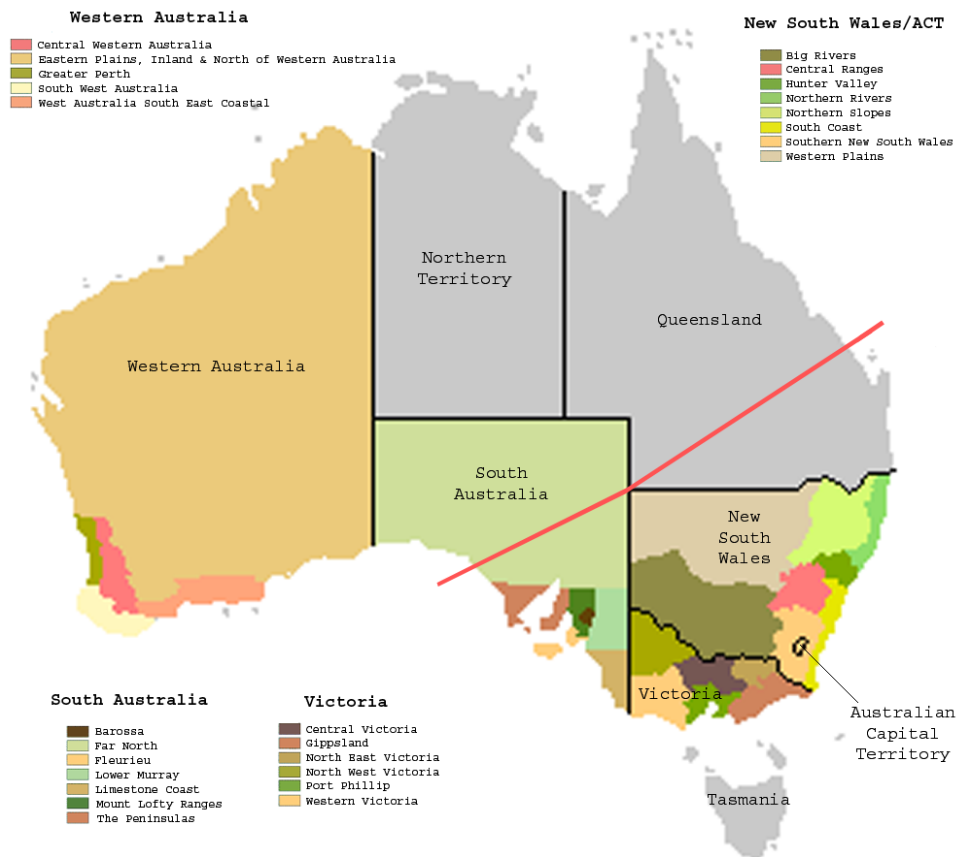


IWFS OAKVILLE

July 14th, 2016

Australian Wines - led by Christian



Tonight's Wines reviews and information

JANSZ SPARKLING CUVÉE NV

—VINTAGES#: 566828 | 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 26.95

Made in:AustraliaBy:Negociants
InternationalSugar Content:9 g/LSweetness
Descriptor:D - DryStyle:Medium-bodied &
FlavourfulVarietal:Sparkling

Tasting Notes:

DJ Kearney

This is as cool-climate as it gets, crisp clean and vibrant. A classic blend of chardonnay and pinot noir, it combines green apple freshness and a lovely creamy texture. Stunning line and length and cool from start to finish.

Feb 19, 2015



Marc Chapleau

A great Australian sparkling - Tasmanian, specifically - slightly brioche and with slightly sweet notes in the nose. The mouth is not less nervous, rich enough and not too dosed (8.6 g residual sugar). A sort of cross between a happy and a Spanish Cava sparkling California.

March 2015

The Premium Cuvée NV is ubiquitous when it comes to occasions like Christmas and NYE, and for good reason. The bottle floats quality well above it's price point (around \$23.90 per bottle) with a zesty nose of fresh fruit, citrus, and honeysuckle. You'll get a very well balanced palate of sweeter fruits - think apples and pears - with an elegant finish with fresh acidic notes that are dry and cleansing.

theaureview.com

YALUMBA ORGANIC VIOGNIER 2015



—VINTAGES#: 288217
| 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 17.95

Made in: South Australia,
By: Negociants International
Sugar Content: 6 g/L
Sweetness
Descriptor: XD - Extra Dry
Style: Aromatic & Flavourful
Varietal: Viognier

Tasting Notes:

David Lawrason

Australia's best viognier producer has created another winner. Not as elegant, powerful and classy as their top edition, but it has verve,

intensity and well defined viognier pineapple/star anise, orange, spice and fennel flavours. It's mid-weight, firm, dry and intense, with very spicy finish. Needs intense spiced, citrus recipes.
Tasted April 2016

John Szabo, MS

Clean and very fragrant, inviting and perfumed, this is textbook viognier with its lively floral, honeysuckle, ripe nectarine and pear flavours. The palate is fullish and generously proportioned, with warming alcohol (14.5% declared), and opulent, suave texture. Very good length. Good stuff.

