A close up of a glass

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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.

**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…

**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 Sholto | 65 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 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.

**2018 McKellar Ridge | 60 bottle**

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

**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 Lake George Winery| 60 bottle | 14 glass**

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.

**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* | 60 bottle | 14 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 (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 traditionelle* 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.

**2019 Dr Loosen *Sekt* Sparkling Riesling | Mosel, Germany | 90 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.

**Rose**

*Pretty, pink & perfect*

**2018 AIX Rose | Provence, France | 150 magnum | 65 bottle | 15 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**

*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 Chaffey Bros. *Not your Grandma’s*  | Eden Valley, SA | 60 bottle | 14 glass**

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

**2018 Lethbridge *Dr Nadeson* | Henty, Vic | 80 bottle**

A bright nose, with equal sugar and acid on the front palate. It’s bright. It’s delicious. It’s fresh. It’s slightly sweet, and finishes how it starts with a spritzy finish.

**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 winenmakers 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 | 75 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 | 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…

**2018 Ghost Rock | North Coast, Tas | 75 bottle | 17 glass**

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.

**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.

**2012 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 85 bottle | 18 glass**

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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 Joh Jos Prum *Wehlener Sonnenuhr* Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 180 bottle**

Elegant. Lush. Complex. Intensely aromatic. A palate of white peach and white cherry, light but lingering acidity overlaying the classic stoney tones typical of the vineyard. Flat-out ridiculous quality.

**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’ Gross Gewachs 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.

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**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 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..

**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 Long Rail Gully *Cetiri* Blend | Murrumbateman, CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass**

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 | 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.

**2017 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* Blaufranckisch | 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.

**2015 Eden Road Syrah | Murrumbateman, CBR | 60 bottle | 14 glass**

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

**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.

**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.

**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 | 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**

**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 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 AgedSingle Malt | Port Melbourne, Vic | 18 glass**

**Glenmorangie *The Original* 10yo | Scottish Highlands | 15 glass**

**Non-booze beverages**

*For when booze ain’t your thing*

**Coca-Cola 330ml | 5**

**Coca-Cola No Sugar 330ml | 5**

**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**

**Spirits & Liqueurs**

*Our love is wine and so this list is short, but it is all and only high-quality booze.*

Archie Rose Signature Dry Gin | Sydney, NSW | 12

Underground Spirits Gin | Canberra | 11

Adelaide Hills Distillery 78o Gin | Adelaide Hills, SA | 12

Tanqueray Gin | Edinburgh, UK | 10

Ketel One Vodka | Scheidam, Holland | 10

Underground Spirits Caramel Vodka | Canberra | 12

Grey Goose Vodka | Gensac-la-pallue, France | 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

Ravensworth *Outlandish Claims* Bitter Tonic | Murrumbateman, NSW | 12

Mr Black Coffee Liqueur | Erina, NSW | 11

Henriques & Henriques Monte Seco Madeira | Madeira, Spain | 13

O’leary Walker Wyatt Earp 2015 Vintage Port | Clare Valley, SA | 15

David Franz *Old Redemption X.O* Tawny | Barossa Valley, SA | 16