What we’re loving right now

Classic Negroni | 20

2018 Gallagher Riesling | Jeir, Canberra District | 14

2013 Willm *Cuvee Emile* Riesling | Alsace, France | 18

2018 Vinden Estate Verdelho | Hunter Valley, NSW | 14

2017 Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | McLaren Vale, SA | 15

A close up of a glass

Description automatically generated

We’re all about the Riesling.

Yes, we’ve got other phenomenal drops as well; some forgotten relatives of Riesling, 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 its ability to go with pretty well any cuisine.

Canberra Riesling has come a looooong 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

Canberra Riesling

Hall

**2018 Nick O’leary *Heywood*  | 70**

Exceptional value single-site Riesling. Citrus and hints of crunchy green apple. Perfect with fresh oysters and seafood of use it to cut through fatty fried foods.

**2018 Brindabella Hills | 50 bottle | 12 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.

**2012 Nick Oleary *back-vintage*  | 80**

Straight from the personal stash, this belter vintage has softened and aged nicely creating character and complexity.

Murrumbateman | Jeir

**2018 McKellar Ridge | 50 bottle | 12 glass**

Stonefruit and citrus nose and palate, with a zinger acid finish. Delicious.

**2018 Gallagher | Jeir, Canberra District | 50 bottle | 12 glass**

Already showing signs of ageing; lemon curd, mandarin, honey, kerosene, minerality. Superbly balanced, great finish. Clapping emoji.

2018 Ravensworth Estate Riesling | 70 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.

**2019 Helm Half-Dry | 55 bottle | 13 glass**

‘Halbtrocken’ = lemon, mandarin, honey, spice and lightly sweet. Phenomenal value bet from the local master.

**2018 Helm Premium | 85 bottle**

Brilliantly concentrated citrus and crunchy apple. Absolutely mouthwatering intensity. A benchmark of the Australian Riesling scene.

2018 Clonakilla | 65 bottle

Power and precision, like all Clonakilla wines. Buckets of lime, super tight acidity and it just keeps going, and going…

2019 Four Winds | 60 bottle

Light and refreshing and almost off-dry in style. Always generous with citrus and floral notes. Awesome work once again from Four Winds!

2018 Vintner’s Daughter | 55 bottle | 13 glass

Lively citrus palate, deeper texture and body than most CBR Rieslings. Zippy acidity makes for a great finish. Perfect for medium white protein dishes.

**2018 Long Rail Gully | 55 bottle | 13 glass**

Dry, floral and light. Really good acidity and very slight sweetness counteract for a lively fresh mouthfeel. Refreshing and highly drinkable.

**2018 Yarrh | 50 bottle | 11 glass**

Sharp citrus and minerality. Dry, light, moorish.

**Bungendore | Lake George | CBR**

2018 Nick Oleary *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. Jump on and enjoy the ride.

**Lark Hill *Canberra Region* | 55 bottle | 13 glass**

Floral nose, zesty citrus on the palate. Bright and delicious. Mostly from the Freeman vineyard at Young, thus the ‘region’ and not ‘district’ tagline.

**Mount Majura | Majura, Canberra District | 65 bottle**

Juicy lemon palate with a long steely finish. Superbly balanced and quintessentially Canberran.

The Fizz

**NV Gallagher Duet | Jeir, Canberra District | 55 bottle | 11 glass**

Pinot/Chard *method traditionelle* with citrus, pear and a light toastiness from time with yeast. Great local bubbles.

Gilbert Pet Nat Riesling | Orange, NSW | 55 bottle

Mouthfilling dry fizz with a restrained citrus nose. Very approachable, borderline smashable. Made by an up-and-coming winemaker Will Gilbert from Mudgee – watch this space!

Lark Hill 2011 Chardonnay Pinot Noir | 110 bottle

Probably the best vintage sparkling from mainland Aus, in our humble opinion. Be one of the lucky ones to get it before it’s all gone.

Ravensworth Ancestral Sparkling Riesling | 60 bottle

Crisp green apple, sherbet lemon drops. Lightly sparkling, perfect with food.

**Jacquesson Cuvee 741 | Champagne, France | 165 bottle | 30 glass**

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

2019 Grosset *Polish Hill* | Clare Valley, SA | 230 magnum

THE classic Clare; bone dry, intense citrus and cool slate with a persistent finish. Everything tastes better from a magnum.

