

A black and white photograph of a sandy dune path leading to the ocean under a cloudy sky. The path is in the foreground, leading towards the ocean in the distance. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

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We had amazing autumn weather this year, some of the best that my dwindling memory recollects. The lengthy spell of superb warm and calm weather was great for wine drinking, especially for the white and pink wines we had left over from our summer quaffing. The chilly and wet weather is in front of us and if you are hanging out for warming reds, you will find some delights in this selection, hopefully enough to shore up your winter defences. There are two inexpensive young pinots, a couple of juicy grenache blends, a single grenache, an Italian sangio and the usual shiraz and cabernet sauvignon wines. It's a great bunch and outstanding value. Notwithstanding the reds, don't neglect the whites and the rosé, there is always a time or occasion during winter when serving a white or pink wine is de rigueur. Always respect the food you are serving with an appropriate wine.

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**Mesh 2020 Riesling**  
*Eden Valley*

A combo from two of the integral names in the SA wine industry. Jeffrey Grosset and Robert Hill Smith are especially known for their great riesling and this is sourced from the Eden Valley. It's very youthful, clean and crisp with typical zesty lemon and lime flavours, good length of palate and an extended acid finish. Although drinkable now, these wines are so much better with half a dozen years in the bottle. Try with a fresh crunchy exciting salad, whenever you drink it.

**\$29.99** each



**Tin Shed 2020  
Wild Bunch Riesling**  
*Eden Valley*

Another Eden Valley riesling with citrus blossom and lemony fruit to the fore. It has some weight, which allows it to be quaffed today, although bottle aging wouldn't do it any harm whatsoever. As always with riesling the acidity is pronounced and we don't mind that at all as it gives the wine a cleansing racy finish. Magnificent with plump Shark Bay prawns and a zesty Asian sauce.

**\$23.99** each



**Pauly 2019  
Generations Riesling**  
*Mosel (Deu)*

Germany makes magnificent riesling. It's the purity of fruit, great length and tantalising acidity that count, although the cost of a good wine today is as intimidating as a down payment on a new Merc. Here's a well-priced entry level however by Axel Pauly and impresses with its mouth-watering fruit, jaunty fruit sweetness and refreshing finish. Typically Mosel in style, you must try it, at least for nostalgic reasons. Remember Lindeman's Ben Ean Moselle?

**\$27.99** each



**Catalina Sounds 2020  
Sauvignon Blanc**  
*Marlborough (NZ)*

Light green and straw in colour, this has a voluminous nose of ripe passion fruit and a gentle whiff of smoke from some oak fermentation. This aroma wins you over and then the palate is a little more circumspect with gentle gooseberry fruit and a pleasant dry finishing acid. If you love Kiwi savvy, this is the wine for you. Serve with a crunchy green salad and a little fresh seafood tossed through.

**\$27.99** each



**Marri Wood Park 2018  
Sauvignon Blanc Semillon**  
*Margaret River*

The grassy fruit characters of the sauvignon blanc here are balanced by a textural nutty and lemony complexity imparted by barrel-fermented semillon. The combination works well. The wine has length and refreshing tart acidity finishes it off nicely. Suits many sauced seafood dishes, especially as the acid should cut through the accompanying sauce admirably.

**\$23.99** each



**Ferngrove 2019  
Diamond Chardonnay**  
*Great Southern*

Deep straw and green this has a bundle of citrus aromas along with smoky French oak. It's complex across the palate with grapefruit and pear, roasted cashew, a creamy leesy texture, mineral notes and firm finish. Would suit traditional chardonnay drinkers, especially in a couple of years when the wine develops a little more.

**\$25.99** each



**Dukes 2020  
Single Vineyard Rosé**  
*Porongurup*

Here's a rosé that has flavour, unlike some that are lamenting in the market. The colour is an attractive light pomegranate, the nose is fresh with red fruit and a waft of spice and the palate has the aforementioned big flavour of strawberries and cherries, a smidge of sweetness and the acid is lively. Works well with a belly of pork and crunchy crackle.

**\$18.99** each



**Antonio 2020 Pinot Grigio**  
*Delle Venezie DOC (It)*

This variety is not a favourite of ours; we are honest, although this wine energized our senses. It's the nectarine and nashi pear that attract initially and then the seduction happens with stone fruit, apple and citrus, slight sweetness and acid on the palate. The texture is a plus and the overall balance is splendid. Serve with fresh artichokes when they reach the market in spring. Screwcap for freshness.

