



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

50-odd producers, 70-odd Rieslings in a vintage. This is just a rotating list of highlights

2019 Sapling Yard *Bungendore* | Bungendore | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Lush floral nose followed by racy lemony 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!

2019 Yarrh | Murrumbateman | 65 bottle

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

2019 Brindabella Hills | Hall | 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.

2019 Long Rail Gully | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle | 15 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.

2017 Nick O'Leary *White Rocks* | Lake George | 90 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.

2019 Helm *Classic* | Murrumbateman | 80 bottle

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

2019 Gallagher | Jeir | 80 bottle

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

2014 Lark Hill *Estate back-vintage* | Bungendore | 130 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.

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.

2016 Ravensworth *back-vintage* | Murrumbateman | 100 bottle

Lively lemon and fennel on the nose, bright and steely on the front palate. Starting to show some age but this will live for another 15 years plus.

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.

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.

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 Sons of Eden *Freya* | Eden Valley, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass

Light and clean on the nose, a flush of crisp citrus blossom and lemon juice on the palate. A hint of savouriness and a long bouncy finish. A cracker.

2020 Poppelvej Ø S T | Adelaide Hills, SA | 85 bottle

Cloudy pear juice to the eye, bursting with crispy dry lemon juice and chamomile on the nose and palate. Grippy from 3 weeks on skins. An undertone of caramel. Complex and delicious in moderation.

2007 Clos Clare *Museum Release* | Clare Valley, SA | 75 bottle | 19 glass

Rich lime skins and lanolin on the nose, a toasted nuttiness even. Soft lime cordial and slight floral tones on the palate. Remarkably fresh for its age, but that says a lot for the makers and the vineyard.

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.

2019 Best's *Foudre Ferment* | Great Western, Vic | 75 bottle

One of Australia's finest Riesling producers. This one is fermented in 2500L+ Foudre to create texture and body. Still dry, but with a lovely creaminess and length. Pear and lime bounce around in a delicious dance.

2009 Frankland Estate *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 160 bottle

Totally deserving of its reputation as one of Australia's finest sites for Riesling. Still incredibly fresh with deceptive acid levels lurking behind the lemon curd and fresh lemon pith palate. An aged beauty.

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 finest examples of crystalline dry white.

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 Loosen *Dr. L* | Nahe, Germany | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Charred pineapple and subtle lychee on the nose. Vibrant palate with tight acidity and sweet tropical fruit. Balanced and extremely smashable. Bargain. Not the Mosel of old, thankfully.

2018 A Christmann *IDIG 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.

2019 Robert Weil *Kiedrich Grafenberg GG* | Rheinhessen, Germany | 280 bottle

From a site classified as GG or equivalent since the 1860s. Super fine and intense dry example with pure pink grapefruit, lemon and white stonefruit. Crazy long and slightly savoury finish.

2018 JJ Prum *Wehlener Sonnenuhr Kabinett* | Mosel, Germany | 175 bottle

Deep white fruit, quince and packed to the brim with blossom on the nose with distinct slateyness and the typical kabinett pang of sugar and acidity. Elegant as all Prums, and ageing gracefully.

2018 Angsar Clusserath *Apotheke Spatlese* | Mosel, Germany | 125 bottle

Ripened apple, grapefruit and gooseberry on the nose with a layer of floral and menthol notes. Palate of juicy fruit, fine acidity, long finish. Super.

2016 Groiss *Ried Auf Der Henne Reserve* | Weinviertel, Austria | 150 bottle

White blossoms and stonefruit on the nose and palate. A nip of residual but well balanced. 12hr maceration on skins and 10 months on lees means there is serious texture and volume. Complex. Brilliant. Take your time.

2012 Emmerich Knoll *Schutt Durnsteiner Smaragd* | Wachau, Austria | 175 bottle

The extreme of minerality in a riesling. Tones of peach, apricot and secret herbs and spices on the nose, mixing in with lime and passionfruit on the palate. Long, lean but in its bulking season; adding weight with age.

2018 Jean-Luc Mader | Alsace, France | 85 bottle | 22 glass

Beautifully ripe grapefruit, melon and pineapple on the nose. Well balanced on the palate with acid and sugar tingling the senses and a distinct minerality.

2016 Willm *Kirchberg de Barr Grand Cru* | Alsace, Fra | 115 bottle

Zesty lemon on the nose and straw yellow in the glass. Plenty more citrus on the palate; lemon and grapefruit and hints of green apple. Dry, clean savoury.

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.

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.

The Fizz

Good before, good during, good after

NV Gallagher Duet | Jeir, Canberra District | 55 bottle | 14 glass

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

2017 Wallaroo Sparkling Riesling | Hall, CBR | 65 bottle | 16 glass

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

2019 Mada Sui Generis Pet Nat | Hilltops, NSW | 70 bottle

Fun funky bubbles from near Young NSW. Predominantly Nebbiolo grapes but a splash of Riesling and Chardonnay to add a bit of complexity and interest. Deep amber colour, grippy and textural, strawberries and peach on the palate.

