



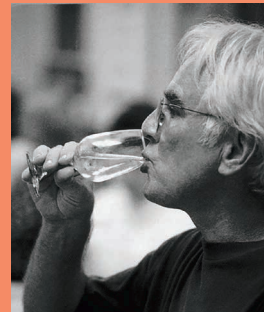
ON THE VINE SUMMER

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Our summer selection of wine is certainly eclectic, especially the whites, which makes a lot of sense at this time of the year. They range from light fresh crowd-pleasers to more complex in-depth wines and many varieties and styles in between. There is a white to suit everyone. A couple of Aussie pink wines will satisfy those with a penchant for rosé and who doesn't enjoy a rosé over the summer months and the reds will thrill you with their quality and attractive pricing. We enjoyed them all and trust you will as well. Happy drinking till we meet again in our next publication. In the meantime, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and wine-filled New Year.

Salute, Rod Properjohn

SHOP & SAVE

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



Leeuwin Estate 2019 Art Series Sauvignon Blanc

Margaret River

Although not known as a producer of classical sauvignon blanc, Margaret River is able to present some commendable wines, especially from the south of the region and from a cool vintage, as this wine is. A little subdued in grape aroma, it has a long palate with layers of citrus, apple, herbal influence and spice. A mineral texture and fine acidity help with the balance. Enjoy with the local seafood.

\$29.99 each



Greywacke 2019 Sauvignon Blanc

Marlborough (NZ)

Has been a favourite label of ours for years. Is not the up-front tropical-fruited style of savvy that most drinkers identify with Marlborough, but is far more subtle. Look for stone fruit (pear, nectarine), apple and a squirt of citrus, a mineral-like texture and fine dry acid finish. Beautifully balanced, beautifully made.

\$26.99 each



Clairault 2019 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

Margaret River

This has been tinkered with, as many of these blends are nowadays. It's partially fermented in oak, as well as stainless steel and then aged on fermentation lees and stirred to obtain sought-after texture and complexity. It has vibrant lemongrass and stone fruit, some floral notes, mouth-filling flavour and balancing acid to finish. Wonderful with grilled pink snapper, the best of the large snapper family.

\$19.99 each



Jim Barry 2020 Riesling

Watervale

This youngster still has musk-like estery characters of a recent fermentation and these will blow off shortly and the wine will show the attractive lemon/lime fruits that Clare/Watervale and Jim Barry wines are renowned for. It will then soldier on with crisp acidity and drink beautifully, especially with a bowl of sweet crunchy prawns and crusty bread on the side.

\$21.99 each



Soumah 2020 Pinot Grigio
Yarra Valley

There's a bundle of stone fruit here, especially varietal pear, add to that a little citrus and apple and you have an attractive fruity wine. The palate is full for a grigio and is more pinot gris in style. Nonetheless, we like the drink, it has the slightest blush of varietal pink colour, some spritz, sweetness and yet is balanced. Clean and crisp, enjoy while it's a fresh.

\$24.99 each



Pierro 2020 Blanc de Blanc
Margaret River

We're fans of well-made chenin blanc and this is a doozy. 85% chenin is topped up with 10% riesling and 5% viognier. It's a bright straw-coloured wine with flashes of green, has stone fruit, citrus, apple and a touch of honey. There's plenty of flavour, some sweetness and a balance that makes it all worthwhile. Hop in and drink it soon, although chenin blanc has a habit of aging splendidly in the bottle.

\$32.99 each



Marq 2019 Fiano
Margaret River

A quality medium-weighted wine from the emerging Italian grape variety fiano, which is doing very well in Margaret River. Straw in colour, this has nectarine and peach fruit and some creamy cheese characters derived from lees stirring in tanks. The palate is dry and long with a zesty cleansing finish. Great with white reef fish fillets - dhufish or bluebone are the standouts in the west.

\$21.99 each



Fire Gully 2019 Chardonnay
Margaret River

From Mike Peterkin, this is a contemporary style of chardonnay unlike his more-traditional well-loved Pierro Chardonnay. From a cool vintage, this is straw in colour with flashes of green and is fruit-driven with citrus and white peach, which continue along the palate to a lively youthful finish. Try with boiled lobster and a lemony butter sauce.

\$33.99 each



**Forest Hill 2019 Highbury
Fields Chardonnay**
Great Southern

This is a brilliantly clear straw in appearance with a smidge of green. You'll then notice a waft of tropical fruit along with citrus and melon of the variety and these aromatics extend to similar flavours across the palate and to a zesty finish. A little oak fermentation adds some complexity. It's a modern style of cool-area chardonnay and we feel a nostalgic Chicken Kiev coming on.

\$19.99 each



**Turkey Flat Vineyards 2020
Rosé**
Barossa Valley

A very popular rosé in Australia and has been for a couple of decades. It's made from grenache grapes, which offer generous Turkish Delight flavours, a certain lollyish satisfaction without too much residual sweetness. It lingers well to a silky finish. Tuck a bottle under your arm and head off to the local Chinese; it would suit many of the 100+ dishes on the menu.

