



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

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THE AGE OF 18 YEARS PENALTIES APPLY \*\***

## Canberra Riesling

### 2018 Brindabella Hills | 30 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.

### 2019 Mada | 30 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 | 35 bottle

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

### 2019 Long Rail Gully | 30 bottle

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* | 30 bottle

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

### 2019 Lake George Winery | 30 bottle

A nose of bright fresh florals and honeysuckle, dry on the palate and slightly herbaceous. Made by Nick O'leary. A lighter acidity than most Canberran's.

### 2018 McKellar Ridge | 30 bottle

Crisp stonefruit and citrus on the nose and palate, with a zingy acidic finish. Vibrant, bright and damn delicious.

### 2013 Eden Road | 45 bottle

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 Sapling Yard *Braidwood* | 35 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* | 30 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 Sholto | 30 bottle

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.

### 2019 Gundog Estate | 50 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...

## The Fizz

### **NV Gallagher *Duet* | Jeir, Canberra District | 30 bottle**

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 | 30 bottle**

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 | 35 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 | 70 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 | 70 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.

## **Aussie Riesling**

*Some absolute winners from interstate*

### **2019 Rieslingfreak No.4 | Eden Valley, SA | 30 bottle**

Soft nose, juicy and dry, soft palate, little bit of acidity, clean. Beautiful and at a perfect price point.

### **2019 Chaffey Bros. *Not your Grandma's* | Eden Valley, SA | 25 bottle**

Dry, with a spritzy acidity, great mouthfeel, lively, lots of citrus. Well balanced and very approachable. Simply lovely.

### **2018 Vanguardist | Clare Valley, SA | 60 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 | 120 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 | 40 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 Frankland River *Isolation Ridge* | Frankland River, WA | 40 bottle**

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

**2018 Stefano Lubiana | Derwent Valley, Tas | 40 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 Ghost Rock | North Coast, Tas | 35 bottle**

Steely nose, followed by a perfectly balanced palate; not overly dry or sweet. A melody of citrus from lime juice to fresh orange oil. Just good all-round booze with a long, dry finish.

**2019 Shaw + Smith | Adelaide Hills, SA | 35 bottle**

This Riesling is a banger. Just as S + S do with the torchbearer for Sauvignon Blanc in this country they have turned out a super clean, well balanced and delicious Riesling from the hills. Lots of citrus, rounded acidity, perfumed. Just delicious.

## **International Rieslings**

*The Austrians & Germans fervently claim it as their own.*

**2016 Nik Weis | Mosel, Germany | 35 bottle**

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 Dr Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr Trocken GG | Mosel, Germany | 110 bottle**

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

**2008 Stadt Krems *Grillenparz* | Kremstal, Austria | 100 bottle**

A plush, generous Riesling, plenty of rich creamy notes of ripe pear, apple and white peach, finishing with baked goods and spice.

**2016 Domaine Weinbach *Cuvee Colette* | Alsace, France | 130 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 | 40 bottle**

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 *Jueneesse* | Central Otago, New Zealand | 60 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 | 30 bottle**

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

### **2019 Mada Blanc | Hilltops, NSW | 30 bottle**

Super aromatic dry white blend by a local legend, Hamish Young. Gewurz, Riesling and Gris combine to make a delightful and pretty wine that's super versatile for any cuisine. But especially Rizla food, aye.

### **2013 Lark Hill Gruner Veltliner | Bungendore, Canberra District | 125 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 | 35 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 Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer | Pfalz, Germany | 30 bottle**

Typically bright lychee and spice on the nose, light rose petal, good mouthfeel, fresh and clean. Dry style gewurtz = good times..

## **Worthy & worldly Whites**

### **2019 Vinden Estate Verdelho | Hunter Valley, NSW | 30 bottle**

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 | 55 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.

### **2016 Fighting Gully Road Chardonnay | Beechworth, Vic | 55 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. 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 | 40 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 | 50 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 | 35 bottle

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 | 130 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.

### 2017 Fighting Gully Road Sangiovese | Beechworth, Vic | 45 bottle

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

### 2018 Vanguardist Grenache | McLaren Vale, SA | 80 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 Domaine du Seminaire Grenache Blend | Rhone Valley, France | 35 bottle

Distinctly earthy nose, aniseed blackberry and cherry. Delightfully light palate weight, a bit of spice on the mid palate followed by that earthiness so typical of southern rhone reds. Really pleasant, approachable, no stinky Frenchmen here.

### 2017 Hahndorf Hill *Blueblood* Blaufrankisch | Adelaide Hills, SA | 60 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 | 140 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.

### 2018 Mount Majura Mondeuse | Majura, CBR | 30 bottle

Spicy dark fruit on the palate, juicy and vibrant. Great value medium-bodied booze.

### 2017 Mount Mary *Quintet* Cabernet Blend | Yarra Valley, Vic | 220

What more can I say? A flagship Aussie Cabernet blend, violet and red fruits on the nose, elegant bright palate. Due to live another 30+ years and will be best in 5. We won't hold it against you if you just squirrel this away for a while.

### 2008 Torbreck *The Pict* Mataro | Barossa Valley, SA | 200 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 | 40 bottle

Pale yellow, medium-bodied sticky with zingy acidity and beautiful ripe pineapple palate.

### 2019 Frogmore Creek *Iced Riesling* | Cambridge, Tas | 30 bottle

Delicate quince, honey and apricot aromas and palate. Perfect with fruit desserts or soft cheeses.

### 2010 Mount Horrocks *Cordon Cut* | Clare Valley, SA | 120 bottle

A marquee Australian dessert-style Riesling. Loaded with quince, pineapple and orange marmalade on the palate. Still has the underlying acidity to carry it another few years.

### 2016 Framingham F-series *Trockenbeerenauslese* | Marlborough, NZ | 140 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 | 150 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.

## Beers

Capital Brewing Coast Ale 4.3%ABV 375ml | Fyshwick, ACT | 7

Bentspoke Crankshaft IPA 5.8% ABV 375ml | A stone's throw away, ACT | 7

Coopers Pale Ale 4.5%ABV 750ml Long Neck | Adelaide, SA | 12