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Our panel is going ahead reviewing wines, although now within COVID-19 guidelines - with limited personnel contact. The bottles remain masked and our comments and scores are recorded as usual. We review over 200 wines for each of these publications and select only a small number of them for your enjoyment. We rarely review the high-priced celebrated stars, as they receive adequate promotion, it's the less expensive wines with both quality and value that we search for. It gives us enormous pleasure to find a wine like that amongst the many that decorate our tasting table.

Here are our latest recommendations.

Cheers, Rod Properjohn.





IL Palazzo 2017 Chianti DOCG (It)

A wine for the Italians and Aussies as well. Red, with a youthful tint of mauve, this is typical Chianti with rustic aromatics, a sweet-earthy palate, herbal traits, silky tannins and a lovely savoury finish. We're impressed by the wine and the price. Ideal with red-sauce pasta or light gamey

> \$17,99 in any six pack \$19.99 each



Château Bel Air De L'Orme 2016 Bordeaux Supérieur (Fr)

For the money, one of the better Bordeaux reds we've seen in a while. Mid brick/red, it has blackcurrant and camphor and a mediumweighted palate of fine tannins and balance. Don your beret and serve with filet de boeuf. Definitely one for the Francophiles.

\$17.99 in any six pack \$19.99 each





Chalk Hill 2019 McLaren Vale Tempranillo Grenache

A Spanish blend that is becoming popular in Australia and this is the reason. It has a bright youthfulness; the fleshy pulpy ripe fruit of grenache, the lifted savoury kitchen spices of tempranillo and older well-used oak gives the wine depth and structure, which suits it beautifully.

\$21.99 in any six pack \$24.99 each



Majella 2016 The Musician Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

We love the cabernet from this stable, this is its little brother which has a bucketful of shiraz thrown in. Unlike its sibling, it's made for early drinking with minimal oak, gentle tannins and plummy/blackcurrant fruit. Then there is the unmistakeable acidity of the Coonawarra region. Magic with a cottage pie.

\$16.99 in any six pack \$18.99 each



Mount Trio Vineyard 2018 Great Southern Syrah

A bright crimson colour, this
has the customary white
pepper aroma of the regional
shiraz and medium-weight
palate that is fresh, squeaky
clean, with fine tannins and
attractive balance. Drinks well
in its youth and will do so for
the next few years. Well-priced
youngster from an absolute
brilliant vintage.

\$19.99 in any six pack \$22.99 each

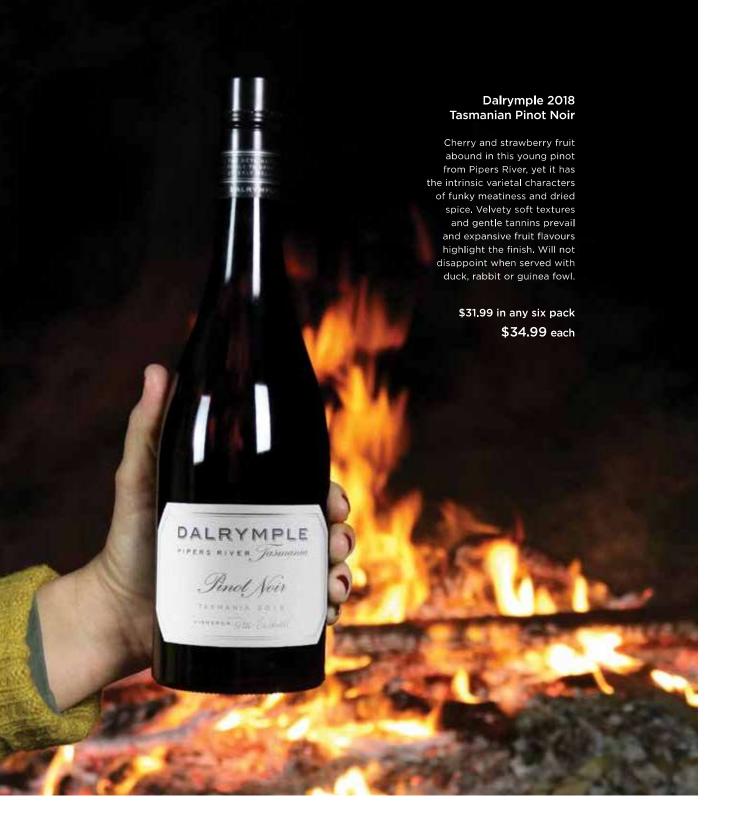


Flowstone 2018 Margaret River Moonmilk Shiraz Grenache

Generous and juicy is an apt way of describing this wine. A vibrant mauve red colour, it has bundles of mulberry and other red fruits, soft tannins and a dollop of silky chocolate.

Beaut young quaffer for immediate drinking or shortterm maturation. Perfect with a barbecue

\$21.99 in any six pack \$23.99 each





Warramate 2016 Yarra Valley Syrah

The cool climate Yarra is very influential in this red. It's a medium-bodied wine with light red fruit, a waft of dill spice, a whiff of pepper, oak, good length and a dry acidity. Although light, it's balanced. If you enjoy spicy food with red wine, try this with the curries of Northern India.

