



We're all about the Riesling.

Yes, we've got other phenomenal drops as well; some Riesling impersonators, some other whites that we rate, some fun bubbles (of course), and a short list of seriously good reds. But for us it's a celebration of the 'queen of grapes' and her ability to go with any cuisine.

Canberra Riesling has come a long way in the (inter)national psyche in the past decade, and we're fortunate to work with some legend producers and bring you their hard work at great value with minimal faffery.

Wine is to be drunk and enjoyed. Don't overcomplicate it. Our list is what we enjoy now, so drink up and enjoy life!

Cheers,
Andy Day

Wines by the glass

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Citrus, flowers and a wiff of honey on the nose, giving way to a light palate with good but not overbearing acidity. A beautifully balanced wine, perfect to start with.

2019 Long Rail Gully | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle

A light and aromatic style, with dried mandarin on the nose and fresh lime juice on the palate. An enduring clean finish. Very good.

2019 Sapling Yard *Bungendore* | Bungendore | 65 bottle

Lush floral nose followed by racy acidity and effervescence on the front palate. Good balance and tight minerality. Good long finish. Winemaker Carla Rodeghiero is also vigneron, picker and delivery driver – talk about a one-woman show!

2018 Clonakilla | Murrumbateman | 80 bottle

Power and precision, like all Clonakilla wines. Buckets of lime, super tight acidity and it just keeps going and going...

2019 Nick O'Leary *White Rocks* | Lake George | 85 bottle

This will be spoken about in revered tones in years to come; a brilliant wine showing the intensity and balance of great Canberra Rieslings. Taken from the Lake George Winery site on the edge of Lake George.

2011 Eden Road | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle | 18 glass

Rich oily nose to the fore, bright acid and lime cordial on the front palate, dry texture. Great wine, got the structure and life of fruit to live another 5 years.

2019 Gallagher | Jeir | 65 bottle

Bright lemon curd, mandarin, honey, minerality. Superbly balanced, great finish. Clapping emoji.

2019 Helm *Classic* | Murrumbateman | 80 bottle | 20 glass

Classic for a reason. Crisp lime and lemon juice aromas, Canberra minerality. Dry as could be. Perfect young, definitely ageable, good value.

2006 Helm Premium *Museum Release* | Murrumbateman | 200 bottle

Power and precision, exotic spice, layers of citrus and pear and a steely minerality. Incredible wine, only a few bottles left on the planet.

2015 Lark Hill *Estate back-vintage* | Bungendore | 120 bottle

Right on the tipping point between tight acidic nose and bold rich agey-ness with just a tickle of kaffir lime. A veritable bevvy of citrus on the palate. Great length. Wildly enjoyable. Biodynamic.

2019 Sholto | Murrumbateman | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Rich floral nose, with a sweetness taken back by clean acidity and tight texture. Orange, pear and mandarin on the palate. Dry finish. Super quirky and different for CBR Riesling and highly enjoyable.

2019 Helm *Half Dry* | Murrumbateman | 55 bottle | 14 glass

'Halbtrocken' as the great man calls it; lemon, mandarin, honey, spice and lightly sweet. Phenomenal value bet from the local legend.

The Fizz

Good before, good during, good after

NV Gallagher Duet | Jeir, Canberra District | 55 bottle | 13 glass

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay *method traditionnelle* with citrus, pear and a light toastiness from time with yeast. Great local bubbles.

2019 Four Winds Sparkling Riesling | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass

Crisp grapefruit and gooseberry on the nose and on the palate, light and fresh with zingy acidity. Refreshing. Spring in a glass.

2019 Unico Zelo Sea Foam Fiano Pet Nat | Riverlands, SA | 60 bottle

Fun funky bubbles from SA. Aromatic and quirky nose, giving way to mouthfilling fizz and ripe citrus and apple flavours.

NV Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve | Champagne, Fra | 360 magnum

Iconic. Crisp clean house style, a cacophony of peach and nectarine on the nose, a super fine mousse with tight acidity and great length. One of the great food pairing champagnes. Made better only by the gratuitous size of the bottle.

Rose

Pretty, pretty dry, and pretty good with arvo sunshine

2020 Charles Melton Rose of Virginia | Barossa Valley, SA | 75 bottle

An Aussie icon. Deep red from a blend of Grenache, Meunier, Shiraz and Cabernet. Grippy tannins balance a slightly richer style rose; citrus and rose petals on the nose, quite perfumed and complex. A serious rose from a seriously good producer.

