Hills, grown from cuttings that arrived in Australia famously mislabelled as Albariño, produces a wine of unusual personality. Walnut, quince paste, and a Jura-adjacent savoury quality that confirms the variety is at least as interesting here as it is where it came from.
- 2025 **BK Wines 'Skin n Bones' Savagnin** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 98  
Brendon Keys makes Savagnin in the Hills with an eye on the Jura: some ambient yeast character, textural breadth, and the nutty-herbal quality that makes it the most food-sympathetic white on the menu. Particularly useful with the cheese course.

## SÉMILLON

- 2024 **Eperosa 'Magnolia 1941' Sémillon** - *Barossa Valley SA* 122  
The 1941 refers to vine age, over eighty years of roots in Barossa clay producing a Sémillon of low yield and concentrated character. Wax, lemon curd, preserved citrus. A wine that carries its history without announcing it.
- 2022 **Tyrells Vat 1 Sémillon** - *Hunter Valley NSW* 216  
Vat 1 is one of the Hunter Valley's canonical wines, and one of Australia's, full stop. Harvested early, bottled young, and then aged into something that no other country's white wine resembles: honeyed, lanolin-rich, alive with a toasty complexity that develops over decades. The 2022 is still young; treat it accordingly.
- 2023 **Michael Hall 'Sang de Pigeon' Blanc** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 80  
The Burgundian shade of red repurposed for a Sémillon, Roussane, Marsanne blend with its own ideas on what Australian wine should look like. Citrus, green herb, and a lean vivacity that makes it the most useful and least expensive white on the menu.

## ROLLE

- 2024 **Figuère Méditerranée Blanc** - *Côtes de Provence FRA* 85  
Rolle, the Ligurian name for Vermentino, grown on the Côtes de Provence peninsula and delivering exactly what the Mediterranean promises: herbal, saline, and vivid with citrus and fennel. An honest wine from honest country.

## GENEROUS, AROMATIC & EXPRESSIVE

### THE WHITE PINOTS

- 2023 **Quealy Feri Maris Pinot Grigio** - *Mornington Peninsula VIC* 106  
Kathleen Quealy's Mornington Peninsula Grigio is about as far from the Northern Italian industrial template as the variety gets: textured, slightly phenolic, and full of quince and white nectarine. A Pinot Grigio for people who don't like Pinot Grigio.
- 2023 **Willm Pinot Blanc** - *Alsace FRA* 89  
Pinot Blanc is Alsace's working grape: honest, textural, and built for the table rather than the trophy cabinet. The Willm is clean and generous, with apple, almond, and a body that makes it one of the better by-the-glass whites on the list.
- 2023 **LAS Vino 'Albino' Pinot** - *Margaret River WA* 178  
A blanc de noirs from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay: skin-off, Champagne-inspired in its thinking, delivering copper-pink colour and a texture somewhere between a white and something stranger. Strawberry, white cherry, and a phenolic grip that makes it the natural bridge between the aromatic and skin-contact sections.

### GRENACHE BLANC

- 2022 **Schwartz Wine Co. Grenache Blanc** - *Barossa Valley SA* 88  
Jason Schwartz's Eden Valley Grenache Blanc is all apricot, white pepper, and warm-climate generosity kept honest by careful handling. A variety that thinks it's in the Rhône and isn't entirely wrong.
- 2022 **Ben Haines Grenache Blanc** - *Victoria VIC* 109  
Haines has a particular talent for varieties that others find difficult. His Grenache Blanc is warm-textured and generous: apricot, preserved lemon, and a savoury weight from whole-bunch pressing that keeps the variety's natural fatness in check.
- 2022 **Vanguardist V Grenache Blanc** - *McLaren Vale SA* 137  
Stone fruit, white flowers, and a richness that comes from the Vale's warmth without being overwhelmed by it. The natural companion to anything with butter or cream on the plate.
- 2021 **Yangarra 'Ovitelli' Blanc** - *McLaren Vale SA* 140  
Yangarra co-ferments Grenache Blanc with Roussanne for a white of unusual breadth: stone fruit, beeswax, dried herbs. Among the McLaren Vale's most interesting whites, from a domaine that takes Rhône varieties more seriously than most.
- 2022 **Clos Saouma 'Inopia' Côtes du Rhône Blanc** - *Southern Rhône FRA* 212  
Marc and Nathalie Saouma left the corporate world to farm in the southern Rhône with the intensity of people who know exactly what they gave up. The Inopia Blanc is herbal, stone-fruited, and unmistakably Provençal: garrigue-inflected savouriness with real depth.

