

We're all about the Riesling.

Yes, we've got other phenomenal drops as well; some forgotten relatives of Riesling, 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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2019 Gundog Estate Riesling | 80 bottle | 18 glass

2019 Mada Riesling | 60 bottle | 14 glass

2019 Poachers Riesling | 60 bottle | 14 glass

2018 Gallagher Riesling | 65 bottle | 15 glass

2019 Four Winds Riesling | 60 bottle | 14 glass

2019 Helm Half Dry Riesling | 55 bottle | 13 glass

2019 Chaffey (*Not*) *Grandma's* Riesling | Clare Valley, SA | 60 bottle | 14 glass 2017 Donnhoff Riesling | Nahe, Germany | 80 bottle | 18 glass

NV Gallagher *Duet* Chardy + PN | Jeir, CBR | 55 bottle | 13 glass 2019 Four Winds Sparkling Rizla | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle | 16 glass

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2018 Nick Spencer Rose | Gundagai, NSW | 60 bottle | 15 glass

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2019 Lark Hill Ley-Line | Bungendore, CBR | 65 bottle | 14 glass

Canberra Riesling

Hall - 25km North West

2019 Nick O'Leary Heywood | 75 bottle

Exceptional value single-site Riesling. Citrus and hints of crisp green melon. Perfect with fresh oysters and seafood or use it to cut through fatty fried foods.

Murrumbateman | Jeir - 35km to 45km NNW

2018 Ravensworth Estate | 75 bottle

A more complex creation; a good bit of texture, from ceramic egg fermentation, but still lets the fruit shine. Layered; a real thinkers Rizla.

2019 Helm Half Dry | 55 bottle | 13 glass

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

2019 Four Winds | 60 bottle | 14 glass

An off-dry style; lemon, mandarin, honey, spice and lightly sweet. Phenomenal value bet from an excellent producer.

2018 Helm Premium | 85 bottle

Brilliantly concentrated citrus and crunchy apple. Absolutely mouthwatering intensity. A benchmark of the Australian Riesling scene.

2018 Clonakilla I 80 bottle

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

2019 Poachers Pantry | 60 bottle | 14 glass

Fresh acidity, loads of limes and nice floral notes. Makes the palate salivate. Good wine, good young winemaker.

2018 Yarrh | 50 bottle | 12 glass

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

2018 Mada | 60 bottle | 14 glass

Dry, clean, light style Canberra Riesling. Really good acidity and nice subtle floral notes to go with the typical Canberra citrus and minerality. Good booze.

2019 Gundog Estate | 80 bottle | 18 glass

Juicy lime, balanced acidity and minerality, slight floral note on the nose. From the Four Winds vineyard. Phenomenal booze, and worth hiding a few bottles for a decade...

2018 Gallagher | 60 bottle | 14 glass

Already showing signs of ageing; lemon curd, mandarin, honey, minerality. Superbly balanced, great finish. Clapping emoji.

Bungendore | Collector | Lake George | CBR - doorstep to 30km ENE + 50KM NNE

2018 Nick O'Leary White Rocks | 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. Jump on and enjoy the ride.

2019 Lark Hill Canberra Region | 55 bottle

Floral nose, zesty citrus on the palate. Bright and delicious. Mostly from the Freeman vineyard at Young, thus the 'region' and not 'district' tagline (but made at the home base at Bungendore).

2019 Mount Majura | 65 bottle

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

2019 Sapling Yard Bungendore | 65 bottle | 15 glass

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 onewoman show!

2012 Lark Hill back-vintage | Bungendore, Canberra District | 80 bottle

A cracker year, great producer, classic Canberra Rizla with citrus and now an added complexity from age.

The Fizz

Good before, good during, good after

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

Pinot Noir and Chardonnay *method traditionelle* 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 Ravensworth Ancestral Riesling | Murrumbateman, CBR | 70 bottle
 Crisp green apple, sherbet lemon drops. Lightly sparkling, super cloudy pet
 nat, good grip and texture. Perfect with slightly richer food.

2019 Gilbert Pet Nat Riesling | Orange, NSW | 65 bottle

Mouthfilling dry fizz with a restrained citrus nose. Very approachable, borderline smashable. Made by up-and-coming winemaker Will Gilbert from Mudgee – watch this space.

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.

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.

2018 Mount Horrocks Watervale | Clare Valley, SA | 80 bottle

Kaffir lime, apple and lemon on the palate. Another precise example from the Clare.

2019 Chaffey Bros. Not your Grandma's | Clare Valley, SA | 60 bottle | 14 glass Dry, with a spritzy acidity, great mouthfeel, lively, lots of citrus. Simply lovely.