Tasted April 2016. Value Rating: ***

Michael Godel

A rich and tumbling Viognier with as much tropical aromatic lushness as can be found in one place. Name your creamy south asian ripe fruit and it's yours for the nosing; banana, mango, mangosteen, marquesa, papaya, longan, lychee and even a bit of pungent jack. Despite the elevated alcohol (14.5 per cent declared) and clear textural advancement, this retains the freshness and mineral clarity that is found in some Cape Chenin Blanc and Tazzy Chardonnay. So in a sense it has a cool character running through its warm blooded-veins. Always a very interesting Viognier albeit heavier and overtly honeyed in 2015. Drink 2016-2019.

Tasted March 2016.

I'm always doubtful when I buy big wineproducers' wines and I'll always be but I have to admit that I enjoyed more than one glass of this nice, strangely fresh (because Viognier is not that fresh grape variety) Organic Yalumba. I must have had already a Syrah from them, not disappointing.. Anyway, good body and a surprisingly freshness crops up among its notes of Chamomille, white flowers, sweet notes of nectarine and apricot. Hints of citrus. Was on deal, next time I'll get a bottle to share with friends.

vivino.com

VASSE FELIX FILIUS CHARDONNAY 2014



—VINTAGES#: 416511
| 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 24.95

Made in:Western Australia
By:Negociants International
Sugar Content:2 g/L Sweetness
Descriptor:XD - Extra Dry
Style:Full-bodied & Rich
Varietal:Chardonnay

Tasting Notes:

Michael Godel

It would be an impossible expectation for winemaker Virginia Willcock to do more for the Filius Chardonnay with equal or less in

2014. The 2013 is a cracker for a pittance. The 2014 holds the candle and bears the torch. A prodigal 'son of' fathers Premier and Heytsbury and up to the Margaret River task, Filius is the good. Fashioned in the freshest, reductive and ultra-modern way with a sous-vide savoury and animale gait. Crispy, crunchy green apple fruit is joined by a transparent, manifest barrel written in cursive and ladling out a healthy dose of duck soup. This is Australia's great cool-climate value Chardonnay. The mineral finish is excavated a gleam of gemstones. Case buy. Drink 2016-2021.

Tasted March 2016.

David Lawrason

This is from the first winery to plant in the Margaret River, in 1967, with their first vintage in 1972. They have a "cool climate" vision (they don't make shiraz). This is such an elegant chardonnay, with excellent flavour poise and depth! Love the well honed nose of pear, oak spice, vanilla, honeysuckle and wet stone. Very classy. Despite the richness there is streamlined elegance on the palate. Great acidity, and gentle warmth. Just a touch of sulphur lends to the

mineral effect. The length is excellent. And Filius is just their entry level; their Heyetsbury tasted last year is outstanding scoring 95 points.

Tasted April 2016

Sara d'Amato

A crisp, appropriately oaked chardonnay offering an abundance of orchard fruit and citrus. Polished, undeniably elegant and beautifully balanced with cool climate appeal. An ethereal mouthfeel gains momentum and viscosity on the lengthy finish. Excellent length. Exceptional value.

Tasted April 2016.

John Szabo, MS

A light, easy-drinking, bright and pale entry-level chardonnay from Vasse Felix, designed for current enjoyment. It's more open than the tightly wound, flinty top tier, but all the more immediately gratifying for it. Length and depth are good, if not exceptional. Drink this while you wait for the excellent Vasse Felix Heytesbury chardonnay to mature.

Tasted April 2016. Value Rating: **

PIKES RIESLING 'TRADITIONALE' 2015

—VINTAGES#: 66894 | 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 23.95

Made in:South Australia
By:Pikes Vintners Wines
Sugar Content:16 g/L Sweetness
Descriptor:D - Dry
Style:Aromatic & Flavourful
Varietal:Riesling



Tasting Notes:

Pikes is one of the 'big guns' of the Clare Valley. There comes a point when Clare Valley Riesling can

become a little tiresome, even for a Riesling-lover like this imbiber. The stereotypical lemon/lime profile of Clare Valley Riesling can become a touch one-dimensional.

Pikes 'Traditionale' Riesling 2015 is a step up from run of the mill Clare Valley Riesling, pear and apple fruits sitting alongside lemon and lime citrus with a floral twist lending further complexity. Although there is plenty to enjoy now, this wine should develop well in bottle over the medium term.