## GENEROUS, AROMATIC & EXPRESSIVE

### GEWÜRZTRAMINER

- 2023 **Poppelvej K1 Gewürztraminer** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 102  
The Hills site brings European restraint to a variety known for exuberance: rose, lychee, and a clean dry exit that makes it far more versatile than the variety's reputation suggests.
- 2023 **CRFT Gewürztraminer** - *Kangaroo Island SA* 94  
Kangaroo Island's wind and isolation give CRFT's Gewürztraminer an aromatic freshness the variety seldom achieves in warmer climates. Rose water, lychee, ginger spice, all the hallmarks, delivered with island-cooled vivacity.
- 2023 **Domaine Schoffit 'Cuvée Caroline' Gewürztraminer** - *Alsace FRA (off-dry)* 135  
Bernard Schoffit is among Alsace's most rigorous producers, and the Cuvée Caroline is his love letter to Gewürztraminer at its most expressive: lychee, rose petal, Turkish delight, underpinned by residual sweetness that never tips into excess. Brilliant with anything spiced.
- 2025 **Stargazer Tupelo** - *Coal River TAS* 104  
Named for the Tasmanian honeybee and the complexity that comes with it. Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer, and Riesling co-fermented in a blend that captures the island's aromatic energy without committing fully to any single variety. Floral, dry, and effortlessly interesting.

### ROUSSANNE, MARSANNE & VIOGNIER

- 2022 **Michael Hall Roussanne** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 110  
Hall grows Roussanne in the Hills with a seriousness the variety rarely attracts in Australia. Beeswax, chamomile, apricot kernel, and a textural weight that is more southern Rhône than anything the variety's limited Australian history might suggest.
- 2022 **John Duval Plexus MRV** - *Barossa Valley SA* 77  
Marsanne, Roussanne, and Viognier from Barossa fruit: a southern Rhône field blend assembled by one of the valley's most experienced winemakers. Rich and herbal with stone fruit and dried flowers, and generous enough to carry most things on the menu.
- 2023 **Domaine Yves Cuilleron Viognier** - *Condrieu, Northern Rhône FRA* 166  
Cuilleron is the Condrieu name that consistently delivers. His Viognier from the northern Rhône shows the variety's essential character: apricot, white flowers, and a richness that is heady without being heavy. A reminder of why Condrieu exists.
- 2022 **ChaLou 'Dreaded Friend' Viognier** - *Orange NSW* 88  
Steve Wallington makes the Dreaded Friend as the more exploratory arm of ChaLou, a bud-to-bottle estate on Wiradjuri Country above Orange. Viognier at 900 metres does something it rarely manages in warmer country: the stone fruit and blossom are all present but kept taut by cool-climate lift. Apricot, white flowers, and a dry, composed finish that keeps the variety's natural exuberance honest.

## SKIN CONTACT, AMPHORA & ORANGE

- 2023 **Yeti Space S** - *Victoria VIC* 79  
Minimal information, maximum personality. Extended skin contact produces a wine that is amber-hued, textural, and doing something that conventional white wine has decided not to do. Worth ordering on instinct.
- 2025 **Peu de Peau Sauvignon Blanc** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 83  
Minimal skin contact on Sauvignon Blanc from South Australia, just enough to add texture and a gentle phenolic grip without crossing into orange wine territory. Citrus, cut grass, and something more interesting underneath.
- 2024 **Millton Libiamo Amphora Chardonnay** - *Gisborne NZ* 100  
James Millton has been making wine in Gisborne since before biodynamics was a selling point rather than a philosophy. The Libiamo rests in clay amphora, producing a Chardonnay stripped of everything excess: golden apple, miso, honeyed texture, and a savoury depth that rewards patience.
- 2024 **Nikau Farm Amphora Granite** - *Waipara, Canterbury NZ* 151  
Sauvignon Blanc and companions fermented and aged on New Zealand granite, a combination that produces something earthy, textured, and quietly strange in a way that the variety's conventional expressions never attempt. Gravel, herb, dried citrus peel.
- 2024 **Bryterlater 'Still Life'** - *North Canterbury NZ* 123  
Chardonnay from North Canterbury given the skin-contact treatment by a producer with a genuine point of view. Straw-gold and texturally engaging: nectarine skin, almond, and a dry savouriness that makes it one of the more intellectually satisfying wines in this section.
- 2025 **La Violetta Lounge Dor** - *Great Southern WA* 83  
Western Australian Grenache given a brief skin pass that adds colour, texture, and a wildness that the variety's more polished expressions deliberately avoid. Dry, perfumed, and slightly unpredictable in the best sense.
- 2022 **Kalleske Plenarious** - *Barossa Valley SA* 92  
Barossa Viognier treated to extended skin contact, producing a wine that is copper-coloured, low in obvious fruit, and high in the savoury, nutty character that skin maceration draws out of aromatic varieties. An acquired taste worth acquiring.
- 2023 **Radikon 'Slatnik'** - *Oslavia, Friuli ITA* 212  
Stanko Radikon is one of the founding figures of the Friulian orange wine movement, and the Slatnik is his most accessible expression. Amber in the glass, dry and tannic on the palate, with apricot, chamomile, and a long oxidative savouriness. You will either understand immediately or need to try it twice.
- 2024 **Gravner Ribolla** - *Oslavia, Friuli ITA* 468  
Joško Gravner spent years studying Georgian amphora winemaking and returned to Friuli to transform the way the world thought about white wine. The Ribolla spends six months on skins in buried qvevri: golden, tannic, walnut-and-beeswax serious, and among the most individual wines on the list. Not for sharing with anyone you don't trust.