2008 Pikes Merle | Clare Valley, SA | 120 bottle

An aged edge to the classic Clare characteristics of minerality and citrus. One of Australia's premier Rieslings, held back for your drinking pleasure.

2019 Ashton Hills Estate | Adelaide Hills, SA | 80 bottle

Clean zippy example from one of the Hills' finest producers of any and all things. Plenty of lemon juice and floral notes.

2018 Robert Stein Half Dry | Mudgee, NSW | 70 bottle

A medium-dry Riesling with plenty of Lime notes and a good whack of residual sugar. Great for anything with a whack of chili.

2018 Colmar Block 6 | Orange, NSW | 70 bottle

Phenomenal drinking right now, clean green apples, lemon, mandarin peel and minerality. The critics are all on this at the moment.

2018 Tertini Yaraandoo | Southern Highlands, NSW | 75 bottle

Good clean nose, sharp grippy acidity with a fresh citrus palate. Creates the salavating effect that makes you want more. Winner.

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 Harewood Estate *Porongurup* | Great Southern, WA | 75 bottle

Apple blossom, loads of lemon and mineral intensity with an incredible, long finish. A rising star of WA.

2018 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.

Beautiful old girls

Aged Rieslings; a 'gift that keeps on giving,' as cousin Eddie would say...

2011 Lark Hill back-vintage | Bungendore, Canberra District | 80 bottle

A cracker year, great producer, classic Canberra Rizla with citrus and now an added complexity from age.

2008 Pikes Merle | Clare Valley, SA | 125 bottle

An aged edge to the classic Clare characteristics of minerality and citrus. One of Australia's premier Rieslings, held back for your drinking pleasure.

2009 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 90 bottle

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International Rieslings

The Georgians started it, the Austrians fervently claim it, the Germans own it

2017 Donnhoff | Nahe, Germany | 80 bottle | 18 glass

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

2015 JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 280 magnum White fruit, quince and flowers on the nose with distinct slateyness. Sweet and juicy but with a great acid structure. One of the best, from one of the best.

2016 Brundlmeyer Terrassen | Kamptal, Austria | 95 bottle

Complex, with early signs of ageing yet very light and clean palate.

2017 Dr Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Trocken GG | Mosel, Germany | 165 bottle

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

2016 Domaine Weinbach Cuvee Colette | Alsace, France | 200 bottle

Racy, dry and spicy. Super dry for Alsace. Mixed citrus and white pepper notes. Super old vines, mainly from the famed Schlossberg vineyard but missing the Grand Cru classification. One of the French greats.

2012 Barmes-Buecher Clos Sand | Alsace, France | 135 bottle

An almost saline quality to build on zippy acidity, distinct minerality, and a palate mixing the best qualities of Riesling; citrus, crunchy granny smiths and a honeysuckle note. Good biodynamic stuff.

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This is for the G's

The imitators, the long lost cousins of Riesling

- 2018 Long Rail Gully Pinot Gris | Murrumbateman, CBR | 55 bottle

 Bright pear and sweet apple, juicy, little bit of spice and white pepper, Great mouthfeel. Smashable booze by the folks at Long Rail Gully.
- 2018 Mount Majura Pinot Gris | Majura, Canberra District | 60 bottle | 15 glass

 Dry style gris from just up the road; Stonefruit and pear juice with very subtle spice. Highly smashable.
- 2018 Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer | Pfalz, Germany | 50 bottle | 12 glass
 Typically bright lychee and spice on the nose, light rose petal, good
 mouthfeel, fresh and clean. Dry style gewurtz = good times.
- 2017 Lark Hill Gruner Veltliner | Bungendore, Canberra District | 85 bottle
 Dry Melon, white pepper and complexity from time in oak, a real thinker's white.
- 2018 Nick Spencer Gruner Veltliner | Tumbarumba, NSW | 60 bottle
 Green apple and grapefruit with subtle white pepper on the palate and tight acidity.
- 2018 Suavia Classico Soave | Veneto, Italy | 70 bottle

 Buckets of citrus, balanced acidity and an unmistakably fresh Garganega character. Top notch Italian white, their own answer to Riesling.

