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Welcome to the good-tempered season of the year. Pack away the G-strings and budgie smugglers, the sun loses its intensity, strong easterly winds abate, tree leaves take on a brilliant orange golden colour, sleeping is easier, slow-cooked and rib-sticking food makes a comeback and drinking wine is more fun.... seriously. Wine now is an autumnal choice - all white wines through to most reds are suitable and acceptable. And we have some rippers for you here, in this our autumn selection. You'll be very happy with the value, especially in the reds.

Salud, Rod Properjohn

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There is 10% discount on all wines in a straight or mixed six.



Jim Barry 2020 McKay's Riesling
Clare Valley

A wine that literally glows in the glass, a sure sign of quality to our panel. Add to that a green edge to the pale straw colour, a lively aroma of freshly squeezed lime juice and a long dry palate of lemon/lime fruit with cleansing scalpel-like acidity. A tiny amount of oak doesn't interfere. A single vineyard riesling from the Watervale district of the Clare Valley.

\$29.99 each



Irvine Spring Hill 2020 Riesling
Eden Valley

Some winemakers are fiddling with riesling adding oak and lees and we say leave it alone, you'll rob the wine of its great attraction, pure fruit. We like this youngster, a zesty citrus thread runs through the Eden Valley wine and it is balanced with crisp acidity. Refreshing dry style, drink now and over the next six years.

\$21.99 each



Forester 2020 Sauvignon Blanc
Margaret River

This does have some oak and lees characters and this treatment complements the herbaceous characters of savvy blanc. You'll see some pea pod and grassy notes plus the ripeness of tropical fruit. The spice of oak and creaminess of lees add intrigue to the wine. The balance of ingredients lifts it to a high level.

\$26.99 each



Picardy 2019 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon
Pemberton

A little semillon (15%) is added to the large sauvignon blanc component of this blend to give it a boost of lemony flavour and roundness. Herbal characters and passionfruit highlight the savvy part. The two varieties are a magical mix in the wine, one that has good length, a grainy texture and invigorating acid finish.

\$27.99 each



Clairault Estate 2018 Chardonnay
Margaret River

A traditional style with buckets of complexity along with the mandatory fruit component. Creamy and nutty oak flavours combine with powdery tannin and yet do not override the stone fruit and varietal citrus. The flavours are lingering and acid cleans up beautifully on the finish. The label is a consistent performer from this region.

\$34.99 each



First Drop Endless Summer 2020 Pinot Grigio
Adelaide Hills

A pale straw colour with a green edge is an attractive introduction to this wine. Then you'll become friendly with the Granny Smith apple and nectarine fruits that influence the palate. A long clean style that has the mouth cleansing acidity that is so recognisable in these cool climate wines from the region.

\$21.99 each



Rameau d'Or 2019 Rosé
Côtes de Provence (Fr)

Texture and savoury elements are the authority here with an achingly dry mouthfeel and stony mineral elements. Very subtle fruit, a little rhubarb and rose petal, is also on offer. The length is exceptional and the finish is crisp and lively. Simply one of the best French pink wines we have cracked open lately, although you need to be mindful of its quality and pay a little more for it.

\$27.99 each



Woodlands 2020 Brook Vineyard Chardonnay
Margaret River

Need a young forward-drinking chardy with the complexity of a more mature wine? Well, this is for you. Fermented using indigenous yeasts for funk, with some natural malolactic for buttery smoothness and slightly aged French oak for spice and roundness. Add some stone fruit, citrus, melon and then fine tannins to balance and the wine is complete.

\$39.99 each



Taglia 2019 Pinot Grigio
Friuli Grave (It)

Although widely grown, the best of pinot grigio, arguably, is from north-eastern Italy. This is from a single vineyard high above the Tagliamento river in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region, so we would expect a true representation of the style. Look for stone fruit, a drop of citrus, nuttiness and a dryness that extends to a clean polished finish. A screwcap closure will protect freshness.

\$21.99 each



Mazza 2020 Tempranillo Rosé
Geographe

We love this small producer of Portuguese and Spanish varietals from the Geographe region, although in most cases it cannot supply the quantity of wines we need for this august magazine. We've managed to grab enough of this little beauty however, a fresh delightful rosado style with a smidge of sweetness, good mouth balance and fine finish. Reserve for lighter autumn dishes.