## ROSÉ

- 2023 **Josh Cooper Rosé** - *Macedon Ranges VIC* 94  
Josh Cooper makes Cabernet rosé with the directness he brings to everything: properly dry, built for food rather than the pool, with pomegranate, dried cherry, and a structured, savoury character that makes it the list's most serious rosé at the price.
- 2025 **Schwartz Wine Co. Rosé** - *Barossa Valley SA* 77  
Jason Schwartz's Grenache-based rosé is his most carefree wine, which from someone this exacting still means far more care than you'd expect. Pale and vivid with strawberry, watermelon rind, and a Provençal dryness that makes it an all-evening proposition.
- 2024 **Cobaw Ridge 'Il Pinko' Rosé** - *Macedon Ranges VIC* 132  
From Syrah in the Macedon Ranges, with serious intent and a cool-climate structure to match. Pink pepper, cherry, and a savoury depth that earns its place beside anything from Bandol.
- 2024 **M de Minuty** - *Saint-Tropez, Provence FRA* 87  
Minuty is the estate that the Riviera has decided to define itself by, grown on the peninsula of Saint-Tropez and made to a standard that most rosé doesn't attempt. Pale salmon, citrus blossom, and a dry precision that works as well at a table as it does with a view.
- 2025 **Minuty Rose et Or** - *Saint-Tropez, Provence FRA* 170  
The same Saint-Tropez provenance as the M, but with greater concentration and aromatic persistence. Wild strawberry, a hint of peach, and a depth that makes it the natural choice for anyone who found the M too straightforward.
- 2023 **Clos Cibonne 'Tradition' Rosé** - *Côtes de Provence FRA* 208  
Cibonne grows Tibouren, a variety so rare it barely appears anywhere else, and ages its rosé in old foudre under partial flor. The result is copper-pink, slightly oxidative, and nothing like the pale Insta-rosé the Riviera has made fashionable. Worth the explanation.
- 2024 **L'Anglore Tavel** - *Tavel, Southern Rhône FRA* 234  
The entry to the domaine and the appellation at its most honest: a Grenache-dominant blend that shows why Tavel is France's only AOC dedicated entirely to rosé. Garrigue, wild strawberry, dried herb, and a structured, copper-tinged depth that makes it one of the more serious rosés on the list.

## CHILLED RED

- 2023 **Poppelvej Cinsault 'Blue Rose'** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 94  
The Hills inflection on a variety that Provence and South Africa have been arguing over for years. Light in body, fragrant, and served with cool conviction: raspberry, violet, and a drinkability that is mildly dangerous.
- 2025 **Ashton Hills Gamay** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 103  
Stephen George was making Gamay in the Hills before it was the wine of the moment. Cherry, cranberry, cool-climate acidity, and a transparency that serves it well slightly chilled. Beaujolais in temperament, Adelaide Hills in character.
- 2024 **Geyer Rouge** - *South Australia* 79  
A Grenache-based blend that understands the variety's capacity for joyful, undemanding drinking. Red fruit, spice, and a warmth that makes it the perfect low-stakes introduction to the chilled red concept for anyone who has previously found the idea suspicious.
- 2024 **Domaine de Colette Beaujolais-Villages 'Tradition'** - *Beaujolais FRA* 121  
From a domaine that still farms with horses, and the traditionalism is not a marketing posture. Gamay's characteristic cherry and violet, with a structure that the soils give it for free. One of the best arguments for a light red with almost anything.
- 2023 **L'Anglore 'Nizon'** - *Vin de France, Southern Rhône FRA* 234  
Nizon is one of the domaine's more structured reds — Grenache with depth and presence, showing dark fruit, aromatic herbs, and the garrigue-inflected earthiness that Pfifferling's biodynamic farming draws from these soils with unusual consistency.