2015 Daosa Blanc de Blanc | Adelaide Hills, SA | 145 bottle

100% chardy from the Piccadilly Valley and arguably one of Australia's best vintage BdBs. 30 Months on lees. Medium yellow in the glass, nougat and nutty goodness on the nose, generous richness of fruit through the spectrum; tropical to citrus and stonefruit. Long dry finish. Better than champagne?

NV Louis Roederer Brut Reserve | Champagne, Fra | 170 bottle

The epitome of straight-down-the-middle non vintage champagne; bright citrus and blossom, super fine bead, acidity balanced by supple yeast making for a toasty long finish. Practically sells itself.

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 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 | 70 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.

This is for the G's

The imitators of, and close friends to, Riesling

2017 Topper's Mountain Gewurztraminer | New England, NSW | 75 bottle

Bone dry barrel fermented Gewurz from one of the coldest wine regions in Australia near Armidale, NSW. Aromatic lychee intertwined with spice and tropical fruit with zippy acidity balancing out the added texture from oak.

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.

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.

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 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.

2020 Ravensworth The Long Way Around Bianco | Swan Valley, WA | 70 bottle

Twas a vintage to forget for CBR so Bryan looked far afield, and I mean faaaaaarr afield to find some grapes to make good booze from. This Trebbiano, Gewurz and Riesling blend from Swan Valley and Great Southern WA is textural, aromatic, grippy and quirky like the man himself. Skins and stoneware ferment.

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 Kosciuszko Wines Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass

A rich and generous chardy from a smaller producer. No, not the beer company. From the excelsior Peak vineyard in the heart of the Tumbarumba region, its showing generosity of fruit and fine texture. Maybe that's why Jancis Robinson gave it 18/20.

2017 Fighting Gully Road Chardonnay | Beechworth, Vic | 90 bottle

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 Chardy.

A Concise list of Reds

Listed lightest to heaviest, kinda

2020 Brackenwood Pinot + Gamay | Adelaide Hills, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass

A Super light red; bright fresh sweet cherry and raspberry on the nose with an underlying earthiness from the Gamay. Hint of spice, nice and bright.

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.

2020 Intrepido *Nero's Fiddle* Nero d'Avola | Mildura, Vic | 65 bottle | 16 glass

Delightful, dark rich fruit of plum and blackcurrant but a lightness to the palate makes it a phenomenal arvo wine over cheese. Juicy, medium, touch'o'spice. Well made Nero.

2019 A Los Vinateros Bravos *Pipeno Tinto* | Itata Hills, Chile | 80 bottle | 16 glass

An old bush vine Cinsault from the Itata Hills just south of Santiago. Unfined, unfiltered, unirrigated. Low intervention, low fuss funky red. A bit of a carbonic whiff to it but a delicious lightness on the palate, dried red fruit, spice and sansho pepper. **1000ml bottle.**

2016 Lark Hill *Scuro* Sangiovese + Shiraz | Murrumbateman, CBR | 130 bottle

A blend of Sangiovese and Shiraz grown on Lark Hill's *Dark Horse Vineyard* at murrumbateman. Rich, intense, dark and generous. Still that lovely CBR shiraz perfume but some power and weight to it.

2019 Ravensworth Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, CBR | 115 bottle

In one word? Super. Super floral and brambly nose. Super red fruit and white pepper on the palate. Super use of fine European oak equals super fine tannins and a super finish. Like I said, just super.

2018 Mount Majura *Lime Kiln Red* | Majura, CBR | 70 bottle

A blend of estate grown Shiraz and Touriga. Choc, coffee and cherry on the nose. Medium palate weight with straight up spices and pepper on the front palate followed by red fruit and a silky finish.

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

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

2019 Nick Spencer MDR Shiraz Blend | Gundagai, NSW | 75 bottle | 18 glass

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.

2011 Hans Herzog Zweigelt | Marlborough, NZ | 165 bottle

Blackberry and currant on the strong deep nose, rich earthy tones. Silky mouthfeel with generous plum, cherry and choc. Defined tannins and acidity. A cracking, deep red from one of NZ's pioneers. Unfined unfiltered. Magic.

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.

2020 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 440ml | Adelaide, SA | 11

Cocktails

Negroni | 20

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

Rizla Aperol Spritz | 16

Aperol + sparkling Riesling charged with soda

The Spanish Bartender | 19

Gin Mare, muddled lemon, mint and soda served tall. Perfectly refreshing after backpacking around Mount Tibidabo..

Dirty Martini | 20

Belvedere vodka, olive juice, dry vermouth

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

Four Winds Vineyard Riesling 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

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

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

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