



Australia

Wineries A - E

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**Aldridge
South Australia**

White Wines

Twynham Chardonnay 2010 **88** **2011-13**

Tasted at the Carlton Club March 2011

Lime and apple freshness is backed by melon fleshiness an attractive mix of flavours. The mid palate has greengage depth with towards the back fresh fruits that lift the flavours on the finish. The mix of apple freshness and greengage richness is strong enough to marry well with most of the fish dishes and they would certainly compliment chicken.

**Balnaves
Coonawarra
South Australia**

Red Wines

Cabernet Merlot 1999 **93** **2004-11**

Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004

There is a lot happening on the nose black plum, cassis with some fresher bilberry. The start of the palate is packed with rich ripe fruit but towards the back there are fresher flavours that balance.

Cabernet / Merlot 2001 **90**

Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005

It feels a touch jammy on the nose, rather overripe plum. There is though better structure on the palate with bramble and cassis showing on the finish.

Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 **92** **2004-10**

Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004

There is a lot of ripe cassis on the nose the sweet fruit backed by minty bramble. The start of the palate is full and generous but towards the middle it feels tighter the fruit slightly held back by firm tannins.

- Cabernet Sauvignon 2000** 93 2004-11
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004
 There is a good weight of fruit on both nose and palate all very black fruited. It is meaty on the mid palate with lighter black fruits towards the back balancing the richness. The tannins feel to be well handled.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2001** 90
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005
 The nose has a rich mix of blackberry and sloe with mineral over tones. The palate has sweetness, power and depth. It is all a bit obvious with fatness on the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2002** 90
Australia Tasting London January 2007
 The cassis has richness, a coating of dark chocolate. Full and ripe on the palate with real depth of black fruit flavours. The richness is balanced by some freshness giving a bright feel.
- Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2002** 91
Australia Tasting London January 2007
 The nose has the cedar wood of maturity backed by black plum. There is richness at the start of the palate, lighter nutty character in the middle and towards the end. It is lovely now but use before end of 2008
- Reserve Cabernet 2001 The Tally** 92
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005
 The nose is packed with very concentrated black fruits. There is good depth on both nose and palate. Ripeness shows on the mid palate with weight and length of flavour on the finish.
- Sparkling Cabernet Released 2005** 90
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005
 The fresh fruit is underpinned by bitter sweet chocolate. It has a good mix of black fruit flavours, full and sweet yet fresh but needs to be served cold to get the best effect.

**Boutinot Australia
 Langhorne Creek
 South Australia**

Red Wines

- Soldiers Block Shiraz 2013** 89 2015-20
Tasted at the Carlton Club September 2015

Ripe on the nose the palate has sweet fruit depth a mix of black fruits and red. Rounded tannins add to the mid sweetness supple and fleshy but at the back there is bramble freshness the finish peppery and spicy.

**Bowen Estate
Coonawarra
South Australia**

Red Wines

- Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Cabernet Franc 2001** 92 2004-10
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004
Cassis is to the fore enriched by black plum with the richness of both balanced by mulberry freshness. The herbal quality gives spiciness and towards the back there are some hints of oak.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2000** 95 2004-12
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004
Rich ripe fruit packs out the nose and gives a fleshy start on the palate. Layers of flavour are there on the palate blackcurrant, liquorice, mocha and coffee beans. The tannins are ripe and rounded the fruit sweet the back palate voluptuous and fleshy but there is enough freshness to give harmony and balance on the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2001** 95 2005-12
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005
Although the fruit on the nose is rich and sweet there is an underlying vibrancy from the bilberry that lies beneath. The mid palate has the feel of opulence further enriched by rounded tannins. The tannins still feel quite firm but do not hold back fruit expression.
- Coonawarra Shiraz 1993** 95 2004-09
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004
The spicy red fruit on the nose is backed by herbal hints. Layers of fruit give complexity added to by the animal and spice that show towards the back. Ripe tannins give a fleshy feel to the finish.
- Coonawarra Shiraz 1997** 91 2004-07
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004
There is much more of a red berried influence on the nose. The palate is quite rich still though very red fruit in character. The animal and herbal flavours add to the complexity and although rich on the back palate the finish is just starting to dry.
- Coonawarra Shiraz 2001** 95 2004-11
Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004

The nose has a lovely mix of fragrances with the black fruited mix spiced up by black pepper. Fruit freshness is very much in evidence on the start of the palate but the sweetness of the fruit fleshes out the mid palate. The finish is packed with peppery black fruits.