## RED LIGHT & PERFUMED

### GAMAY

- 2023 **Domaine Minhaé Régnié 'Alchimie'** - *Régnié, Beaujolais FRA* 181  
From the granite soils of Régnié, Domaine Minhaé's 'Alchimie' offers a more detailed expression of Gamay. Violet, red cherry and gentle spice sit within a finely structured frame, where bright acidity and subtle savouriness give shape beyond simple fruit expression.
- 2023 **Bents Road 'Le Petit Mort' Gamay** - *Granite Belt QLD* 92  
The Le Petit Mort approaches Gamay with freshness and immediacy in mind, favouring perfume over weight. Tart red berries, violets and soft spice sit over lively acidity and fine tannin, making for an energetic red well suited to lighter dishes or gentle chilling.
- 2024 **Sentio Gamay** - *King Valley VIC* 123  
Chris Catlow trained at Sorrenberg under Barry Morey before stints in Burgundy, and his King Valley Gamay shows both influences. Fruit from the Darling Estate at 300 metres, fermented in concrete with whole bunch and whole berry, aged in foudre: raspberry, cranberry, a lift of spice, and a fine savoury grip that keeps it honest. One of the better Australian Gamays going around.

### CINSAULT

- 2024 **Brash Higgins Cinsault** - *McLaren Vale SA* 81  
Brash Higgins captures Cinsault's naturally lifted, easygoing character with restraint. Bright red berries, dried herbs and soft spice sit within a supple frame, where low tannin and fresh acidity make for a lighter red best enjoyed with a slight chill.
- 2024 **Les Fruits JJ Morel Cinsault** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 101  
A vibrant, lightly structured expression of Cinsault that leans into perfume and drinkability. Red cherry, raspberry and subtle spice unfold through an energetic palate, with soft tannins and bright acidity keeping the wine fresh and particularly food-friendly.

## PINOT NOIR

### AUSTRALIA

- 2023 **Zymo Pinot Noir** - *Tasmania TAS* 153  
Sierra Blair makes Zymo as a creative side project from her base in Tasmania, focusing on wild ferments and small batches from quality fruit. Red cherry, forest floor, and a cool-climate precision that is exactly what the variety requires from the island that does it best.
- 2022 **Gilbert Pinot 'Nashdale'** - *Orange NSW* 137  
Simon Gilbert's Nashdale vineyard in Orange sits at 900 metres, which in Australian terms means cool, slow, and serious. Silky and precise: strawberry, rose hip, and a structural tension that makes it as interesting at the table as it is on the way to the table.
- 2022 **Ephemera Pinot Noir** - *King Valley VIC* 84  
A lighter, early-drinking expression of Pinot Noir built around freshness and drinkability. Bright red fruit, soft spice and subtle earthiness sit within a supple frame, while restrained extraction keeps tannins gentle and the palate energetic.
- 2021 **Tarrington Pinot Noir** - *Henty VIC* 180  
From the cool Henty region of western Victoria, Tarrington Pinot Noir favours savoury detail and structure over overt fruit. Red cherry, dried herbs and subtle spice unfold through fine tannins and bright acidity, rewarding slower drinking at the table.
- 2022 **Irrewarra Pinot Noir** - *Western Victoria VIC* 181  
Produced from the windswept Irrewarra vineyard in western Victoria, this Pinot Noir leans toward perfume and precision. Red berries, spice and subtle earthy notes sit over fine tannins and bright acidity, balancing delicacy with quietly persistent structure.

### NEW ZEALAND

- 2023 **Craggy Range 'Aroha' Pinot Noir** - *Martinborough NZ* 290  
Aroha means love in Te Reo, and Craggy Range makes it from the best parcels on the upper terrace of the Te Muna Road vineyard, where an ancient riverbed delivers stony, nutrient-rich soils that produce Pinot of real Burgundian character. Wild-fermented, 32% whole bunch, aged in French oak: dark rose, chanterelle mushroom, white truffle, and a core of red fruit carried by fine tannin and the cool-climate tension that Martinborough consistently provides. The 2021 is considered the finest Aroha to date.

