



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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Canberra Riesling

2020 Lark Hill *Canberra Region* | Young + Bungendore | 60 bottle

Floral nose, zesty amber citrus on the palate. Super light, bright and delicious. Mostly from the Freeman vineyard at Young, thus avoiding the smoke taint that smashed the Canberra district. 9.2% ABV makes it an all-day wine.

2018 Clonakilla | 80 bottle

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

2017 Nick O'Leary *Heywood* | Hall | 80 bottle

Exceptional value single-site Riesling from Nick's home plot. Citrus and hints of crisp green melon. Well balanced acidity. Classic Nick.

2019 Gallagher | Jeir | 65 bottle | 16 glass

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

2019 Yarrh | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle | 15 glass

Sharp citrus and minerality. Dry, light and moorish. Great value classic Canberra style Riesling from just north of Murrumbateman.

2019 Mount Majura | 70 bottle

Juicy lemon palate with a long steely finish. Superbly balanced and quintessentially Canberran. Reliably great Riesling year in, year out.

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.

2019 Helm *Classic* | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle

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.

2011 Eden Road | Murrumbateman | 70 bottle | 17 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 Sholto | 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 Sapling Yard *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!

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.

2011 Lark Hill Chardonnay Pinot Noir | Bungendore, Canberra District | 110 bottle

Probably the best vintage sparkling from mainland Aus, in our humble opinion. Comparable to your generous champagne styles; biscuits, honey, and crisp acidity. Yum.

2019 Dr Loosen Sekt Sparkling Riesling | Mosel, Germany | 90 bottle

Powerful nose of citrus and tropical fruits and trademark slatieness of Mosel. As dry as a german sparkling can be from one of the masters.

NV Agrapart Terroirs Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs | Champagne, Fra | 220 bottle

Citrus and white flowers on the nose, medium to full bodied champagne with a racy acidity and purity. Seriously good value for money BdB, despite the price tag.

Rose

Pretty, pretty dry, and pretty good with arvo sunshine

2020 Vinden Headcase | Hunter Valley, NSW | 65 bottle | 16 glass

What do you get when 'the next big thing' from the Hunter blends 6 different ferments of Tempranillo, Semillon, Shiraz, Chardy & gewürztraminer? A bloody delicious rose. Aromatic with herbs and redcurrant on the nose, hint of citrus and white pepper on the palate, finishing dry and textural. Served chilled, but awesome room temp as well.

2018 Artea | Alpes de Haute Provence, France | 60 bottle

Very pretty nose. Another dry rose, dry flower petals and strawberry/cranberry on the nose. Good long finish. Great little French rose especially for the price. Smashable.

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 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.

Aussie Riesling

Some absolute winners from interstate

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.

2019 Mac Forbes *RS3* | Strathbogie Ranges, Vic | 150 magnum

A fine wine of structure and persistence. Or does the persistence come from getting through 1500ml of it? I dunno.

Fermented in stainless and also oak and concrete makes for a textured but clean Riesling, dry as the residual sugar indicator name suggests.

2014 Place in Time | Clare Valley, SA | 100 bottle

Heard of Pike's? Yeah. So chief winemaker Steve Baraglia also has this side project and it's safe to say he knows his way around a Riesling vintage or two. The 2014 still has years to run in it, with searing acidity and that classic Clare lime juice and structure to the fore.

2018 Vanguardist | Clare Valley, SA | 80 bottle | 20 glass

Judging this book by its cover it's a solid 10; cloth label, wax-dipped cork.

Beauty. What's inside is just as good; extended time on skins and a variety of fermentation techniques creates layers of complex citrus and apple but in no way hiding the brightness of Clare. My new fave from SA.

2014 Mitchell *Watervale* Riesling | Clare Valley, SA | 75 bottle

Superb value aged Riesling from Clare Valley. Zippy acidity has had the shock absorbers tuned by 6 years in bottle to find a really happy, sporty ride. Still the classic Clare lime juice cordial effect, but with a heavier palate weight and approachability.

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 in it yet.

2018 Tertini *Yaraandoo* | Southern Highlands, NSW | 75 bottle

Good clean nose, sharp grippy acidity with a fresh citrus palate. Really light and lean style Creates the salivating effect that makes you want more. Winner. Good with chicken dinner.

2019 Frankland River *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 75 bottle

Very clean and very dry, crisp granny smith on the palate with zippy acidity and good tight finish. The west is turning out some stunners.

2018 Stefano Lubiana | Derwent Valley, Tas | 80 bottle

Deliciously light citrus, with a good mouthfeel coming from some time in old oak. Very good booze. 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.

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.

2017 Donnhoff | Nahe, Germany | 75 bottle | 18 glass

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

2017 Dr Thanisch *Bernkasteler Badstube* Kabinett | Mosel, Germany | 100 bottle

Spritzzy on the first hit from the acidity and sugar hitting bang at the same time. Dry and lively. How fun are Kabinett's? Clean and light, fresh tropical fruits and acid. Grosse Lage vineyard (German Premier Cru, if you will). Kabinett's are just such fun to drink!

2018 Wittmann *Morstein* GG | Rheinhessen, Germany | 250 bottle

Insanely powerful, insanely dry. Super fine and tight Riesling, with ripe yellow fruit on the palate, a little spice throughout. A paradox of generous nose, lean palate. Utterly brilliant.

2018 Dr Loosen *Wehlener Sonnenuhr* Trocken GG | Mosel, Germany | 150 bottle

Light and spritzzy tropical fruit on the palate, a truly top tier 'grand cru' German. A persistent and delicate, pretty Riesling. Simply delicious.