\$19.99 each



**Rochford Latitude 2020
Pinot Noir**
Yarra Valley



Typical varietal fruit aromatics and flavours of strawberry and cherry are blended with a shaking of spice. This is a light wine in colour and weight and we enjoy that. It's elegant with a subtle touch of funk and dried herbs, has a pleasant length of palate and a dry furry tannin finish. Absolutely dynamite with a rack of sweet herb-crusted lamb cutlets or a duck parfait and crusty sourdough. Value.

\$22.99 each

**Paringa Estate 2019
Pinot Noir**
Mornington Peninsula



A darker ruby colour is obvious with ripe plums and cherries across the nose and palate with a waft of star anise to add interest. It is a full-bodied pinot with chalky tannins, a blooming youthfulness, expressive tannins and drying finish. Try with duck breast served with a red fruity sauce. Sublime.

\$27.99 each



**Wallace by Ben Glaetzer
2018 Shiraz Grenache**
Barossa Valley

Here's a marvellous value red wine by Ben Glaetzer, a star winemaker of the Barossa, one you'll love to have in your kitchen over the months ahead - the wine that is, not Ben. Made from the two celebrated red grape varieties of the Barossa, shiraz and grenache, it has a fleshy juicy palate of raspberry and plum, subdued older oak, fine tannins and finish. Very quaffable, very affordable.

\$21.99 each



Left Field 2019 Malbec
Hawkes Bay (NZ)

This is new to us. We often see malbec from Argentina, Australia, sometimes from its home in France, but NZ - nup. A deep violet plum colour, which is usual for malbec and a subtle nose that belies its colour, it has a light palate weight, soft fruit with a minty herbal lift and a gentle silky finish. We would like to know your thoughts on this wine. It's very different.

\$24.99 each



**El Gringo 2018
Dark Red Tempranillo**
(Esp)

One look at the label and there's no guessing where this wine originates. From the south-east of the Iberian Peninsula, where the climate is very warm and dry, this tempranillo is true to its word, darker, deeper and richer than we find in Australian temps. It's full with sweet red berries, chocolate, built-in spices and chalky tannins. Serve with chorizo and some crusty fresh bread.

\$21.99 each





Sittella 2018 Reserve Cabernet Malbec
Margaret River

Malbec's influence is in the deep mauve/ruby colour and then there is a bundle of blackcurrant, black olive and bay leaf, true characters of Margaret River cabernet sauvignon. The wine is tantalisingly drinkable right now, yet has the fine tannins, spicy French oak and length of finish that will allow it to age gracefully for a few years. A brilliant vintage in the region and this is exactly the quality that we expect from Sittella. Enormous value.

\$22.99 each



Leeuwin Estate 2017 Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon
Margaret River

Regional characters of blackcurrant and forest floor are obvious in this wine along with spicy oak, long grippy tannins and firm acid finish. A medium weighted red, it certainly drinks well now or will age for a couple of years in your cellar. Suits slowly braised lamb shanks, served with a red wine sauce and creamy potato mash.

\$31.99 each



Mandoon Estate 2018 Old Vine Shiraz
WA

Bright and brilliant fresh red fruit is the key to this wine. Plum, raspberry and cherry dominate with a spicy chocolate element adding depth and then gentle tannins and covert oak provide the balance. The panel loves this rendition of shiraz, it's absolutely ravishing, too enjoyable right now to hide it away in the cellar. Mandoon's red wines rarely disappoint.

\$26.99 each



Brash 2018 Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Margaret River

Here's a label that slips under the radar. Yes it often goes unnoticed and yet offers typical Margaret River quality cabernet at a very acceptable price. You'll find loads of plush blackcurrant and mulberry in this along with a dollop of forest floor, good mid-weight palate strength and fine tannic finish. The oak prefers to take a lesser role.

\$39.99 each



Wirra Wirra 2018 Catapult Shiraz
McLaren Vale

A McLaren shiraz that is lighter than normal from this winemaker and we appreciate the style. It has cracking fresh plummy fruit, silky tannins, and medium-weighted palate, quiet oak that sits in the background and has a satisfying finish. A generous wine from higher vineyards, without the richness and intensity that the region often produces from lower altitudes. Magic with slow-cooked, gelatinous oxtail.

\$24.99 each



Picardy 2016 Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc
Pemberton

Merlot, cab sauvignon and cab franc is a trio of Bordeaux varieties that the Pannells have chosen for this red. Cab Franc is the interesting addition as it is noted for good colour and importantly lifted aromatics, without much structure – therefore it's an ideal blender. Mid brick/red and medium bodied, the wine is a mix of blackberry and blackcurrant with dusty tannins, good balance and finish. Brilliant with a char-grilled crusty beef steak.


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