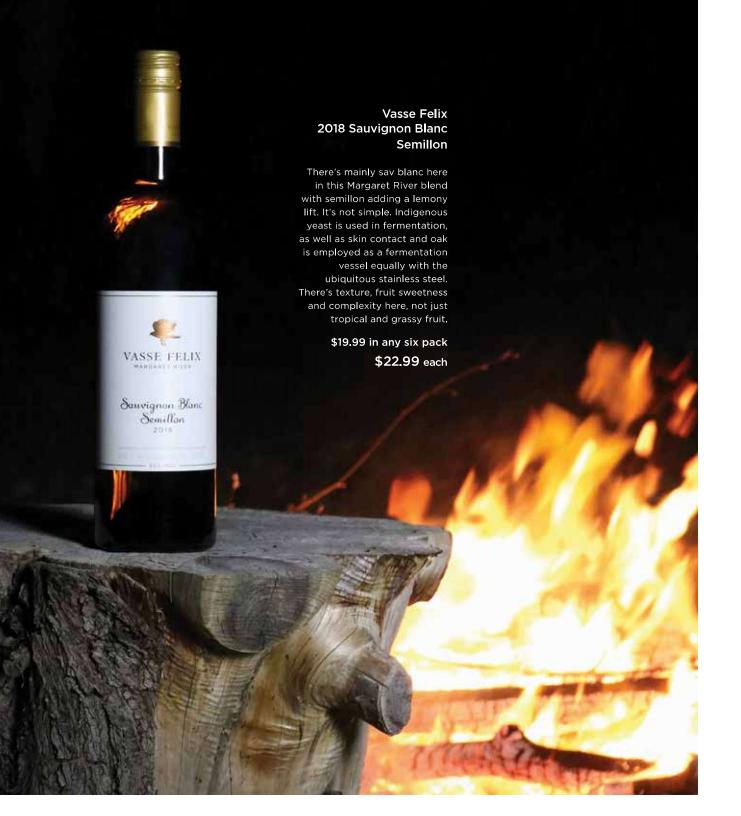
\$24.99 in any six pack \$27.99 each



The Yard 2018 Riversdale Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Distinctly mauve in colour, this Frankland River wine has an abundance of blackcurrant and plum and a smoky oaky lift. Furry tannins coat the medium-weighted palate and linger long in the mouth to a cleansing acid finish. Requires a little bottle development to soften and drink at its best.

\$29.99 in any six pack **32.99** each





Paul Conti 2019 Margaret River Chardonnay

A thoroughly modern chardonnay that has fresh vibrant citrusy fruit playing the leading part. Then there is oak that is sitting on the sidelines and adding another dimension and support to the wine's structure. Pleasant mediumweighted and well-priced youngster that will drink well over the next three years.

\$17.99 in any six pack \$19.99 each



Bleasdale 2019 Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris

This cool region high up a little to the east of Adelaide is a star when it comes to pinot gris/grigio, You'll see spice and pear in this wine, an attractive youthful freshness, a little fruit sweetness and balancing acidity. Lovely quaffer and good value, Drink soon.

\$17.99 in any six pack \$20.99 each



Domaine Du Cléray 2019 Val de Loire Sauvignon (Fr)

Here's something different for you, it's sauvignon blanc from the Loire in the middle of France. Although it does have a herbal character, it's unlike Marlborough savvy. This is a fuller bodied dry wine with stone fruit and a dash of citrus and a textural middle palate. Works well with seafood.

> \$19.99 in any six pack \$21.99 each



Triennes 2018 Rosé (Fr)

An attractive Provencal rosé with the perfume of a rose garden and strawberry fields. Made from grapes grown close to the Mediterranean, it has the attractive salmon pink colour and savouriness of the regional rosé wines. One of the owners is the celebrated winemaker/proprietor of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, which makes the world's most expensive wine.

\$21.99 in any six pack \$24.99 each



Castelli 2018 Pemberton Chardonnay

Here is a traditional style of chardonnay with a nutty and smoky oak influence that at present shackles the subtle cool-climate stone fruit. The balance should change with bottle age and the fruit may soon start kicking some goals. A good food wine, try with a roasted chook with fresh herbs and all the trimmings.

\$26.99 in any six pack \$28.99 each



Juniper 2019 Margaret River Small Batch Fiano

The reputation of this wine is growing around town, pity there is not a lot of it. With poached pear and lemon curd on the nose, the palate is fleshy with similar fruit characters and is balanced by a fresh lifted sweetness, creaminess, a little nuttiness and crunchy acidity. Seductive wine and marvellous value.

20.99 in any six pack \$22.99 each



Mesh 2019 Eden Valley Riesling

Always popular, this is an amalgamation of the talents of Robert Hill Smith (Barossa) and Jeffrey Grosset (Clare), two champions of riesling. Fresh lemon/lime flavours, lightness, dryness, good length and sabre-sharp acidity has riesling lovers salivating. Stunning with prawns, scallops and oysters.

\$25.99 in any six pack \$28.99 each



Wairau River 2019 Pinot Gris Marlborough (NZ)

Mid straw in colour, this has herbal aromatics along with citrus and a rich textural palate of apple strudel, spiced pear, and ripe mandarine. A dollop of grape sugar adds weight and is balanced beautifully by refreshing acidity. Tidy wine and will complement spicy

Thai cuisine.

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