**Bremerton
Langhorne Creek
South Australia**

White Wines

- Verdelho 2003** **90**
Tasted at LWTF May 2004
 The earthy, mineral nose is backed by rich creamy fruit balanced by a delicious crisp citrus mix. The palate has creamy lemon flavours and racy freshness.
- Verdelho 2004** **91**
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 The nose is fragrant with creamy peach and apricot refreshed by citrus. The taste is a mix of freshness and creamy fruit. Lots of lemon and greengage comes through on the stylish finish.
- Verdelho 2005** **91**
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
 Green lime mixed in with creamy peach and apricot. The palate has good depth, lots of leafy greengage and apricot. The fruit is ripe but it is well balanced by the mid freshness. Lots of character showing on the finish.
- Verdelho 2007** **91**
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
 There is a lot happening on the nose with the green fig and pineapple underpinned by some fresh lime. The ripeness of the fruit fleshes out the mid palate then the citrus flavours push though and add brightness to the finish
- Verdelho 2008** **92**
Tasted at LWTF May 2009
 The richness of apricot gives an attractive fleshiness on the nose and this weight of fruit gives the feeling of power on the palate. There is freshness under the apricot, a hint of lime and greengage, all adding complexity towards the back.
- Verdelho 2009** **90** **2010-13**
Tasted at the LWTF May 2010
 There is a lovely richness on the nose and this depth of flavour packs out the palate. The mix of greengage and apple has a leafy herbal quality the fruit power balanced by apple freshness. The fruit lasts well on the finish.

Verdelho 2011 91 2012-16
Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians September 2012
 Lime and greengage are backed by herbal leafy characters. There is some lovely rich fruit in the middle but towards the back the herbal leafy lime mix takes over leaving the finish racy and fresh fruited.

Verdelho 2012 92 2014-17
Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014
 Herbal with lime and lemon the nose is bright and the start of the palate has citrus freshness. The tropical fruit mix on the palate feels ripe the mid palate sweet yet at the back fresher fruits show through giving a light fragrant feel to the finish.

Special Release Fiano 2013 92 2014-18
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015
 Summer flowers orange blossom white flowers the nose has fragrant charm the palate is fresh very citrus driven. Light at the back yet there are sweeter fruits giving a richer feel to the finish.

Rosé Wines

Racy Rosé 2004 88
Shiraz Cabernet
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 It is very flowery and fragrant with spicy cassis on the nose. The palate has fruit with a flowery freshness and fair length on the finish.

Racy Rosé 2005 90
Shiraz Cabernet
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
 There is lots of lovely fresh blackcurrant and bilberry on the nose. Minty flowery flavours show on the palate with sweet fruit on the mid palate and a racy freshness towards the back (hence the name no doubt!!).

Racy Rosé 2006 89
Shiraz Cabernet
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
 The mix of fruits, blackcurrant, bilberry and mulberry are fresh giving a lively feel to both nose and palate. Lots of character in evidence, the crispness gives the finish its racy length.

Racy Rosé 2007 90
Shiraz Cabernet
Tasted at LWTF May 2008

Very summer fruited on the nose with a lovely mix of raspberry and strawberry. The fruit is sweet underpinned by redcurrant and bilberry freshness that brightens the flavours on the long finish.

Racy Rosé 2009**89 2010-12***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

Fresh raspberry and redcurrant gives lots of flavour on the nose. The freshness is there on the palate but towards the middle sweeter fruit shows through ripe fleshy strawberry. The back palate has an underlying freshness.

Racy Rosé 2010**90 2011-12*****Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon****Australia Tasting January 2011*

There is a lot happening on the nose fresh raspberries backed by slightly richer wild strawberries. The palate is fresh but in the middle there is enough sweetness to balance and give some depth. Fresh red fruits brighten the finish.

Red Wines**Tamblyn 2001****89*****Cabernet Shiraz Merlot****Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

There is lots of interest on the nose with pepper spice plum and red and black berried fruit. The palate is full of sweet fruit, ripe and supple. Nice depth of character on the finish.

Tamblyn 2002**92*****Cabernet Shiraz Merlot****Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose is packed with sweet fruit, a mix of mulberry, black plum and cassis. Supple and satisfying on palate, a mix of complex flavours combined with a hint of oak. The spice character adds an excitement to the finish.

Tamblyn 2003**92*****Cabernet Shiraz Merlot****Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

The black plum, cassis and bilberry are all ripe and flesh out the nose. The rich mix of flavours is supple, made softer and easier by the ripe tannins; character and interest come from the spicy pepper that lingers on the finish.

Tamblyn 2005**93*****Cabernet Shiraz Malbec Merlot****Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose has the fleshiness of sweet fruit, a lovely complex mix of flavours, first there is cassis with some black plum, then some peppery red fruits, all underpinned by leathery truffle. The depth of flavour is there on the palate; it is all rich and sweet but there is enough mid acidity to gives brightness towards the finish.