Worthy & worldly Whites

- 2012 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.
- 2018 Vinden Estate Verdelho | Hunter Valley, NSW | 50 bottle | 12 glass Ripe tropical fruit, medium-bodied, tight acidity. None of that chalky texture that plagues this Portuguese workhorse.
- 2018 Campuget 1753 Viognier | Rhone Valley, France | 65 bottle Fresh apricot, almond and spice, a clean and dry style Viognier.
- 2018 Langlois-Chateau Chenin Blanc | Loire Valley, France | 60 bottle
 Apple and lemon on the palate, tiny hint of honey on the nose, dry and
 generous.
- 2018 Dawning Day Chardonnay | Southern Highlands, NSW | 75 bottle | 17 glass Partial wild ferment, 30% new oak, malolactic fermentation, whole bunch press, weekly lees stirring. Grapefruit and rockmelon on the palate. Delicious, with enough for every Chardonnay drinker.
- 2018 Nick Spencer Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 70 bottle
 A pretty full-bodied expression from the Marangle vineyard, matured in
 French oak puncheons for structure and balance adding to the stonefruit and citrus palate.

A concise list of Red Wines

- 2018 Long Rail Gully FMG Gamay | Murrumbateman, CBR | 80 bottle | 18 glass Perfumed nose, light palate, silky mouthfeel and just a hint of spice. A very approachable gamay with minimal funk or fuss, great with pepper pig loin.
- 2016 Koehler-Ruprecht Pinot Noir | Pfalz, Germany | 75 bottle
 Pretty pinot from Pfalz. A bright nose, light palate, yet smoky and good dark
 cherry. Total surprise packet.
- 2016 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 by Mark Walpole.
- 2016 Hahndorf Hill *Blueblood* Blaufranckisch | Adelaide Hills, SA | 90 bottle 'Pinot with stubble'. Copious blue fruits and cherry on the palate with a distinct spice element. Australians doing Austrian stuff very, very well.
- 2017 Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, Canberra District | 210 bottle
 The Ron Burgundy of Canberra reds; it's kind of a big deal. Super vintage of a
 super wine; elegant, perfumed, precise, medium-bodied. Simply a great wine.
- 2017 Nick O'Leary Heywood Shiraz | Hall, Canberra District | 80 bottle | 18 glass Canberra shiraz to a Tee; red fruit and white pepper on the nose, little darker on the palate. Due to be another 'big thing' from Nick.
- 2018 Sholto Syrah | Gundaroo, Canberra District | 70 bottle
 Copious blackcurrant and spicy plums, this wine definitely gets better with time in a decanter. Give it a good hour with some air and, as the kids say, O M G. Well balanced, light yet lush, and worthy of its recent accolades.
- 2018 Mount Majura Mondeuse | Majura, Canberra District | 55 bottle | 14 glass Spicy dark fruit on the palate, juicy and vibrant. Great value medium-bodied booze.
- 2008 Torbreck *The Pict* Mataro | Barossa Valley, SA | 250 magnum Mulberry and dried plums, with that mataro spice fruit cake love. Full-bodied, structured, good tannins, they did good for a heatwave year. A big wine in a big bottle.
- 2018 Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | Langhorne Creek, SA | 60 bottle | 15 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.
- 2017 Fraser Gallop Palladian Cabernet Sauvignon | Margaret River, WA | 160 bottle Leads with an intense nose of blackcurrant and violet, leading in to a concentrated and elegant palate. Phenomenal tannins and texture. Perfect Margaret River Cab Sauv.

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 | 14 glass Pale yellow, medium-bodied sticky with zingy acidity and beautiful ripe pineapple palate.
- 2017 Pressing Matters *R139* | Coal River Valley, Tas | 60 bottle

 Delicate pear, quince and subtle ginger spice. Perfect with fruit desserts or soft cheeses.
- 2017 Framingham F-series *Beerenauslese* | Marlborough, NZ | 120 bottle Incredibly sweet and rich with slatherings of candied pineapple and dried apricot.
- 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.

Other after dinner beverages

Nightcaps and indulgences

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 Wine Cask Single Malt | Port Melbourne, Vic | 18 glass

Glenmorangie The Original 10yo | Scottish Highlands | 15 glass

Non-booze beverages

It's OK if booze isn't your thing

Coca-Cola 330ml | 5

Coca-Cola No Sugar 330ml | 5

Fever Tree tonic water | 5

Fresh juice | 6

No-booze Mojito | 8

Lime, mint and mineral water. The ultimate refresher.

Dark and not-so stormy | 8

Ginger and lime spritzer

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

Bentspoke Morts Gold Lager 4.4%ABV 375ml | A stone's throw away, ACT | 10
Capital Brewing Springboard Summer Ale 4.6% ABV 375ml | Fyshwick, ACT | 11
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

Snoop Dogg spesh | 16

Sipping on gin'n'juice; Tanqueray served tall with fresh juice

Rizla Aperol Spritz | 15

Aperol, local fizz, soda & a dash of Rizla

Cane-cutter's Cordial | 18

Havana Club rum, muddled lime, mint & ginger