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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**

**2019 Lake George Winery | Lake George | 65 bottle**

Citrus, flowers and a wiff of honey on the nose, giving way to a light palate with good but not overbearing acidity. A beautifully balanced wine, perfect to start with.

**2019 Yarrh | Murrumbateman | 60 bottle**

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

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

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!

**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.

**2011 Eden Road | Murrumbateman | 75 bottle | 18 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 | 16 glass**

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

**2019 Helm *Classic* | Murrumbateman | 80 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 | Murrumbateman | 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.

**2019 Murrumbateman Winery *Kay’s Off-Dry* | 60 bottle | 15 glass**

Distinctly off-dry, a sweetness across the palate balanced by prancing acidity to start and a lingering minerality that makes it highly enjoyable. Grapefruit and pineapple having a good ol’ boogie for quite a while. On the sweet side.

**Aussie Riesling**

*Some absolute winners from interstate*

**2019 Ottelia | Limestone Coast, SA | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

Generous citrus nose followed by zippy citrus acidity on the front palate. Light palate weight makes this a perfect tipple to start.

**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.

**2020 Grosset *Springvale*  | Clare Valley, SA | 90 bottle**

Lime juice, lemon curd and that classic minerality so typical of Clare and Grosset in particular. 2020 was a tough drought for the Clare, but while that has reduced availability of the wines it certainly hasn’t hurt quality.

**2017 Loosen-Barry *Wolta Wolta* | Clare Valley, SA | 180 bottle**

A marriage of ‘royal’ families; the Barry’s from Clare and the Loosen’s from Mosel in Germany. The result? A spectacular example of Clare Riesling. Ripe lime and white nectarine on the nose and palate, fine texture and complex.

**2020 Gundog Estate | Yarra Valley, Vic | 75 bottle**

Fragrant citrus and floral notes, a softer supple palate and long, slow finish. Looking for a softer expression? Nailed it.

**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.

**2009 Frankland Estate *Isolation Ridge*  | Frankland River, WA | 160 bottle**

Totally deserving of its reputation as one of Australia’s finest sites for Riesling. Still incredibly fresh with deceptive acid levels lurking behind the lemon curd and fresh lemon pith palate. A beaut.

**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.

**2019 Printhie *Topography*  | Orange, NSW | 70 bottle**

Dry and floral, with notes of stonefruit mingled with the citrus splash of aussie Rizla. Plucked from a high altitude site with a northern aspect on the slopes of Mt Canobolas near Orange, NSW. Ripe yet dry.

**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.

**2019 Huesgen & Margan *Trabener Wurzgarten*  | Mosel, Germany | 110 bottle**

A collab between Ado Huesgen & Andrew Margan (Hunter Valley, NSW). A super dry Riesling from Mosel; made as if it were a young Hunter Semillon – funny that – with crystalline acidity and tropical fruit. Benefits from a quick decant.

**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.

**2018 Von Buhl Trocken | Pfalz, Germany | 85 bottle**

Soft and rounded, good acidity balanced by a hint of sweetness, with tropical fruit and pear on the palate. Great value German.

**2018 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. Refreshing.

**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.

**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.

**2017 Wallaroo Sparkling Riesling | Hall, CBR | 65 bottle | 15 glass**

Mouthfillng fizz, refreshing lemon on the palate with acid and sugar in great balance. Long finish with great texture. Highly enjoyable.

**2019 Unico Zelo *Sea Foam* Fiano Pet Nat | Riverlands, SA | 60 bottle**

Fun funky bubbles from SA. Aromatic and quirky nose, giving way to mouthfilling fizz and ripe citrus and apple flavours.

**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*

**2020 Charles Melton *Rose of Virginia*  | Barossa Valley, SA | 75 bottle**

An Aussie icon. Deep red from a blend of Grenache, Meunier, Shiraz and Cabernet. Grippy tannins balance a slightly richer style rose; citrus and rose petals on the nose, quite perfumed and complex. A serious rose from a seriously good producer.

**2020 Freeman *Rondo* Rondinella Rose | Hilltops, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

Very pretty aromatic nose of nectarine and currants. Red currants and berries on the palate, dry with a tight but not overbearing acidity. Complex and just the slightest savouriness on the finish. Truly delightful rose from a truly f\*\*\*ed year.

**2019 Terre a Terre *Piccadilly* | Adelaide Hills, SA | 75 bottle**

Pale pink, pretty nose. What more do you need? A blend of 70% Pinot Noir and 30% chardonnay grown in the Piccadilly valley subregion of Adelaide Hills. High quality, low production rose.

**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 Valley NSW 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, don’t expect lolly water.

**This is for the G’s**

*The imitators of, and close friends to, Riesling*

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

Cetiri; a blend of Gris, Semillon, Gewurztraminer, and Riesling. Lifted aromatics, gewurz perfume is dominant, soft acid. Nice dry aromatic white.

**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.

**2020 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.

**Worthy & worldly Whites**

**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.

**2020 Ravensworth *The Long Way Around* Bianco| Swan Valley, WA | 70 bottle**

Twas a vintage to forget for CBR so Bryan looked far afield, and I mean faaaaarr afield to find some grapes to make good booze from. This Trebbiano, Gewurz and Riesling blend from Swan Valley and Great Southern WA is textural, aromatic, grippy and quirky like the man himself. Skins and stoneware ferment.

**2015 L.A.S Vino *CBDB* | Margaret River, WA | 120 bottle**

100% chenin blanc from Margaret River is given the full treatment; wild yeast ferment, French barriques and clay amphora, lees stirring. The result is a textured, layered wine with a tonne of character and integrated fruit from grapefruit to lime and passionfruit. Awesome.

**2019 Nick O’Leary Chardonnay | Tumbarumba, NSW | 70 bottle | 17 glass**

A rich and generous chardy from over the hills by one of our all-time faves. Integrated oak, great mouthfeel and the stonefruit lingers. Big chardy balanced with tight acidity and looooong finish. Really good value.

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

Tight and lean style with plenty of citrus and spice; 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.

**2019 Pooley *Cooinda Vale*  Pinot Noir | Coal River Valley, TAS | 140 bottle**

Magical pinot. Delicate and juicy at the same time, soft and structured, supple and bright. Red cherry and raspberry, a little savoury and a lengthy finish. Allow 30 minutes in a decanter to kick it in to gear though.

**2020 Ricca Terra *Juicy June*  | Riverlands, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

**SERVED CHILLED**. A delicious and bright blend of Negroamaro and Grenache. Luminescent magenta in the glass, crushed black and redcurrants on the nose and palate. When the mercury tips 30 a chilled red is just joyous.

**2019 Hahndorf Hill *Zsa Zsa*  Zweigelt | Adelaide Hills, SA | 65 bottle**

How do you describe a wine that can take you from thinking of Pinot to Cabernet in the flash of an eye? You don’t. You just drink it. Enjoy.

**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.

**2018 Vinteloper Touriga Nacional | Langhorne Creek, SA | 65 bottle | 16 glass**

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.

**2018 Mount Majura *Rock Block* Tempranillo | Majura, CBR | 115 bottle**

Mount Majura is the best Tempranillo producer in Australia. An incredible length and intensity, a slightly lighter palate than the Little Dam, and drier than their estate. Brambly, meaty and a little whiff of smoke. Great wine.

**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.

**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.

**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**

Belvedere 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

Belvedere Vodka | Zyrardow, Poland | 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

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*Yeezy*