## BURGUNDY

- 2022 **Domaine Delegrange Hautes-Côtes de Beaune Rouge** - *Burgundy FRA* 181  
From Burgundy's elevated Hautes-Côtes, this Pinot Noir offers freshness and brightness without sacrificing depth. Red cherry, wild strawberry and subtle spice unfold through a finely structured palate, where cooler conditions preserve acidity and aromatic lift.
- 2023 **Sylvain Pataille Marsannay Rouge** - *Marsannay FRA* 410  
Sylvain Pataille is widely regarded as one of Marsannay's defining producers, crafting Pinot Noir with notable detail and structure. Dark cherry, spice and subtle earth sit within a tightly wound frame, where fine tannins and mineral tension favour patience.
- 2022 **Clarisse de Suremain 'Les Loyères' Maranges 1er Cru** - *Maranges FRA* 261  
From the premier cru vineyard of Les Loyères in southern Burgundy, Clarisse de Suremain's Pinot Noir balances generosity with structure. Red cherry, spice and gentle earthiness are shaped by fine tannins and fresh acidity, giving clarity and persistence.
- 2021 **Paul Pillot Chassagne-Montrachet Rouge** - *Chassagne-Montrachet FRA* 351  
Better known for white Burgundy, Chassagne-Montrachet can produce quietly compelling Pinot Noir in the right hands. Paul Pillot's expression balances red fruit, spice and gentle earthiness with fine tannins, favouring elegance and composure over concentration.
- 2022 **Thierry Glantenay Volnay 1er Cru 'Les Santenots'** - *Volnay, Burgundy FRA* 601  
The Santenots is one of Volnay's most peculiar premier crus — the vines sit entirely within the commune of Meursault yet carry the Volnay name, planted on red limestone and clay on a south-facing slope that Glantenay has farmed for two generations. Dark cherry, violet, iron, and the firm yet silky tannin structure that makes Volnay premier cru one of the Côte de Beaune's great cellaring propositions.

## MEDITERRANEAN & SAVORY

### GRENACHE NOIR & RHÔNE BLENDS

- 2022 **Spinifex 'Sol Solis' Grenache** - *Barossa Valley SA* 161  
Pete Schell's Sol Solis Grenache favours perfume and savouriness over weight, drawing from old Barossa vineyards. Red cherry, dried herbs and spice unfold through fine tannins and bright acidity, with restrained extraction preserving energy and a distinctly Mediterranean feel.
- 2023 **Alkina Polygon No. 3 Grenache** - *Greenock, Barossa Valley SA* 509  
Sourced from a single polygon of old vines in Greenock, Alkina's No. 3 Grenache is shaped by site transparency and precision. Wild red fruit, spice and fine earthiness sit within a tightly structured frame, where concentration arrives without excess weight or heaviness.
- 2022 **Eperosa Krondorf Grenache Mataro** - *Barossa Valley SA* 119  
Sourced from Barossa fruit, Eperosa's Grenache and Mataro blend balances brightness with savoury depth. Red plum, spice and dried herbs sit over fine tannins, while Mataro contributes structure and earthy complexity to Grenache's naturally lifted perfume.
- 2022 **JC's Own 'Rock-It' GSM** - *Barossa Valley SA* 129  
A classic Rhône-inspired blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro, built around generosity and spice rather than sheer weight. Dark berries, savoury herbs and pepper sit within a supple frame, where freshness keeps the palate balanced and quietly versatile.
- 2021 **Charles Melton 'Nine Popes'** - *Barossa Valley SA* 278  
Long considered a benchmark Australian Rhône blend, Nine Popes combines Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvèdre in generous but structured form. Dark berries, spice and earthy savouriness unfold through fine tannins, with bottle age gradually rewarding patience and slower drinking.
- 2022 **John Duval Annexus Mataro** - *Barossa Valley SA* 141  
John Duval's Annexus highlights Mataro's naturally savoury and structural profile. Dark berries, black olive and spice unfold through firm yet measured tannins, while Barossa warmth brings generosity without obscuring the variety's earthy, quietly muscular character.
- 2023 **Domaine du Petit Oratoire 'T'as poussé le bouchon trop loin'** - *Rhône Valley FRA* 114  
A playful name belies a quietly serious Rhône blend, centred on Grenache and made for drinkability. Red berries, dried herbs and soft spice sit over supple tannins, while bright acidity keeps the wine energetic and comfortably suited to the table.