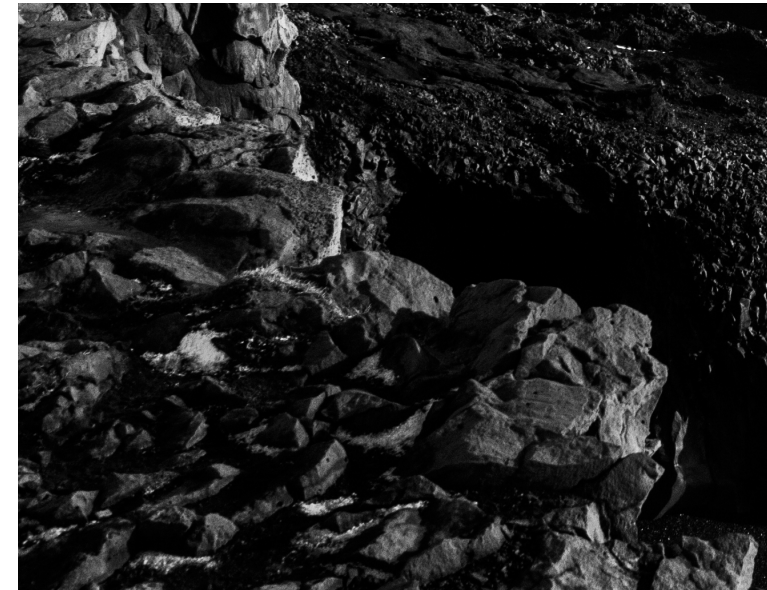
**\$24.99** each



**Leeuwin Estate 2019  
Prelude Vineyards  
Chardonnay**  
*Margaret River*

Mid straw and a touch of green, this colour floods the glass with youthfulness. Fast forward to the nose and you will notice varietal stone fruit, citrus and some nuttiness. The palate then adds grapefruit, peach and a waft of spicy oak to a creamy and balanced package. Nice modern style of chardonnay, a wine that the region excels in.

**\$31.99** each





**Handpicked 2019  
Regional Selections Pinot Noir**  
*Mornington Peninsula*



A peninsula, which is arguably our favourite region on the mainland for pinot noir, although vintages there can be a little inconsistent. This however follows the smart 2018 wine. The youngster has a light brick colour and classical fruit flavours of cherry and strawberry. The palate is a lively light to medium weight with good length and bracing acidity. Want to serve it with something different? Try a rabbit casserole.

**\$24.99** each

**Coates 2020  
The Pinot Noir**  
*Adelaide Hills*



The Adelaide Hills is a contender for Australia's best pinot region as it has made some crackers over the years, despite heavy rain, hail stones, bush fires and smoke taint. This wine has the weight of full juicy red berries, a smidge of spiciness and a dash of oak to add complexity. Great with liverwurst and bratwurst, a legacy of early German settlers and there is a bundle of that in the area.

**\$31.99** each



**Apostrophe 2019  
Possessive Red's**  
*Great Southern*

There's tremendous value in this SGM. It's a red with a healthy whack of spicy white pepper - very much Rhone in style. Then there is the generous floral and fruit of red berry and pomegranate across the medium body, along with fine tannins and crisp acidity. It shows the Great Southern cool climate off to a nicety. Magic with pumpkin-stuffed ravioli.

**\$17.99** each



**Poggio Anima 2019  
Belial Sangiovese**  
*Toscana (It)*

There's a bucket load of Tuscan characters in this wine. How about a brick red colour for starters, then meat loaf, cigar box and earthy traits on the nose and a medium-weighted palate that is complete with sour cherry, leather and a long firm finish? Beaut with antipasto and then a classical osso bucco and saffron risotto to finish the bottle.

**\$21.99** each



**Mandoon Estate 2018  
Surveyors Red**  
*WA*

Here's a GSM blend from this acclaimed WA winery and we love the structure and balance that the three varieties of grenache (43%), shiraz (39%) and mourvedre (18%) provide. It does have the spicy fruit, the soft texture, and the earthiness, older oak and great drinkability that we expect in the Rhone style from France. And, as it's a local wine we are chuffed.

**\$23.99** each





**Langmeil 2019  
Rough Diamond Grenache**  
*Barossa*

A medium-bodied red, this is a traditional style of grenache with a rustic earthiness and fleshy red berry flavour. The palate has a dollop of spice to marry with the berries and then drying tannins add to the overall structure. This has barbecue written all over it. Try it with char-grilled beef ribs or big fat juicy sausages.

**\$21.99** each



**Poacher's Ridge 2018  
Cabernet Sauvignon**  
*Great Southern*

We often affirm the quality of the WA 2018 vintage across the board and here's another gem. It has classical blackcurrant fruit, dark olive, spice, a waft of smoky oak and mouth-balance of silky tannins and lively acidity. From a family-owned property near Mt Barker, the wine shows the restraint of a cold climate wine and yet the underground power of a classic cabernet. Don't miss it.

**\$29.99** each



**Langmeil 2018  
Valley Floor Shiraz**  
*Barossa*

The Barossa, especially the valley floor, has been treasured for its rounded rich and intense shiraz wines. Some traditional wines are still made, but the style has lightened generally across the region. These modern wines are more accessible to food and simply easier to drink. Here's a medium-bodied shiraz with a savoury lift of plum, spice and bitter chocolate along with silky tannins. It has a glorious palate balance and is an absolute delight now, or in a few years.

**\$28.99** each



**Longview 2019  
Devil's Elbow  
Cabernet Sauvignon**  
*Adelaide Hills*

This young red from an exciting small producer was thoroughly enjoyed by us and we snaffled the total WA allocation. It's a middleweight offer with black fruit, a touch of herbal and minty spice, savoury nuances, chalky tannins and good length. We don't often see this quality of cabernet sauvignon from the region, so it's well worth your scrutiny.

**\$27.99** each



**Gipsie Jack 2018  
Shiraz**  
*Langhorne Creek*

A deep rich colour is an attractive introduction to this wine. Then you will enjoy the blackberry and plummy fruit on the nose and the additional palate notes of pepper/spice, milo chocolate, squishy licorice and firm tannins to finish. Lovely wine, one that most drinkers will enjoy and the price, typical of Langhorne Creek, is a bonus. Serve with your favourite beefsteak.

**\$19.99** each



**Schwarz Wine Co. 2019  
-The Grower - Shiraz**  
*Barossa Valley*

Here's another shiraz from this region that is showing modern traits without losing the essential tapestry of traditional Barossa shiraz. It has blueberry and plum, dark chocolate, a squeeze of anise, earthiness and firm tannins. The whole package is not too chunky and can be consumed now or will benefit with a little bottle aging.

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