

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

2018 Yarrh Riesling | 55 bottle | 13 glass
2018 Brindabella Hills Riesling | 60 bottle | 14 glass
2019 Gallagher Riesling | 65 bottle | 15 glass
2018 Wallaroo Riesling | 55 bottle | 13 glass
2019 Poachers Riesling | 60 bottle | 14 glass
2019 Sholto Riesling | 65 bottle | 15 glass
2018 Helm Half Dry Riesling | 55 bottle | 13 glass

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

Canberra Riesling

Hall - 25km North West

2018 Brindabella Hills | 60 bottle | 14 glass

Classic Canberra Riesling from the hills overlooking the Murrumbidgee about 35kms WNW of Canberra. Dry with heaps of citrus on the nose and palate. Great clean finish.

2018 Wallaroo | 55 bottle | 13 glass

Bright nose of lemon, good acidity and a lively balancing act with slight sweetness. Dry finish with good length. More of a floral style local.

Murrumbateman | Jeir – 35km to 45km NNW

2018 Yarrh | 55 bottle | 13 glass

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

2006 Helm Premium Museum Release | 200 bottle

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

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.

2018 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 Poachers Pantry | 60 bottle | 14 glass

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

2019 Sholto I 65 bottle I 15 glass

Floral nose, rich, sweetness taken back by clean acidity and tight texture. Orange, pear and mandarin on the palate. Dry finish. Interesting and very different for CBR Riesling.

2018 Mada | 60 bottle

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 Gallagher | 60 bottle | 15 glass

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

2019 Gundog Estate | 85 bottle

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...

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 Mount Majura | 140 magnum | 65 bottle

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

2019 Lake George Winery Ryder | 55 bottle

P O W E R. Super intense lime juice palate with searing acidity. One for the hardened fans of dry Riesling, and definitely has the bones to age well.

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.

2017 Wallaroo Sparkling Riesling | Hall, CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass

Mouthfilling fizz, refreshing lemon on the palate with acid and sugar in great balance. Long finish with great texture. Highly enjoyable.

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.

NV Jacquesson Cuvee 741 | Champagne, France | 175 bottle

Full nose of bread and honey, a soft bead, citrus and melon palate, crisp finish. The French doing what the French do damn well.

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.

2018 Rieslingfreak No.8 Schatzkammer | Clare Valley, SA | 80 bottle

Forget what you think you thought you knew about Clare Riesling and best pretend you're drinking a German kabinett instead! Delicious, delicate, finely balanced sugar and acid. Lively as hell. 6%ABV. An absolute knockout wine.

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

2018 Vanguardist | Clare Valley, SA | 85 bottle

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.

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 Robert Stein Half Dry | Mudgee, NSW | 70 bottle

A medium-dry Riesling with plenty of Lime notes and a good whack of residual sugar. Hot producer, all their wines are top notch.

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 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...

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2008 Stadt Krems Grillenparz | Kremstal, Austria | 150 bottle

A plush, generous Riesling, plenty of rich creamy notes of ripe pear, apple and white peach, finishing with baked goods and spice. From a vineyard dating back to 1180. Age has given layers of complexity.

2011 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 85 bottle | 20 glass

2011 was a cooler year, creating an off-dry Riesling with white peach, floral and citrus notes with a fair whack of sweetness.

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.

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.

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2012 Domaine Paul Blanck Schlossberg Grand Cru | Alsace, France | 125 bottle Minerality, lemon and aromas of white flowers, nectarine and tangerine. Richer on the palate than the nose would suggest; creamy tropical fruit and floral flavours lingering smoothly on the aftertaste.

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.

2016 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 Rippon Juenesse | Central Otago, New Zealand | 90 bottle

A precise and light Riesling from young vines. 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. Yum.

2011 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 85 bottle | 20 glass

Aussie legend Brian Croser makes brilliant Riesling from a small patch in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, USA. Tasting notes up in the beautiful old girls.

This is for the G's

The imitators, the long lost cousins of Riesling

2019 BK Wines Pinot Grigio | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle

Approachable and delicious. Plenty of fresh crunchy pear and apple on the palate and a refreshing acidity.

- 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 Hahndorf Hill *GRU* Gruner Veltliner | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle
 Citrus, nectarine and spice on the nose; stonefruit and grapefruit on the palate finished by a long mineral finish with a bit of texture.

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 Langlois-Chateau Chenin Blanc | Loire Valley, France | 65 bottle
 Apple and lemon on the palate, tiny hint of honey on the nose, dry and generous.
- 2016 Fighting Gully Road Chardonnay | Beechworth, Vic | 85 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. Winning so far? Wait till you drink it; an abundance of character thanks to 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 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 Poachers Pinot Noir | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass
 A good Pinot from Canberra? Surely you jest! Will Bruce has very humbly produced a cracker from a cool easterly aspect site; using 25% new oak barrels the 2018 has a vibrant nose of cherry, with spice and plum on the palate. Good structure deliciously light.
- 2018 Long Rail Gully FMG Gamay | Murrumbateman, CBR | 80 bottle

 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.
- 2019 Unico Zelo Fresh A.F.Nero D'Avola | Riverland, SA | 55 bottle | 14 glass The ultimate summer red? Oh yeah!! Light, bright and fresh a.f indeed. Delicious red fruit, spicy mid palate and light tannins. Totally smashable.
- 2018 Vanguardist Grenache | McLaren Vale, SA | 110 bottle
 Graceful Grenache from the 'silver sands' vineyard at Blewitt Springs. Lots of
 concentrated red berry character, defined structure thanks to a solid acid
 backbone. Really very good wine.
- 2017 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.
- 2015 Quarry Hill Shiraz | Murrumbateman, Canberra District | 65 bottle | 15 glass
 Beautiful fresh nose, rolling in to a generous Canberra shiraz. Medium-bodied,
 good tannins, with a hint of smoked meats. Good.
- 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.

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.
- 2019 Frogmore Creek *Iced Riesling* | Cambridge, Tas | 60 bottle

 Delicate quince, honey and apricot aromas and palate. 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.

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.

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

Mountain Goat Summer Ale 4.7% ABV 375ml | Richmond, VIC | 10

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

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 Nova Red Wine Barrel Aged 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

Lemonade | LLB | SLB | 4

No-booze Mojito | 8

Lime, mint and mineral water. The ultimate refresher.

Purezza Sparkling Mineral Water | 2pp unlimited