\$23.99 each



**Ministry of Clouds 2020
Rosé**
McLaren Vale

A light pink appearance and with delightfully attractive aromatics, this will brighten up your day. We love the long dry savoury palate with its wild berry characters, light spicy lift, energetic crispness and long refreshing finish. A must-have wine in your fridge for any of the light summery dishes you will be serving over the next few months.

\$31.99 each



**Holm Oak 2020 The
Protégé Pinot Noir**
Tasmania

A pale ruby/violet colour, this has distinctive varietal fruit with a burst of sour cherry, red berry and just enough spice and funk to add interest. The body is feather-light and the finish is clean and crunchy. If you enjoy the trend to lighter red wines with no grippy tannins, no oak and are easy to gulp down, this is for you. It's not, however, for the pinot noir traditionalist.

\$22.99 each



**Three Dark Horses 2019
Grenache**
McLaren Vale

The Australian home of quality grenache, McLaren Vale, keeps making succulent wines in most vintages. We love this soft juicy style, the ripe berry fruit, the spicy influence, the regional earthy influence, the mouth-filling flavours and dusty characters of older oak. Always magical with a serving of charcuterie, don the apron and get cracking.

\$21.99 each



**Coldstream Hills 2019 Pinot
Noir**
Yarra Valley

Mid ruby in colour, this has lots of cherry fruit and ripe plum on the nose. It's very much a fruit-forward pinot and along with that, the palate offers a savoury lift of tannins and spicy oak with cleansing acidity on the finish. Drinks well now and will please in the short term. Suits a juicy rack of lamb or try with something different, perhaps a barbecued cutlet of Tasmanian salmon or ocean trout.

\$33.99 each



**Howard Park 2016
Scotsdale Cabernet
Sauvignon**
Great Southern

Showing some age and we have included this for those of you who prefer maturation in your red wine. Brick red in colour, it has varietal brambly blackberry fruit, a leathery component, dried leafy notes, dusty oak and a distinctive acid finish. A mid-weight red and we suggest you drink it soon and with a leg of lamb and garlic and rosemary for good measure.

\$41.99 each



**Hay Shed Hill 2018
Cabernet Sauvignon**
Margaret River

A brilliant vintage and from this well-established mature vineyard, a great young cabernet at an amazing price. There's blackcurrant fruit and a whiff of mint and eucalypt, a mid-weight palate with nice flavour, integrated chalky tannins and complementary oak. Perfect with a slow-cooked shoulder of lamb. Drink now and over the next five years.

\$26.99 each



**Domaine Naturaliste
2018 Discovery Cabernet
Sauvignon**
Margaret River

Dark red in colour this is typical regional cabernet sauvignon with blackcurrant and forest floor aromatics. The very quaffable palate is hinged by red cherry, black plum, tea bag tannins, balancing oak and silky texture. From a very impressive vintage, this is another example of a quality red at a very appealing price. There is no need to age it, although there is little harm in doing so.

\$21.99 each



**Leeuwin Estate 2017 Art
Series Shiraz**
Margaret River

Although Margaret River shiraz doesn't hold a candle to the region's cabernet sauvignon, Leeuwin has been tossing up some purlers lately. Here's another and this is from a cool and damp vintage, which the region has handled pretty well. Mulberry, cherry fruit and some herbal characters show in this medium-weighted red wine and quality oak helps with the structure and complexity. It's the balance of ingredients that is most impressive.

\$38.99 each



**Blood & Courage 2018
Shiraz**
Barossa Valley

By **St Johns Road**, this bold ruby coloured red has lovely fruit, a mix of plum, mulberry, sour cherry and dried herbs. It's not a classical Barossa shiraz in that it has a savoury edge and not the voluptuous velvety sweet richness that we often see from the region. The oak has a judicious input and the finish is dry and firm. Nice style, we enjoy it, your choice of red meat dishes won't go astray.

\$21.99 each



**Kilikanoon 2018
Killerman's Run Shiraz**
Clare Valley

A plump wine as Clare shiraz can often be. It appears in the glass as deep coloured, has a bounty of dark berries and red fruits and a dollop of kitchen spice along with balancing older oak. It's a silky package of plum and berry, firm yet sympathetic tannins and good finish. Brilliant with a dish of gelatinous oxtail ragù with al dente pasta and a shaving of quality Parmesan.

\$22.99 each



Babo 2017 Nero d'Avola
Sicilia (It)

Made by an Aussie who has been messing around with wine in Italy for several years. His Sicilian red is robust without being aggressive, it has dark cherry and berry fruit, is savoury, has sandy tannins, is medium to full bodied and drinks well now with a gutsy red-sauce pasta or meaty casserole. The locals are fond of serving it with roasted fowl; it's your choice.

\$26.99 each



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