- 2023 **Domaine Saint-Damien Gigondas** - *Gigondas, Rhône Valley FRA* 176  
 From the elevated, limestone-rich slopes of Gigondas, Domaine Saint-Damien crafts a Rhône red of generosity and structure. Grenache leads, bringing dark berries and spice, while firm tannins, savoury herbs and natural freshness lend shape and quiet longevity.
- 2022 **Prieuré des Papes Côtes du Rhône** - *Côtes du Rhône, Rhône Valley FRA* 182  
 A fuller expression of southern Rhône blending, offering dark berries, spice and dried herb complexity within a supple frame. Grenache generosity is balanced by savoury structure and fine tannins, making this an approachable yet quietly layered introduction to the region.
- 2023 **Jaboulet Côtes du Rhône** - *Côtes du Rhône, Rhône Valley FRA* 88  
 Maison Jaboulet's Côtes du Rhône offers a classic southern Rhône profile without excess weight. Dark cherry, spice and wild herbs are supported by soft tannins and bright acidity, delivering an easygoing yet characterful expression of Grenache-led blending.
- 2013 **Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape** - *Châteauneuf-du-Pape FRA* 461  
 One of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's defining estates, Beaucastel is known for its unusually high proportion of Mourvèdre alongside all thirteen permitted varieties. With age, dark fruit, leather, spice and dried herbs emerge, supported by savoury depth and quietly formidable structure.

## THE ITALIANS

- 2021 **Vietti Barolo** - *Barolo, Piedmont ITA* 379  
 Vietti's Barolo offers a classical expression of Nebbiolo, balancing fragrance with structure. Rose petal, red cherry and spice sit over firm tannins and bright acidity, while extended ageing softens the variety's naturally austere frame and rewards patience at the table.
- 2024 **Elio Altare Langhe Nebbiolo** - *Langhe, Piedmont ITA* 159  
 A more approachable expression of Nebbiolo from one of Barolo's modern pioneers, offering perfume without the full structure of Barolo itself. Wild strawberry, rose and fine spice sit over bright acidity and gentle tannins, making for an elegant, earlier-drinking style.
- 2022 **I Fabbri 'Lamole' Chianti Classico** - *Lamole, Chianti Classico, Tuscany ITA* 161  
 From the elevated village of Lamole in Chianti Classico, I Fabbri crafts Sangiovese with notable freshness and aromatic detail. Sour cherry, dried herbs and subtle earthiness are shaped by bright acidity and fine tannins, giving clarity and savoury persistence.

## SHIRAZ, CABERNET & CLARETS

- 2023 **Jasper Hill 'Georgia's Paddock' Shiraz** - *Heathcote VIC* 221  
From Heathcote's ironstone-rich soils, Georgia's Paddock balances power with precision. Dark berries, black pepper and violet notes sit within a firmly structured frame, where whole-bunch influence and fine tannins bring savouriness and detail to the wine's natural concentration.
- 2022 **Schwarz Wine Co. 'Schiller' Shiraz** - *Barossa Valley SA* 114  
Jason Schwarz approaches Shiraz with restraint, favouring brightness and spice over overt richness. Dark plum, cracked pepper and subtle earthiness sit over supple tannins, while careful oak handling preserves freshness and drinkability within a classically Barossan frame.
- 2016 **Rockford 'Basket Press' Shiraz** - *Barossa Valley SA* 429  
One of Australia's enduring Shiraz benchmarks, Basket Press favours traditional handling and patient maturation over overt polish. Dark berries, spice, earth and cedar emerge gradually with age, supported by firm tannins and a structure all too familiar.
- 2023 **Julien Cécillon 'Les Gravieres' Syrah** - *Collines Rhodaniennes, FRA* 132  
Julien Cécillon is a nephew of the great Jean-Louis Grippat and farms in Tournon with his wife Nancy, blending Syrah from three sites across the Drôme and Ardèche. Les Gravieres — the name refers to the gravel warehouse his winery was built in, and the square in Tournon where he grew up — is 70% destemmed, 30% whole-cluster, aged in neutral oak: violet, black olive, fresh blackberry, and a northern Rhône savouriness that is good value at any price.
- 2022 **Alain Voge 'Les Peyrouses' Côtes du Rhône** - *Cornas FRA* 330  
Voge's Côtes du Rhône is something of a sleight of hand — the Syrah comes from young vines grown within the Cornas appellation itself, declassified only by vine age rather than terroir. Biodynamic, aged in old oak, and carrying the granite character of Cornas in everything but the label: dark plum, violet, cracked pepper, and a northern Rhône savouriness that the appellation rarely delivers at this price.
- 2023 **Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage** - *Crozes-Hermitage, Rhône Valley FRA* 284  
Widely regarded as a benchmark producer of Crozes-Hermitage, Alain Graillot balances savouriness with clarity and restraint. Dark berries, olive tapenade and pepper unfold through fine tannins, while whole-bunch fermentation contributes aromatic lift and gentle structural detail.
- 2024 **Hervé Souhaut Saint-Joseph 'Clos des Cessieux'** - *Saint-Joseph FRA* 511  
The Cessieux parcel belonged to Béatrice Souhaut's grandfather, leased out for twenty-five years and returned to the family in 2013. Syrah on granite, whole-bunch, biodynamic in practice if not in certification: the result is Saint-Joseph of unusual finesse — fresh, floral, dark-fruited, and carrying the cool savouriness of the site with a lifted elegance.