2014 JJ Prum *Graacher Himmelreich* Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 170 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.

2018 Domane Wachau *Ried Bruck Federspiel* | Wachau, Austria | 75 bottle

Dry! Super dry old-world Riesling from a super-steep site in the Wachau Valley. Really well balanced fruit spectrum from citrus to peach. Refreshing.

2012 Emmerich Knoll *Vinothekfullung 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. Incredibly well balanced. Makes me happy.

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 G D Vajra *Petracine* | Langhe, Italy | 95 bottle

The pioneer of Riesling in Piedmont in Italy's north west. There's a lot to like in this one, especially if you're fond of the Clare Valley. Lime, green apple, slight floral notes and a slatey texture. Built to last but vibrant now.

2018 Rippon *Jeunesse* | Central Otago, New Zealand | 90 bottle

Described as 'like a child's crayon drawing; vibrant, spirited, endearing'. We don't know what that means, but the wine is seriously drinkable; well balanced, clean citrus, light and minerally. Yum

This is for the G's

The imitators of, and close friends to, Riesling

2019 Long Rail Gully Pinot Gris | Murrumbateman, CBR | 60 bottle

Dry style gris made from 100% estate fruit just north of Murrumbateman. Still keeping in their delicious, dry style with crunchy apple and pear juice and the slightest hint of white pepper on the palate. Delicious.

2013 Lark Hill Gruner Veltliner | Bungendore, Canberra District | 155 bottle

Dry Melon, white pepper and complexity from time in oak and in bottle, a real thinker's white. Pioneer's 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.

2019 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.

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.

Worthy & worldly Whites

2019 Vinden Estate Verdelho | Hunter Valley, NSW | 60 bottle

Ripe tropical fruit, medium-bodied, tight acidity. None of that chalky texture that plagues this Portuguese workhorse.

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

A Marlborough savvy in a Riesling shrine? Totally blasphemous, but totally deserving of its 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.

2016 Fighting Gully Road Chardonnay | Beechworth, Vic | 80 bottle | 20 glass

A generous chardonnay from a top vineyard from one of Australia's top regions from one of Australia's best wine makers Adrian Rodda. Wild ferment in French oak, a powerful balance between stonefruit and citrus characters and a super clean finish. Awesome Chard.

2018 Nick Spencer Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 70 bottle

A pretty yet full-bodied expression from the Marangle vineyard, matured in French oak puncheons for structure and balance adding to the stonefruit and citrus palate.

2018 Vanguardist Chardonnay | Adelaide Hills, SA | 110 bottle

Tight and lean style chardy; plenty of citrus and spice with 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. Beautifully smashable cool climate Pinot from Adelaide Hills.

2017 Pressing Matters Pinot Noir | Coal River Valley, Tas | 160 bottle

Pressing Matters does Riesling and Pinot Noir. That's all. And they're damn good at them. Generous fruit, great structure and acidity.

2019 Nick Spencer LDR Pinot Blend | Gundagai, NSW | 70 bottle

A blend of Pinot, Sangiovese and Shiraz with beautiful light mouthfeel and grippy tannins, this is ideal for arvo cheese plates or bbq. Nick's homage to Maurice O'Shea's classic light dry red blends of the 50's and 60's.

2015 Eden Road Syrah | Murrumbateman, CBR | 60 bottle | 15 glass

Hamish Young's winemaking; balance between brightness and rich, great mouthfeel, good spice and plenty of fruit. Great wine, great value.

2016 Sholto *Rouge Clair* Blend | Gundaroo, CBR | 70 bottle | 17 glass

A quirky wine. Cabernet, Malbec and a splash of Petit Verdot made into a 'beaujolais' style light red. We love it, and you will too once you get over the preconception of what those grapes 'should' be.

2017 Fighting Gully Road Sangiovese | Beechworth, Vic | 80 bottle

Blackberry and a hint of olive on the palate, great mouthfeel and lingering finish. Superb light-medium red grown by Mark Walpole.

2018 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.

2017 Casa Silva Carmenere | Colchagua Valley, Chile | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Distinctly earthy nose, ripe black fruit and a defined grip gives it structure. Reminds me a bit of a cross between a well-made Cabernet and a Spanish tempranillo; brambly, bit meaty, smoky and definitely savoury. Bargain.

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.

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

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 | 17 glass

Just a wow wine. Delicious ripe fruit, blue and black all over. Perfectly balanced and sitting comfortably as a medium-weight Cabernet. Well done to Eden Road, they've bloody nailed this one!

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.

2019 Mitchelton Late Harvest Riesling | Nagambie, Vic | 70 bottle

Pale in colour but a really lifted intense nose of floral and lychee. Tropical with the slightest tickle of gingery citrus on the palate. Well balanced with good acidity to tackle the sugar.

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.

2016 Framingham *F-series Trockenbeerenauslese* | Marlborough, NZ | 170 bottle

Imagine a big bowl of apricots covered in honey, spices and drizzled caramel. Then liquify it. Supreme intensity, sweetness and balanced by acidity. Top stuff.

Not wine

For when grape juice ain't your thing

Ciders

Alpine Cider 330ml | Bright, Vic | 10

Balanced and refreshing apple cider. Not too sweet, not too dry. Dangerously reminiscent of magners when it was good..

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

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 750ml Long Neck | Adelaide, SA | 16

Cocktails

Negroni | 20

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

Dirty Martini | 20

Grey Goose 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

Grey Goose Vodka | Gensac-la-pallue, France | 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

Ravenworth *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

Taylor's 20yo Tawny Port | Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal | 18