2020 Freeman Rondo Rondinella Rose | Hilltops, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Very pretty aromatic nose of nectarine and currants. Red currants and berries on the palate, dry with a tight but not overbearing acidity. Complex and just the slightest savouriness on the finish. Truly delightful rose from a truly f***ed year.

2019 Terre a Terre Piccadilly | Adelaide Hills, SA | 75 bottle

Pale pink, pretty nose. What more do you need? A blend of 70% Pinot Noir and 30% chardonnay grown in the Piccadilly valley subregion of Adelaide Hills. High quality, low production rose.

NV M & J Becker Wines ODP Rose | Sonoma, USA | 85 bottle

Rich, deep, complex, dry, quirky, confronting. This wine is just an awesome curiosity from Meagan and James Becker, based at Oakvale in the Hunter Valley NSW but also making cracking wines from California. A 60/40 blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from multiple vintages for a true 'field blend'. Inspired stuff. More amber than rose, don't expect lolly water.

Aussie Riesling

Some absolute winners from interstate

2020 Naked Run *The First* | Clare Valley, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Razor sharp acidity, super bright lemon and lime juice on the palate. Dry and intense with a long finish. From Steve Baraglia – chief winemaker at Pikes.

2019 Grosset *Polish Hill* | Clare Valley, SA | 230 magnum

THE definitive Clare; bone dry, intense citrus and cool slate with a persistent finish. Everything tastes better from a magnum.

2020 Grosset *Springvale* | Clare Valley, SA | 90 bottle

Lime juice, lemon curd and that classic minerality so typical of Clare and Grosset in particular. 2020 was a tough drought for the Clare, but while that has reduced availability of the wines it certainly hasn't hurt quality.

2017 Loosen-Barry *Wolta Wolta* | Clare Valley, SA | 180 bottle

A marriage of 'royal' families; the Barry's from Clare and the Loosen's from Mosel in Germany. The result? A spectacular example of Clare Riesling. Ripe lime and white nectarine on the nose and palate, fine texture and complex.

2019 Tappanappa | Eden Valley, SA | 75 bottle

A quintessential Eden Valley Riesling; bone dry and slightly floral. Citrus and flint on the palate.

2012 Crawford River | Henty, Vic | 185 bottle

Mainland Australia's foremost Riesling producer. Supreme ageability from super their site planted in the 1970's in Henty. Still a youthful green, very delicate with soft floral notes on the nose, apple skins and a hint of white peach on the palate. Acidity has barely softened and this wine still has a good two decades left to live.

2017 Garagiste *Cotier* | Mornington Peninsula, Vic | 75 bottle

Crispy citrus and lemongrass on the nose, a bit of white pepper and spice on the palate backed up by generous fruit. Structure from time in old oak. Super refreshing alternative expression of Riz.

2018 Frankland Estate *Alter Weg* | Frankland River, WA | 80 bottle

Alter Weg = The Old Way. Barrel ferment dry riesling from Frankland River WA. Tight acidity matched by a nice palate weight. Super food friendly, absolutely delicious and complex Riesling.

2018 Kate Hill | Derwent & Coal River Valleys, Tas | 80 bottle

Deliciously spicy light citrus nose, with a full mouthfeel. Supremely well balanced. Tassie wines, so hot right now, Tassie wines...

2018 Stargazer *Palisander Vineyard* | Coal River Valley, Tas | 100 bottle

Steely nose, fresh light citrus, followed by a perfectly balanced palate; not overly dry or sweet. A melody of citrus from lime juice to fresh orange oil. One of the top Tassie Rieslings.

2019 Printhie *Topography* | Orange, NSW | 70 bottle

Dry and floral, with notes of stonefruit mingled with the citrus splash of aussie Rizla. Plucked from a high altitude site with a northern aspect on the slopes of Mt Canobolas near Orange, NSW. Ripe yet dry.

International Rieslings

The old world gets pretty worked up about who 'owns' Riesling. The Germans, the Austrians, the French. For us: who cares? Just drink the stuff.

2019 Donnhoff | Nahe, Germany | 75 bottle | 18 glass

Soft and rounded nose, slightly floral, slightly sweet, with tropical fruit and pear on the palate. Light spritz. Great value German off-dry Rizla.