Tamblyn 2006 93

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

The fragrant more red fruit influenced nose is a bit misleading as backing it is richer sweeter bilberry and black plum. The palate has a lovely fleshy feel with a complex mix of flavours; cassis is there, enriched by the plum and spiced up by some black pepper and a hint of black truffle from the Malbec.

Tamblyn 2007 92 2010-15

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

Tasted at LWTF May 2009

The nose has many facets dark plum of Merlot, blackcurrant of Cabernet, red cherry of Shiraz and black truffle and blackberry of Malbec. The layers of flavour give both interest and complexity. The fruit is ripe and sweet yet there is enough freshness to balance.

Tamblyn 2008 92 2010-15

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

Tasted at the LWTF May 2010

The nose has many facets dark plum of Merlot, blackcurrant of Cabernet, red cherry of Shiraz and black truffle and blackberry of Malbec. The layers of flavour give both interest and complexity. The fruit is ripe and sweet yet there is enough freshness to balance.

Tamblyn 2009 93 2011-16

Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011

The nose is packed with fruit very sweet and rich with the ripeness of the flavours giving a lush fleshiness on the palate. Black fruits tend to dominate lots of bramble and black cherry. The layers of flavour give complexity and the depth of the fruit enriches the back palate.

Tamblyn 2010 93 2014-20

Cabernet Sauvignon 44% Shiraz 41% Merlot 6% Malbec 9%

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014

Spicy peppery on the nose the black fruits are quite fresh but the palate has depth rich cassis and black cherry all backed by black truffles and damsons. Layers of flavour give complexity and although spicy at the back it finishes with black fruited richness.

Selkirk Shiraz 2000 90

Tasted at LWTF May 2002

Very spice, pepper raspberry on the nose. It is rich and deep on the palate with red berried fruits and lots of sweet peppermint. Good weight of flavour and length of ripe fruit.

Selkirk Shiraz 2001**90***Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

It is very complex on the nose, a mix of pepper and spice with raspberry fruit. On taste there is a richness, a feeling of ripeness and a good depth of black pepper red berried fruit.

Selkirk Shiraz 2002**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

Action packed on the nose, spice pepper and red berried fruits. Rounded and lush on palate, it has that voluptuous feel, fruit that fills the mouth and leaves pepper and ripe fruit lingering on the palate.

Selkirk Shiraz 2005**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

It is ripe, lots of sweet fruit enriched by a touch of minty pepper. The mix of flavours gives interest and complexity, more of a red fruit influence although bramble does emerge through towards the back.

Selkirk Shiraz 2006**93***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

There is a lot going on with the fruit spiced up by hints of black pepper. Red berried fruits are dominant, the ripeness and the rounded tannins ensure that the palate has a sensuous richness. There is more of a black fruit feel towards the back, the sweet fruit enlivened by spicy pepper.

Selkirk Shiraz 2007**92****2010-15***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

It leans more to red fruit than black all spiced up by black pepper. There are sweet black fruits on the palate, ripe and quite fleshy, chocolate rich, but their lushness is balanced by red cherry and redcurrant that appear towards the back.

Selkirk Shiraz 2009**92****2012-20***Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012*

The nose is deep powerful with rich brooding fruits. Black fruits tend to dominate the palate enriched by dark chocolate in the middle the mix of flavours filling out the back plate. Some red fruits underpin the black towards the back and the finish has the spice of black pepper.

Selkirk Shiraz 2010**94****2014-18***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

The nose has more red fruits than black but they feel ripe and the palate starts with sweetness. Meaty and rich in the middle black fruits intermingle with red some bramble and red cherry with this richness gives depth and weight on the spicy black pepper finish.

