



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

Hall - 25km North West

2018 Brindabella Hills | 60 bottle

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 Nick O'Leary *Heywood* | 80 bottle

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

Murrumbateman | Jeir – 35km to 45km NNW

2019 Gallagher | 70 bottle | 16 glass

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

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.

2019 Long Rail Gully | 60 bottle | 14 glass

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

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 Four Winds *Chapel Block* Riesling | 70 bottle

Pristine acid driven by the classic Canberra Riesling palate of lime juice and lemon over distinct minerality. The small Chapel Block sub-plot at Four Winds gives them the ability to make a limited production of a totally different style than their 'house'. We like. Very much.

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...

2013 Eden Road | 75 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.

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

2019 Mount Majura | 140 magnum

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

2019 Lerida Estate *Cullerin* | 75 bottle | 17 glass

Mandarin and lime on the nose and then the palate to match; popping acidity, dry and clean. Good minerality and balance. Good booze.

2019 Sapling Yard *Braidwood* | 70 bottle

Bright lime juice, honeysuckle, and classic minerality. Superbly balanced, finely textured finish. Super delicious wine from a very limited production.

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).

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 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 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.

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 Clos Clare | Clare Valley, SA | 75 bottle | 18 glass

What would the Barry family know about Riesling? Everything. From a patch adjoining the famous 'Florita' vineyard comes this classic-shaped Clare. Lemon and lime on the nose, balanced citrus and acidity throughout the palate. Another beauty and a bargain for the quality.

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.

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.

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.

2019 Robert Stein | Mudgee, NSW | 80 bottle

Has taken a swathe of awards (and unfortunately has put them on the bottle..) from NSW small winemakers show to gold here at the CIRC. Its damn fine booze, bone dry, lime and a slightly floral nose, and lingering finish.

2018 Cherubino | Great Southern, WA | 75 bottle

Very clean and very dry, crisp granny smith on the palate with zippy acidity and good tight finish.

2018 Frankland River *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 75 bottle

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2018 Colmar *Block 6* | Orange, NSW | 70 bottle

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

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.

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International Rieslings

The Austrians & Germans fervently claim it as their own.

2016 Nik Weis | Mosel, Germany | 80 bottle | 18 glass

Off-dry, with charred pineapple and herbs on the nose and palate, a lightly dry finish with a luscious mouthfeel. Elegant and ageing well. Absolute cracker.

2017 Robert Weil | Rheingau, Germany | 105 bottle

Pear and lime on the nose, picked late so has a plushness to it and an acidity that brings beautiful balance. Really good depth and complexity for the price.

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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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.

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 Rippon *Juenesse* | 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, the friends of Riesling

2019 BK Wines Pinot Grigio | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 15 glass

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

Dry style gris from just up the road; Stonefruit and pear juice with very subtle spice. Highly smashable.

2012 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.

2018 Nick Spencer Gruner Veltliner | Tumbarumba, NSW | 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

2019 Vinden Estate Verdelho | Hunter Valley, NSW | 55 bottle | 13 glass

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

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.

2019 Sapling Yard *The Four Pinots* | Boorowa & CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass

Gris from Boorowa NSW, Noir from Murrumbateman, Meunier from Lake George, and Blanc from Braidwood create maybe the most interesting Pinot blend we've ever seen! Wild yeast ferment, some stainless, some oak. Dry and textural, tight acidity, then lush red fruit and pear juice. Cool and different.

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. 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.

A concise list of Red Wines

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.

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.

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. 2017 Pinot is winning a swathe of awards and rightly so; generous fruit, great structure and acidity. Dangerously drinkable.

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 | 60 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* Blaufrankisch | 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, CBR | 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 McKellar Ridge Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, CBR | 80 bottle | 18 glass

Perfumed and peppery nose, good red fruit on the front palate, supple tannins and lingering mouthfeel and finish. Really good value local SV.

2018 Mount Majura Mondeuse | Majura, CBR | 60 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 | 15 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

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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