2017 A Christmann *Reiterpfad-Hofstuck* GG | Pfalz, Germany | 250 bottle

Spice, herb and tropical fruit on the nose, then hitting the lemon curd/apple spectrum that's a bit more familiar to an Aussie palate. Powerful, and an intense long finish.

2015 Von Schubert *Maximin Grunhauser Feinherb* | Mosel, Germany | 90 bottle

Restrained nose of tropical fruit salad, light acidity, straight-forward off-dry German Riesling. Uncomplicated and very enjoyable for it.

2017 JJ Prum *Graacher Himmelreich Auslese* | Mosel, Germany | 230 bottle

Bright and fresh on the nose with the distinct slate and minerality. Slight fizz, intense acidity and honeyed apricot on the palate. How good is the Riesling spectrum of fruits!? 7% ABV makes it almost a driving wine.

2006 Georg Breuer *Nonnenberg* GG | Rheingau, Germany | 200 bottle

Fleshy and generous Riesling and still maturing. Acidity lingers underneath the richer palate. From 80yr-old vines in the middle of the GG site, truly special booze.

2012 Emmerich Knoll *Vlnothekfullung Loibner* | Wachau, Austria | 210 bottle

Super rare find. An phenomenal example of age bringing balance to the force. Acidity is delicate but lingers, textured and with generous fruit. Incredible.

2013 FX Pichler *Loibenberg Smaragd* | Wachau, Austria | 160 bottle

Floral nose with just a slight smokiness to it. From a warmer site and thus a slightly richer Riesling than is typical from Wachau. Lemon and grapefruit on the palate, creamy palate and sustained complex finish.

2018 Willm *Reserve* | Alsace, France | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Beautifully ripe, lush nose with honey and floral notes followed by a well-balanced delivery of fruit and tight acidity. Absolute bargain frenchy.

2018 Domaine Ostertag *Les Jardins* | Alsace, France | 260 magnum

White flowers, peach and vine-blossom aromas, followed by a rounded texture and a fine and long acidity. A slight saline character in the finish. Graceful Alsace. Biodynamic producer.

2018 Domaine Mersiol | Alsace, France | 80 bottle

Pronounced citrus spectrum from lemon to slightly sweeter grapefruit with hints of green apple. Dry and light on the palate, especially for a French.

2013 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 85 bottle

Aussie legend Brian Croser makes brilliant Riesling from a small patch in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, USA. 2013 was a cooler year, and this is a ripe Riesling with tropical fruit on the nose, citrus on the palate and a racy acidity.

This is for the G's

The imitators of, and close friends to, Riesling

2019 Long Rail Gully Cetiri Blend | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle

Cetiri; a blend of Gris, Semillon, Gewurztraminer, and Riesling. Lifted aromatics, gewurz perfume is dominant, soft acid. Nice dry aromatic white.

2018 Lark Hill Gruner Veltliner | Bungendore, Canberra District | 130 bottle

Dry Melon, white pepper and complexity from time in oak and in bottle, a real thinker's white. Pioneers here in Canberra and recognized as one of the country's best GV producers.

2020 Vinden Headcase Blanc | Hunter Valley, NSW | 75 bottle

So we're just a wee bit excited about Vinden wines. A gun young winemaker making super interesting booze from a typically 'conservative' wine region. The 2020 blanc is anyone's guess for what's in it, but its textural, aromatic, dry and just really really good wine. One for the 'skins' and 'natural wines' crowd for sure.

2020 Hahndorf Hill Gru Gruner Veltliner | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Citrus, nectarine and spice on the nose; stonefruit and grapefruit on the palate finished by a long mineral finish with a bit of texture.

2017 Monte Carbonare Soave | Suavia, Italy | 85 bottle

100% Garganega from pure black volcanic soils, and it sure does show. Earthy and textural dry white. Light citrus, apple blossom, nectarine wrapped around tight acidity. Absolute knockout from a cult producer.

Worthy & worldly Whites

2013 Dogpoint Section 94 Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough, NZ | 85 bottle

A Marlborough savvy in a Riesling shrine? Totally blasphemous, but totally deserving of it's place - as good as an SB can get. Pristine gooseberry and herb notes. You'd have no idea its 7-years old, still as fresh as tomorrow.

2015 L.A.S Vino CBDB | Margaret River, WA | 120 bottle

100% chenin blanc from Margaret River is given the full treatment; wild yeast ferment, French barriques and clay amphora, lees stirring. The result is a textured, layered wine with a tonne of character and integrated fruit from grapefruit to lime and passionfruit. Awesome.