- 2022 **A. Rodda Cuvée de Chais Cabernets** - *Beechworth VIC* 98  
Adrian Rodda's Cabernet blend leans toward freshness and aromatic detail, drawing on cooler Victorian sites. Red and dark berries, dried herbs and fine cedar notes are shaped by bright acidity and measured tannins, favouring elegance over sheer concentration.
- 2021 **Yalumba 'The Caley' Cabernet & Shiraz** - *Barossa Valley / Coonawarra SA* 623  
Yalumba's flagship blend brings together Shiraz from the Barossa and Cabernet from Coonawarra's terra rossa, aged in seasoned hogsheads for a wine of remarkable complexity and longevity. Dark fruit, dried herbs, clove, and a structural depth that makes it one of the benchmark Australian clarets.
- 2022 **Cullen Diana Madeline** - *Margaret River WA* 347  
Long regarded as one of Australia's benchmark Cabernet blends, Diana Madeline balances concentration with poise. Blackcurrant, cassis, bay leaf and cedar are framed by fine tannins and bright acidity, with measured oak supporting graceful long-term development.
- 2022 **Riley Harrison 'Kookaburra' Cabernet Shiraz** - *Adelaide Hills SA* 104  
Riley Harrison sources Cabernet from Hickinbotham Vineyard in Clarendon and Shiraz from Murdoch Hill in Oakbank for his take on the great Australian claret: the name is dad wine, the wine is anything but. Brambly fruit, sage, black olive, and a freshness that makes it the most useful red in this section at the price.
- 2018 **Château Sénéjac Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois** - *Haut-Médoc FRA* 192  
A classical Left Bank blend offering structure without excess weight. Blackcurrant, cedar and dried herbs sit within firm but measured tannins, while the Haut-Médoc's gravel soils lend freshness and quiet savouriness to the wine's medium-bodied frame.
- 2016 **Château Rauzan-Ségla Deuxième Cru Classé** - *Margaux FRA* 1064  
A classified growth from Margaux, Rauzan-Ségla balances Cabernet structure with notable aromatic finesse. Blackcurrant, cedar, violet and graphite unfold gradually through fine tannins, while bottle age begins softening the wine's architecture without sacrificing precision or longevity.
- 2022 **Canobolas Cabernet Franc** - *Orange NSW* 127  
Cabernet Franc from Orange's cool elevation brings fragrance and freshness to the fore. Red currant, dried herbs and subtle graphite notes sit over fine tannins, while bright acidity keeps the wine energetic and particularly comfortable alongside food.
- 2022 **Domaine de la Noblaie 'Le Temps des Cerises' Cabernet Franc** - *Chinon FRA* 286  
A lighter, early-drinking Cabernet Franc from Chinon in Loire Valley, favouring brightness and perfume over structure. Tart red berries, dried herbs and gentle earthiness sit within a supple frame, where restrained extraction and fresh acidity encourage serving slightly cool.