Tasting Note:

Pale silvery yellow in appearance. Attractive nose of apple, pear, lemon zest and lime. Dry. Good fruit intensity in a similar realm to the bouquet. More vibrant and complex than your average Clare Valley Riesling. Good length. Should develop well, but plenty to enjoy now.
Score: 16.5/20

penguinspalate.blogspot.ca

TORBRECK WOODCUTTER'S SHIRAZ 2013



Syrah/Shiraz from Barossa Valley, Australia

Available Vintages in October - 27.95

Grapes: Corvina, Australian Wine Companion - "Part estate, part contract-grown. Strongly coloured, this has more grunt and depth to some of its predecessors, with savoury black fruits occupying centre stage, ripe tannins stationed in the wings to block any escape."

Tasting Notes:

Vinous / Antonio Galloni - "Opaque ruby. Heady smoky- and spice-accented black and blue fruit scents, with hints of violet and cracked pepper building in the glass. Sappy and focused on the palate, offering juicy blackberry and cassis flavors plus a hint of floral pastille. This concentrated, energetic Shiraz

finishes with silky tannins and a long, fruit-driven finish accented by repeating notes of spices and flowers. This wine makes a great introduction to Torbreck's style at a gentle price."

Wade through some happiness in a glass here. It's hard to believe that this is on the shelf for \$25. And whilst it sits in the shadows of some of the more illustrious labels in the Torbreck range, man it has some broad shoulders and stands up for itself well.

Oceans of depth courtesy of it being bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Spades of plums and dark fruits get on the front foot from the outset. There's a surge of sweet blue fruit rushing through late. A spice rub of sorts rounds this off nicely leading to a long and rewarding finish.

A solid wine and one of those reliable fall backs.

Drink in the medium term.

qwine.blogspot.ca

WYNNS COONAWARRA BLACK LABEL ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2013



—VINTAGES#: 84996 | 750 mL bottle

Price \$ 23.95

Made in:South Australia
By:Treasury Wine Estates
Sugar Content:5 g/L
Sweetness Descriptor:XD - Extra Dry
Style:Full-bodied & Firm
Varietal:Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes:

Michael Godel

Wynns holdings of more than 10 per cent of all Cabernet Sauvignon planted in Coonawarra is expressly manifested in the Black Label bottling. It is the spokesperson for the Terra Rossa soil and the cool

climate style. The natural freedom and cure is special in this vintage, initially notified by a ferric repute which is neither heavy nor laden. The 2013 is a Cabernet seemingly fast forwarded to what it will become, already there in the now, yet not advanced or evolved in any way. Black cherry sure but also a savoury beat from continental climate trees, their fruit and the dry wind that blows through. The age ability is undeniable. Twelve plus years will change next to nothing, visual, audible, olfactory or gustatory. It already has wise character. There aren't many places in the world for your mind to travel and find such ethereal Cabernet. Coonawarra is definitely near the top of the list. Drink 2016-2028.

Tasted at the Langton's Classification Seminar, February 2016.

David Lawrason

The new vintage of Coonawarra's signature cabernet shares the sense of authenticity, balance and depth of recent examples. It is 100% cabernet, a rarity in the cab universe, and even more remarkable how well it is balanced without in-filling of merlot or obvious oak, or alcohol. It's steadfastly at 13%. The nose shows ripe blackcurrant, mint, dried herbs, a touch of meatiness plus a ferrous minerality. It's medium bodied, firm and youthfully edgy but the tannins are very fine. The length is very good to excellent. This wine is an absolute bargain in Canada, where it is often sold below the price in Australia. We'll take it. A cab lovers cab. Best 2018 to 2023+.

Tasted January 2016



CHARLES CIMICKY THE BOHEMIAN GRENACHE 2010

—VINTAGES#: 446708 | 750
mL bottle

Price \$ 29.95

Made in:South Australia
By:K. Cimicky & Son
Winemakers
Sugar Content:4 g/L
Sweetness Descriptor:XD -
Extra Dry
Style:Full-bodied & Smooth
Varietal:Grenache

Australia.

Tasting Notes:



The 2010 The Bohemian Grenache is a true Barossa beauty from a great vintage! Pale to medium garnet colored, it opens with a meaty/earthy nose over a core of kirsch, red currant jelly and mulberries plus nuances of orange peel, Chinese five spice, balsamic and black pepper. Big, rich and plush-textured in the mouth, it delivers plenty of spice and savory flavors intertwined with tons of fruit, finishing long with just the right amount of chew. Drink: 2015-2020. Score - 92.

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