2018 Nick O'Leary Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass

A rich and generous chardy from over the hills by one of our all-time faves. Integrated oak, great mouthfeel and the stonefruit lingers. Big chardy balanced with tight acidity and looooong finish. Really good value.

2018 Vanguardist Chardonnay | Adelaide Hills, SA | 110 bottle

Tight and lean style with plenty of citrus and spice; lemon, zest and a hint of anise. Good length from persistent acidity and steely texture. For the Chablis lovers out there.

A Concise list of Reds

Listed lightest to heaviest, kinda

2016 Boovability Pinot Noir | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

A Super light red; bright fresh sweet cherry fruit on the front palate, savoury mid palate, good length and a twist of spice on the finish.

2019 Pooley *Cooinda Vale* Pinot Noir | Coal River Valley, TAS | 140 bottle

Magical pinot. Delicate and juicy at the same time, soft and structured, supple and bright. Red cherry and raspberry, a little savoury and a lengthy finish. Allow 30 minutes in a decanter to kick it in to gear though.

2019 Hahndorf Hill *Zsa Zsa* Zweigelt | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle

How do you describe a wine that can take you from thinking of Pinot to Cabernet in the flash of an eye? You don't. You just drink it. Enjoy.

202 Ravensworth *Long Way Around* Blend | Multi-region, WA | 75 bottle | 18 glass

A quirky wine and a product of the totally cooked 2020 vintage of CBR. Bryan Martin sourced grapes from several regions in WA to coddle together a super dry, light, interesting and grippy savoury red. Grenache, Syrah and Pinot.

2019 Vanguardist Grenache | McLaren Vale, SA | 125 bottle

Graceful Grenache from the 'silver sands' vineyard at Blewitt Springs. Lots of concentrated red berry character and defined structure. Really good wine.

2018 Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | Langhorne Creek, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Rich nose, velvety in the mouth, but still really bright and spicy. Goes from thick and rich to light and dry. Good times had for all red drinkers.

2019 Nick Spencer MDR Shiraz Blend | Gundagai, NSW | 80 bottle

Shiraz + Cabernet + Malbec + Tempranillo + Touriga = MDR magic!
Medium bodied, spice and fruit and character from the lighter grapes, with plenty of grip and body from the heavier varieties. A well balanced, punchy wine showing off the virtues of Gundagai.

2014 Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, CBR | 250 bottle

The Ron Burgundy of Canberra reds; it's kind of a big deal. Great vintage of a super wine; elegant, perfumed, precise, medium-bodied. Simply a great wine and a main reason behind Clonakilla being the flagship of Murrumbateman.

2018 Te Mata *Bullnose* Syrah | Hawke's Bay, NZ | 140 bottle

An Iconic Syrah from a single vineyard in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. Perfumed and spice on the nose, richly blue and red fruits galore, and a fine silky finish. Brilliant.

2016 Penley Estate *11 Barrels* Shiraz | Coonawarra, SA | 100 bottle | 25 glass

Reward yourself with a cracking Shiraz from Cabernet country. That classic terra rossa character with medium weight red and blue fruit. I'm super chuffed with this wine so I bought the entire ACT allocation.

2015 Eden Road Cabernet Sauvignon | Gundagai, NSW | 70 bottle

Just a wow wine. Delicious ripe fruit, blue and black all over. Perfectly balanced and sitting comfortably as a medium-weight Cabernet.

Dessert style Rieslings

From beautifully light, to thick and rich, sweet style Rieslings can do anything! Listed here from least to most residual sugar.

2019 Lark Hill *Ley-Line* | Bungendore, Canberra District | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Pale yellow, medium-bodied sticky with zingy acidity and beautiful ripe pineapple palate.

2019 Frogmore Creek *Iced Riesling* | Coal River Valley, Tas | 60 bottle | 15 glass

Delicate quince, honey and apricot aromas and palate. Perfect with fruit desserts or soft cheeses.

2016 Dr. Loosen *Eiswein* | Mosel, Germany | 200 bottle

The real deal; vibrant and racy wine produced from Riesling grapes frozen solid on the vine and picked in the early hours and pressed while still frozen. Juicy and sweet with a crisp acid finish.

2017 JJ Prum *Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese* | Mosel, Germany | 150 bottle

Dense and concentrated. Raisin and crispy citrus on the nose give way to stonefruit and white cherry on the palate. Incredible booze. Still has a zippy acid backbone underneath all that fleshy goodness.

