A close up of a glass

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We’re all about the Riesling.

In winter we’re all about the Shiraz.

So… lets call this ‘Rizla does Razla’.

Yes, we’ve got phenomenal drops besides Rizla and Razla; there’s some Riesling impersonators like your Gris and Gruner, some other whites that we rate, some fun bubbles, some serious bubbles, and a short list of seriously good ‘other’ reds.

But for us it’s a celebration of the ‘king and queen of grapes in Canberra’ and their ability to go with such a diverse range of cuisines.

The Canberra District has come a long way in the (inter)national psyche in the past two decades, 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

**Canberra Riesling**

**2019 Gallagher | Jeir | 65 bottle**

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

**2019 Long Rail Gully | Murrumbateman | 60 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.

**2019 Helm *Half Dry* | Murrumbateman | 55 bottle**

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

**2013 Eden Road | Murrumbateman | 70 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.

**The Fizz**

**NV Gallagher *Duet* | Jeir, Canberra District | 55 bottle**

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**

Crisp grapefruit and gooseberry on the nose and on the palate, light and fresh with zingy acidity. Refreshing. Spring in a glass.

**Rose**

**2018 AIX Rose | Provence, France | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

Fresh, fragrant and dry. A typical provencal blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault. Think fresh strawberries and watermelon on the nose, floral notes, and a crisp dry palate. Smashable every day.

**Aussie Riesling**

**2018 Vanguardist | Clare Valley, SA | 80 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 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.

**International Rieslings**

**2016 Willi Haag | Mosel, Germany | 85 bottle**

Classified Trocken, but to us Aussies its off-dry, with pineapple and tropical melon on the nose and palate with a lightly dry finish. Absolute cracker.

**2017 Domane Wachau *Ried Bruck Federspiel*  | Wachau, Austria | 75 bottle**

Dry! Super dry old-world Riesling from a super-steep site in the Wachau Valley. Really well balanced fruit spectrum from citrus to peach and finishing with a tight acidity.

**Other Whites**

**2019 BK Wines Pinot Grigio | Adelaide Hills, SA | 60 bottle**

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

**2020 Mount Majura Pinot Gris | Bendigo, Vic | 60 bottle**

Dry style gris made just up the road from off-site grapes for the very first time in Mount Majura’s history. The CBR vintage in 2020 was almost a complete wipeout, and they weren’t spared the oppressive drought or smoke taint. Still keeping in their delicious, dry style with crunchy apple and pear juice.

**2018 Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer | Pfalz, Germany | 60 bottle**

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

**2019 Long Rail Gully *Cetiri* Blend | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle**

Cetiri is Croatian for ‘four’; a blend of Gris, Semillon, Gewurztraminer, and Riesling. Lifted aromatics, gewurtz perfume is dominant, soft acid. Nice dry aromatic white.

**2016 Fighting Gully Road Chardonnay | Beechworth, Vic | 80 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.

**Rizla does Razla**

*Canberra Shiraz is more than just Clonakilla and Nick O’Leary*

**2015 Eden Road Syrah | Murrumbateman, CBR | 60 bottle**

Hamish Young’s winemaking; balance between brightness and rich, great mouthfeel, good spice and plenty of fruit. Great wine, great value.

**2018 Sholto Syrah | Gundaroo, CBR | 70 bottle**

Copious blackcurrant and spicy plums, this wine gets better with time in a decanter. Well balanced, light yet lush, and worthy of its recent accolades.

**2017 McKellar Ridge Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, CBR | 80 bottle**

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

**2017 Nick Spencer LDR Pinot Blend | Gundagai, NSW | 75 bottle**

A blend of Pinot, Sangiovese and Shiraz with beautiful light mouthfeel and grippy tannins, this is ideal for arvo cheese plates or bbq. Nick’s homage to Maurice O’Shea’s classic light dry red blends of the 50’s and 60’s.

**A concise list of other Red Wines**

**2018 Poachers Pinot Noir | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle**

A good Pinot from Canberra? Surely you jest! Will Bruce uses 25% new oak barrels to help generate 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 Sholto *Rouge Clair*  Blend | Murrumbateman, CBR | 70 bottle**

A quirky wine. Cabernet, Malbec and a splash of Petit Verdot made into a ‘beaujolais’ style light red. We love it, and you will too once you get over the preconception of what those grapes should be like!

**2018 Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | Langhorne Creek, SA | 60 bottle**

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.

**2015 Eden Road Cabernet Sauvignon | Gundagai, NSW | 70 bottle**

Just a wow wine. Delicious ripe fruit, blue and black all over. Perfectly balanced and sitting comfortably as a medium-weight Cabernet. Well done to Eden Road, they’ve bloody nailed this one!

**Dessert style Rieslings**

**2019 Frogmore Creek *Iced Riesling* | Cambridge, Tas | 60 bottle | 15 glass**

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