2018 Mount Horrocks *Watervale* Riesling | Clare Valley, SA | 70 bottle

Kaffir lime, apple and lemon on the palate. Another precise example from the Clare.

**2019 Vinteloper | Clare Valley, SA | 60 bottle | 15 glass**

Subtle nose of Slate and lemon juice. Floral mid palate and a dry finish creating an irresistible salavating effect. Winner.

2008 Pikes *Merle* Riesling | Clare Valley, SA | 110 bottle

An aged edge to the classic Clare characteristics of minerality and citrus. One of Australia’s premier Rieslings.

Colmar Block 6 | Orange, NSW | 65 bottle

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

Robert Stein *Half Dry* | Mudgee, NSW | 60 bottle | 15 glass

A medium-dry Riesling with plenty of Lime notes and a good whack of residual sugar. Great for anything with a bit of kick.

**Stefano Lubiana Riesling | 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…

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

Very clean and dry, citrus and crisp apple on the palate with balanced acidity.

2003 Mount Langhi Ghiran *Cliff Edge* Riesling | Grampians, Vic | 95 bottle

Complex aged nose of citrus, and autumn fruits with a long graceful finish.

Beauttiful old girls

2012 Nick Oleary *back-vintage* | Canberra District | 80 bottle

Time hasn’t changed the way I feel about this one. A cracker year, great producer, classic Canberra Rizla with citrus and now an added complexity from age.

2003 Mount Langhi Ghiran *Cliff Edge* | Grampians, Vic | 85 bottle

Complex aged nose of citrus, and autumn fruits with a long finish. Graceful.

2008 Pikes *Merle* | Clare Valley, SA | 110 bottle

An aged edge to classic Clare characteristics of minerality and citrus. One of Australia’s premier Rieslings.

2013 Willm *Cuvee Emile*  | Alsace, France | 80 bottle | 18 glass

Lemon, pineapple and orange on the nose and in the mouth. Time has softened the acidity making a delicate and delicious Alsatian.

International Rieslings

*The Georgians started it, the Austrians claimed it, the Germans conquered it*

2012 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | $78

Aussie legend Brian Croser, has made a brilliant dry Riesling from a small patch in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, USA. The 2012 is intense, ripe, and off-dry. Super limited and one of Andy’s faves.

Donnhoff 2017 | Nahe, Germany | $80

Soft and rounded, slightly sweet, with tropical fruit and pear on the palate. Great value German Rizla.

2015 JJ Prum Wehlener Sonnenuhr Spatlese | Mosel, Germany | 280 *(magnum 1500ml)*

White fruit and flowers on the nose with distinct slateyness. Sweet and juicy but with a good acid structure. One of the best, from one of the best.

Dr Loosen Wehlener Sonnenuhr GG | Mosel, Germany | 150

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

2017 Brundlmeyer Terrassen Riesling | Kamptal, Austria | $95

Complex, with early signs of ageing yet very light and clean palate.

2013 Willm *Cuvee Emile* Riesling | Alsace, France | 90

Lemon, pineapple and orange on the nose and in the mouth. Time has softened the acidity making a delicate and delicious Alsatian.

The G’s - bastard cousins of Riesling

Mount Majura Pinot Gris | Majura, Canberra District | 55

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

Long Rail Gully Pinot Gris | Murrumbateman, Canberra District | 55

Good juicy pear and apple, juicy, little bit of spice and white pepper, Great mouthfeel. Smashable.

Villa Wolf Gewurtztraminer | Pfalz, Germany | 50

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

Lark Hill Gruner Veltliner | Bungendore, Canberra District | 85

Dry Melon, white pepper and complexity from time in oak, a real thinker’s white.

**Nick Spencer Gruner Veltliner | Tumbarumba, NSW | 60**

Green apple and grape fruit with subtle white pepper on the palate and tight acidity.

Hahndorf Hill Gru Gruner Veltliner | Adelaide Hills, SA | 58

Citrus, apple and white pepper; like a Gris and Riesling had a lovechild. One of Australia’s first Gruner’s, and still one of the best.

2018 Suavia *Classico* Soave | Veneto, Italy | 70

Long lost relative of Riesling, indeed. Buckets of citrus, balanced acidity and an unmistakably fresh Garganega character. Top notch Italian white.

