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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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2019 Sholto Riesling | 65 bottle | 16 glass

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2019 Sholto *Rouge Clair*  Red Blend | Gundaroo, CBR | 70 bottle | 17 glass

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2019 Lark Hill *Ley-Line*  Late Harvest| Bungendore, CBR | 65 bottle | 16 glass

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**Canberra Riesling**

**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 Yarrh | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle | 15 glass**

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

**2018 Clonakilla | 80 bottle**

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

**2017 Nick O’Leary *Heywood*  | Hall | 80 bottle**

Exceptional value single-site Riesling from Nick’s home plot. Citrus and hints of crisp green melon. Well balanced acidity. Classic Nick.

**2011 Eden Road | Murrumbateman | 70 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.

**2019 Gallagher | Jeir | 65 bottle**

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

**2019 Sapling Yard *Bungendore*  | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

Lush floral nose followed by racy 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 – talk about a one-woman show!

**2019 Helm *Classic* | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle**

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

**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.

**2015 Lark Hill *Estate* back-vintage | Bungendore | 120 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.

**2019 Sholto | 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.

**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.

**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.

**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*

**2019 Gundog *Indomitus Rosa* | Hilltops, NSW | 75 bottle**

Dried cranberries and currants mixed with spice on the nose and followed by a beautifully balanced dry palate with red fruit and floral tones. 100% Nebbiolo from near Young, NSW. A standout rose.

**2018 Artea | Alpes de Haute Provence, France | 60 bottle | 15 glass**

Very pretty nose. Another dry rose, dry flower petals and strawberry/cranberry on the nose. Good long finish. Great little French rose especially for the price. Smashable.

**NV M & J Becker Wines *ODP* Rose | Sonoma, USA | 85 bottle**

Rich, deep, complex, dry, quirky, confronting. This wine is just an awesome curiosity from Meagan and James Becker, based at Oakvale in the Hunter but also making cracking wines from California. A 60/40 blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from multiple vintages for a true ‘field blend’. Inspired stuff. More amber than rose.

**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.

**2014 Place in Time| Clare Valley, SA | 100 bottle**

Heard of Pike’s? Yeah. So chief winemaker Steve Baraglia also has this side project and it’s safe to say he knows his way around a Riesling vintage or two. The 2014 still has years to run in it, with searing acidity and that classic Clare lime juice and structure to the fore.

**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.

**2013 Mac Forbes *RS16*  | Strathbogie Ranges, Vic | 80 bottle | 20 glass**

Fermented in stainless and oak for a textured but clean Riesling. Feels drier than the residual sugar indicator name suggests. Plush start with tropical melon and herbs, finishing with lemon pith and zip.

**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 left to live.

**2017 Garagiste *Cotier*  | Mornington Peninsula, Vic | 75 bottle**

Crispy citrus and lemongrass on the nose, a bit of white pepper and spice on the palate backed up by generous fruit. Structure from time in old oak. Super refreshing alternative expression of Riz.

**2019 Tappanappa | Eden Valley, SA | 75 bottle**

A quintessential Eden Valley Riesling; bone dry and slightly floral. Citrus and flint on the palate.

**2020 Castle Rock Estate *Porongurup*  | Frankland River, WA | 65 bottle**

Brilliantly bright and lively. Good minerality to it too, but citrus on citrus up on this one. Will age well, but super delicious right now.

**2018 Kate Hill | Derwent & Coal River Valleys, Tas | 80 bottle**

Deliciously spicy light citrus nose, with a full mouthfeel. Supremely well balanced. Tassie wines, so hot right now, Tassie wines…

**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 top Tassie Rieslings.

**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 Donnhoff | Nahe, Germany | 75 bottle | 18 glass**

Soft and rounded nose, slightly floral, slightly sweet, with tropical fruit and pear on the palate. Light spritz. Great value German off-dry Rizla.

**2017 A Christmann *Reiterpfad-Hofstuck*  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.

**2018 Robert Weil | Rheingau, Germany | 125 bottle**

Pear and lime on the nose, picked late so has a plushness to it and an acidity that brings beautiful balance. Really good depth and complexity for the price.

**2017 JJ Prum *Graacher Himmelreich* Auslese | Mosel, Germany | 230 bottle**

Bright and fresh on the nose with the distinct slate and minerality. Slight fizz, intense acidity and honeyed apricot on the palate. How good is the Riesling spectrum of fruits!? 7% ABV makes it almost a driving wine.

**2006 Georg Breuer *Nonnenberg*  GG | Rheingau, Germany | 200 bottle**

Fleshy and generous Riesling and still maturing. Acidity lingers underneath the richer palate. From 80yr-old vines in the middle of the GG site, truly special booze.