## MAGNUMS

NV	<b>Chandon Brut</b> - <i>Yarra Valley VIC</i> Domaine Chandon makes its Brut in the Yarra Valley with genuine Champagne method rigour. In magnum, the slower maturation shows: creamy, persistent, and generous. The most useful celebratory format on the list.	145
NV	<b>Perrier-Jouët Blanc de Blancs</b> - <i>Épernay FRA</i> The Chardonnay-only expression from Épernay, scaled up for impact. White citrus, chalk, and the fine-boned PJ house style: a magnum that earns the moment.	324
2023	<b>M de Minuty Rosé</b> - <i>Saint-Tropez, Provence FRA</i> Minuty's Provençal rosé in the format designed for long tables and warm evenings. Pale, dry, and precise, with the slower oxygen exchange of magnum adding a creaminess to the texture.	181
2023	<b>Joh. Jos. Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett</b> - <i>Mosel GER</i> The Sonnenuhr is the most celebrated site on the Mosel, and JJ Prüm its most iconic producer. The Kabinett in magnum is one of the great medium-term cellar propositions: peach, slate, a whisper of sweetness balanced by the river's natural acidity, and a trajectory that points to something magnificent in a decade. Please ask your sommelier.	895
2023	<b>Pascal Robin Chablis 1er Cru Fourchaume</b> - <i>Chablis, Burgundy FRA</i> Fourchaume is the largest and most generous of the Chablis premiers crus, facing south, ripening fully, and producing Chardonnay of real breadth. Oyster shell, white peach, and a mineral persistence that only Kimmeridgian limestone provides. A wine for the table's most serious bottle moment.	610
2023	<b>L'Anglore 'Comeyre'</b> - <i>Tavel FRA</i> Éric Pfifferling's Tavel estate is one of the southern Rhône's most thoughtful producers. His Comeyre Grenache in magnum is a wine for those who understand that a great bottle doesn't require a grand occasion. Please ask your sommelier.	555
2024	<b>Giant Steps Applejack Pinot Noir</b> - <i>Yarra Valley VIC</i> Giant Steps' Applejack vineyard sits at the cooler end of the Yarra Valley, and the magnum format slows the wine's development into something even more rewarding than the 750ml. Red cherry, dried violet, and a structural precision that makes it among the valley's most reliable Pinots for a table that wants to share something genuinely good.	387
2008	<b>Radikon Merlot</b> - <i>Oslavia, Friuli ITA</i> Stanko Radikon's wines exist outside conventional time. This 2008 Merlot in its characteristic one-litre format is now eighteen years old and at a peak that his methods uniquely provide: amber-red, deeply savoury, with dried fruit, leather, and an oxidative complexity that makes it unlike any Merlot you have previously encountered.	440

- 2020 **Massolino Barolo** - *Serralunga d'Alba, Piedmont ITA* 496  
 Massolino is the Serralunga d'Alba producer that unites the traditional and modern factions of Barolo. The 2020 in magnum is a wine for the table's most considered moment: rose, tar, cherry, iron, and decades of potential ahead.
- 2011 **Rockford 'Basket Press' Shiraz** - *Barossa Valley SA* 890  
 The 2011 in magnum is now fifteen years old, and for Basket Press this is middle age, not maturity. Old Barossa vines, basket-pressed, large old oak, and time: blackberry, dark chocolate, cloves, and a structural authority that makes this one of the great Australian wine experiences available by the bottle. Please ask your sommelier.

## DESSERT

- GLS/BTL**
- 2022 **Huet Vouvray Sec** - *Vouvray, Loire FRA* 154  
 The Huet domaine in Vouvray is one of the Loire's irreplaceable estates, biodynamic since 1990 and farming the tuffeau plateau with a rigour that the wines reflect. Beeswax, quince, chamomile, and a tension that makes Chenin Blanc's case more convincingly than almost anything else at this price.
- 2024 **Horrocks Cordon Cut Riesling** - *Clare Valley SA* 18/100  
 Cordon cutting, severing the cane to desiccate the grapes on the vine, produces a Clare Valley Riesling of concentrated sweetness without the complexity of botrytis. Lime marmalade, dried apricot, and a clean acidity that keeps the whole thing from cloying.
- 2015 **Trimbach 'Seigneurs de Ribeaupierre' Gewurztraminer** - *Alsace FRA* 193  
 Trimbach's prestige Gewurztraminer from a decade ago, now at an age where the variety's exuberant aromatics have settled into something more considered. Lychee, preserved ginger, rose water, and a honeyed richness that the half-bottle format makes perfectly portable. With the cheese course; ideally with something washed-rind.
- 2018 **Château du Cèdre Malbec Vin de Liqueur** - *Cahors FRA* 179  
 Cahors produces one of France's most overlooked fortified wines: Malbec grown on the valley's limestone plateau and concentrated into a vin de liqueur of dark plum, tobacco, and bittersweet chocolate. The Cèdre does it better than most, and the 2018 is now in fine form.
- NV **Yalumba 'Antique' Tawny** - *Barossa Valley SA* 15/76  
 Yalumba's old Muscat barrel solera, drawn from stocks that go back generations and blended annually for consistency. Rancio, dried fig, roasted walnut, and a sweetness tempered by the oxidative character that only decades in old wood can produce. The correct way to end a meal.



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