Not wine

For when grape juice ain't your thing

Ciders

David Franz Scrumpy muscat+semillon+apple 330ml | Barossa Valley, SA | 12

Zesty dry apple cider, perfect for that beer-o'clock-to-wine-time witching hour. 6% ABV.

Lobo Royale apple cider 750ml | Adelaide Hills, SA | 50

Small batch hand crafted cider. Cloudy deep golden colour. Like drinking a fresh baked apple pie. But liquid form. Absolute winner. 3.8% ABV.

Beers in tins

Capital Brewing Coast Ale 4.3%ABV 375ml | Fyshwick, ACT | 10

Bentspoke Crankshaft IPA 5.8% ABV 375ml | A stone's throw away, ACT | 12

Coopers Pale Ale 4.5%ABV 375ml | Adelaide, SA | 10

Cocktails

Negroni | 20

Ain't broke? Don't fix it. Gin + Campari + Vermouth, that's all

Dirty Martini | 20

Belvedere vodka, olive juice, dry vermouth

Rizla Aperol Spritz | 15

Aperol + sparkling Riesling charged with soda

Cane-cutter's Cordial | 18

Havana Club rum, muddled lime, mint & ginger

Figgleback | 18

Our twist on the classic pickleback; dry Henriques & Henriques Monte Seco Madeira with sweet and sour pickled figs

Other after dinner beverages

Delord 1985 Armagnac | Bas Armagnac, France | 25 glass

Normandin-Mercier V.S.O.P Cognac | Cognac, France | 22 glass

ArteNOM seleccion 1414 agave reposado | Oaxaca, Mexico | 18 glass

Starward *Nova* Red Wine Barrel Aged Single Malt | Port Melbourne, Vic | 18 glass

Glenmorangie *The Original* 10yo | Scottish Highlands | 15 glass

Non-booze beverages

Coca-Cola | Sprite | Diet Coke | 4

LLB | SLB | Lime + Soda | 4

Fever Tree tonic water | 5

No-booze Mojito | 8

Lime, mint and mineral water. The ultimate refresher.

Virgin Negroni | 12

How dare we. Seedlip Spice 94, Sanbitter and orange syrup topped with a dash of soda. Bitter like a badger.

Purezza Sparkling Mineral Water | 2pp unlimited

Spirits & Liqueurs

Our love is wine so this list is short, but it's all and only high-quality booze.

Archie Rose Signature Dry Gin | Sydney, NSW | 12

Underground Spirits Gin | Canberra | 11

Adelaide Hills Distillery 78° Gin | Adelaide Hills, SA | 12

Tanqueray Gin | Edinburgh, UK | 10

Ketel One Vodka | Scheidam, Holland | 10

Underground Spirits Caramel Vodka | Canberra | 12

Belvedere Vodka | Zyrardow, Poland | 12

Havana Club Anejo 3 Anos Rum | Cuba | 9

Havana Club Anejo Especial | Cuba | 10

Plantation Pineapple Rum | Barbados | 13

Makers Mark Straight Bourbon Whisky | Kentucky, USA | 11

Rittenhouse Straight Rye Whisky | Kentucky, USA | 13

Starward *Nova* Red-Wine Barrel Single Malt | Port Melbourne, Vic | 18

Glenmorangie *The Original* 10yo | Highlands, Scotland | 15

Bruichladdich *The Classic Laddie* | Islay, Scotland | 16

Herradura *Plata* tequila | Jalisco, Mexico | 10

Herradura *Anejo* tequila | Jalisco, Mexico | 16

ArteNOM *seleccion 1414* agave reposado | Oaxaca, Mexico | 18

Pimms | London, England | 10

Aperol | Padua, Italy | 10

Campari | Milan, Italy | 10

Margan *Off-Sweet* Semillon Vermouth | Hunter Valley, NSW | 14

Maidenii Sweet Vermouth | Harcourt, Vic | 11

Lillet Blanc | Podensac, France | 11

Ravensthorpe *Outlandish Claims* Bitter Tonic | Murrumbateman, NSW | 12

Mr Black Coffee Liqueur | Erina, NSW | 11

Henriques & Henriques Monte Seco Madeira | Madeira, Portugal | 13

O'Leary Walker *Wyatt Earp* 2015 Vintage Port | Clare Valley, SA | 15

David Franz *Old Redemption* X.O Tawny | Barossa Valley, SA | 18

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