**2012 Emmerich Knoll *VInothekfullung Loibner*  | Wachau, Austria | 210 bottle**

Super rare find. An phenomenal example of age bringing balance to the force. Acidity is delicate but lingers, textured and with generous fruit. Incredible.

**2013 FX Pichler *Loibenberg Smaragd*  | Wachau, Austria | 160 bottle**

Floral nose with just a slight smokiness to it. From a warmer site and thus a slightly richer Riesling than is typical from Wachau. Lemon and grapefruit on the palate, creamy palate and sustained complex finish.

**2018 Willm *Reserve* | Alsace, France | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

Beautifully ripe, lush nose with honey and floral notes followed by a well-balanced delivery of fruit and tight acidity. Absolute bargain frenchy.

**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.

**2014 Tunkalilla | Oregon, USA | 85 bottle**

Aussie legend Brian Croser makes brilliant Riesling from a small patch in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, USA. 2014 was a warmer year, and this is a ripe Riesling with tropical fruit on the nose, citrus on the palate and a racy acidity.

**2018 Rippon *Jeunesse*  | 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 of, and close friends to, Riesling*

**2019 Long Rail Gully Pinot Gris | Murrumbateman, CBR | 60 bottle**

Dry style gris made from 100% estate fruit just north of Murrumbateman. Still keeping in their delicious, dry style with crunchy apple and pear juice and the slightest hint of white pepper on the palate. Delicious.

**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 for sure.

**2019 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.

**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 | 60 bottle**

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

**2013 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. You’d have no idea its 7-years old, still as fresh as tomorrow.

**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.

**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.

**2018 Vanguardist Chardonnay | Adelaide Hills, SA | 110 bottle**

Tight and lean style chardy; plenty of citrus and spice with lemon, zest and a hint of anise. Good length from persistent acidity and steely texture. For the Chablis lovers out there.

**A Concise list of Reds**

*Listed lightest to heaviest, kinda*

**2016 Boovability Pinot Noir | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

A Super light red; bright fresh sweet cherry fruit on the front palate, savoury mid palate, good length and a twist of spice on the finish.

**2018 Stargazer *Palisander Vineyard*  Pinot Noir | Coal River Valley, Tas | 160 bottle**

One of the best Pinot regions in the country and this is one of the best examples. Bright and light, good acidity tying it all together, incredibly perfumed and long long finish. Super wine.

**2019 Intrepido *Spanna in the Works*  Nebbiolo | Pyrenees, Vic | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

Delightful, youthful light dry red. Really pretty nose of red fruit and pepper. Great grip through the mid palate. We’re sick of the saying ‘a really good food wine’, but if the shoe fits…

**2019 Sholto *Rouge Clair*  Blend | Gundaroo, CBR | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

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.

**2019 Vanguardist Grenache | McLaren Vale, SA | 125 bottle**

Graceful Grenache from the ‘silver sands’ vineyard at Blewitt Springs. Lots of concentrated red berry character and defined structure. Really good wine.

**2017 Casa Silva Carmenere | Colchagua Valley, Chile | 75 bottle**

Distinctly earthy nose, ripe black fruit and a defined grip gives it structure. Reminds me a bit of a cross between a well-made Cabernet and a Spanish tempranillo; brambly, bit meaty, smoky and definitely savoury. Bargain.

**2019 Nick Spencer MDR Shiraz Blend | Gundagai, NSW | 80 bottle | 20 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 varietals. A well balanced, punchy wine showing off the virtues of Gundagai.

**2014 Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier | Murrumbateman, CBR | 250 bottle**

The Ron Burgundy of Canberra reds; it’s kind of a big deal. Great vintage of a super wine; elegant, perfumed, precise, medium-bodied. Simply a great wine and a main reason behind Clonakilla being the flagship of Murrumbateman.

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

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

**2016 Penley Estate *11 Barrels*  Shiraz | Coonawarra, SA | 100 bottle**

Reward yourself with a cracking Shiraz from Cabernet country. That classic terra rossa character with medium weight red and blue fruit. I’m super chuffed with this wine so I bought the entire ACT allocation.

**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.

**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.

**2019 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.

**2019 Heggies Vineyard Botrytis Riesling | Eden Valley, SA | 75 bottle**

Pale gold in colour, with subtle spice and cumquat on the nose. Dried citrus and peach on the palate with good acid undertone.

**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 375ml | Adelaide, SA | 10**

**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

**Rizla Aperol Spritz | 15**

Aperol + sparkling Riesling charged with soda

**Cane-cutter’s Cordial | 18**

Havana Club rum, muddled lime, mint & ginger

**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 AgedSingle 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

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, 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

*“I’m beasting off the Riesling”*

*Yeezy*