Other worthy & wordly Whites

2012 Dogpoint Section 94 Sauvignon Blanc | Marlborough, NZ | 75

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 | 45 | 12gls

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

2018 Campuget *1753* Viognier | Rhone Valley, France | 65

Fresh apricot, almond and spice, a clean and dry style Viognier.

2018 Langlois-Chateau Chenin Blanc | Loire Valley, France | 60

Apple and lemon on the palate, tiny hint of honey on the nose, dry and generous.

**2017 Fraser Gallop ‘Parterre’ Chardonnay | Margaret River, WA |**

A citrus-spectrum chard, with a bit of spice, and a little toastiness from time in good quality oak.

Nick Spencer Tumbarumba Chardonnay

**Rose Wine**

**2018 Charles Melton ‘A Rose in Spanish Harlem’ | Barossa Valley, SA | 70 | 16gls**

Dark, deep ruby coloured rose, with a complex nose and hints of burnt orange marmalade. Definitely different!

Red Wines – a concise list

2017 Long Rail Gully Gamay | Murrumbateman, Canberra District | 75

Perfumed nose, light palate, silky mouthfeel. A very approachable gamay with minimal funk or fuss.

2016 Koehler-Ruprecht Pinot Noir | Pfalz, Germany | 65

Pretty pinot from Pfalz. A bright nose, light palate, smoky and good dark cherry.

**2018 Tertini Pinot Noir | Southern Highlands, NSW | 70 | 16gls**

Beautiful, plump nose of dark cherry and pepper-spice. So well balanced, an absolute winner.

Fighting Gully Road Sangiovese | Beechworth, Vic |

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

2016 Hahndorf Hill ‘Blueblood’ Blaufranckisch | Adelaide Hills, SA | 90

‘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 | 165 | 35gls**

The Ron Burgundy of Canberra reds; it’s kind of a big deal. Super vintage of a super wine; elegant, perfumed, medium-bodied.

**Mount Majura Mondeuse | Majura, Canberra District | 55 | 14gls**

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

**Nick Oleary Heywood Shiraz | Hall, Canberra District | 80**

Canberra shiraz to a Tee; red fruit and white pepper on the nose, little darker on the palate. Due to be another ‘big thing’ from Nick.

2008 Torbreck The Pict Mataro | Barossa Valley, SA | 210 *magnum 1500ml*

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.

**Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | Langhorne Creek, SA | 60 | 15**

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.

Fraser Gallop Palladian Cabernet Sauvignon | Margaret River, WA | 160

Leads with an intense nose of blackcurrant and violet, leading in to a concentrated and elegant palate. Phenomenal tannins and texture. Perfect Marg River Cab Sauv.

**Dessert style Rieslings**

2019 Lark Hill *Ley-Line*  | Bungendore, Canberra District | 14gls 65

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

2017 Framingham F-series *Beerenauslese* | Marlborough, NZ | 120

Incredibly sweet and rich with slatherings of candied pineapple and dried apricot.

2016 Framingham F-*Trockenbeerenauslese* | Marlborough, NZ | 170

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.

2017 Pressing Matters R139 | Coal River Valley, Tas | 60

Delicate pear, quince and subtle ginger spice. Perfect with fruit desserts or soft cheeses.

Not wine

David Franz scrumpy muscat/semillon/apple cider | 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. Absolute winner. 3.8% ABV.

Coopers Pale Ale 750ml Long Neck | Adelaide, SA | 16

Balter IPA 375ml | Currumbin, QLD | 12

Bentspoke Morts Gold Lager 375ml | A stone’s throw, ACT | 10

Capital Brewing Springboard Summer Ale 375ml | Fyshwick, ACT | 11

Cocktails

Negroni | 20

Ain’t broke? Don’t fix it. Gin + Campari + Vermouth

Dirty Martini | 20

Grey Goose, olive juice, vermouth

Snoop Dogg spesh | 16

Sipping on gin’n’juice; Tanqueray served tall with fresh pear juice.

Espresso martini | 16

Ketel one vodka, Mr Black liqueur, highgate lane espresso

Rizla Aperol Spritz | 15

Aperol, fizz, soda & a dash of Rizla

Cane-cutter’s Cordial | 18

Havana Club rum, muddled lime, mint & ginger. Aka Sugarcane champagne