- Selkirk Shiraz 2011** 93 2014-20
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
 Red fruits are very much in evidence but they are sweet and ripe. The start of the palate has lots of rich flavours yet there is an underlying freshness raspberry redcurrant the finish quite light with white pepper spiciness.
- Reserve Cabernet 2001** 93
Tasted at LWTF May 2004
 There is a mass of concentrated fruit on the nose, cassis and bilberry predominate. The fruit on the palate is supple and rounded with real depth and intensity. Cassis and chocolate supported by fine tannins make for real satisfaction and there is real intensity at the end.
- Reserve Cabernet 2002** 93
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 The nose has depth of flavour, a mix of blackcurrant, sloe and bramble. The palate is packed with ripe, supple fruit, rounded and fleshy but the mid structure gives a firmness that adds to the complexity. The ripe black fruits are bright and so well balanced with the hints of oak. Depth and complexity show towards the finish and the fruit flavours are very long.
- Reserve Cabernet 2003** 94
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
 The mix of cassis, sloe and bramble is very powerful and gives depth to the nose and richness on the palate. Dark chocolate adds to the sweet depth but although the tannins are ripe they give enough backbone to balance the sweetness. There is an exciting complexity and lots of length.
- Reserve Cabernet 2004** 95
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
 The nose is packed with rich fruit, cassis very much in evidence but behind the blackcurrant is dark plum and sloe. The richness of the fruit fills out the palate, dark chocolate mixed in with the black fruits. The voluptuous richness is well balanced by some bilberry freshness that gives an elegant twist to the finish.
- Reserve Cabernet 2006** 93 2010-18
Tasted at the LWTF May 2010
 Although from reading the label the alcohol is quite high it does not show through on the palate. A mass of blackcurrant, black cherry and sloe enriches the nose and gives a complexity to the palate. The ripeness of the fruit gives it a chocolate richness but there is enough freshness, a touch of bilberry, to balance and give harmony towards the back.
- Reserve Cabernet 2007** 93 2013-24
Tasted at Mercers' Hall November 2011

The nose has a lot of concentrated black fruits cassis and black cherry. The palate is deep full of flavours layers of fruit enriched by liquorice lots of complexity. The tannins are firm but feel ripe so not holding back the flavours. The powerful mix towards the back is lightened and refreshed by a touch of bilberry flavours that linger on the finish.

Coulthard Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

93 2015-21

Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015

Cassis dominates the nose the palate has depth with black cherry, liquorice and dark chocolate. The mid richness is balanced by bilberry freshness but it fills out at the back rich and ripe with depth of flavour on the finish.

Walter's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

96 2014-22

Tasted at the LWF June 2014

Brooding richness blackcurrant and black cherry the nose has depth and the palate lots of powerful flavours. Under the black fruits there is a rich mix of liquorice, coffee beans and dark chocolate the powerful mix enriches the finish. The fruit mix lingers on the long finish.

Special Release Malbec 2012

94 2014-22

Tasted at the LWF June 2014

Chunky the nose has depth with rich ripe black fruits on the palate. The fleshy middle has lots of black plum some black truffle the richness of the fruit packing out the back palate. There is enough underlying freshness to bring out some spice on the finish.

Old Adam Shiraz 2001

92

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

It has a big, open nose with spice pepper mulberry and red plum. There are powerful ripe flavours on the palate which has suppleness and fleshiness with lots of fruit towards the end that lasts well.

Old Adam Shiraz 2002

93

Tasted at LWTF May 2005

Each year the Bremerton team make rich and balanced Shiraz, the 2002 is no exception. The nose has power and depth with a mass of peppery red berried flavours. Supple and rounded on palate the strawberry, raspberry fruit has an exotic pepper spice and lasts well.

Old Adam Shiraz 2005

94

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

This is very much in the mould of past vintages. There is richness and fruit power showing on both nose and palate. Layers of flavour give complexity and the mass of red berried fruit the depth of flavour. Supple tannins all add to the fleshiness and although very rich and rounded there is enough redcurrant freshness to lift and lengthen the flavours. It ends with a twist of exotic spice

Old Adam Shiraz 2007**93 2010-18***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

There is a lot of powerful ripe fruit on the nose leaning more towards red than black fruit. The ripeness of the fruit fleshes out the palate all so lush and fleshy. Black fruits are there vying with the red for dominance helping to enrich the back palate. The finish has the spice of black pepper.

Old Adam Shiraz 2009**93 2014-20***Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

Profound rich fruited on the nose with depth of flavour on the palate. The layers of black and red fruits give interest and complexity first richness then freshness the finish is sweet fruited lots of power.

Old Adam Shiraz 2010**94 2014-22***Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

The nose has a mix of fruits with the sweetness of black fruits and the freshness of red. Ripe and fleshy in the middle with ripe tannins lovely and supple it is fresher at the back red fruited with lots happening on the finish spicy and black peppered.

**Brokenwood
Hunter Valley
New South Wales**

White Wines**“Cricket Pitch” White 2005****85***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is very light rather innocuous but has freshness in the middle and towards the back.

Hunter Valley Semillon 2006**85***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is very light showing little fruit on either nose or palate. The finish is short.

“ILR Reserve” Semillon 2001**86***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is quite fresh on the nose but has a vegetal character on the palate. Not much charm is showing.

Red Wines**“Cricket Pitch” Red 2003****86***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There are vibrant fruit flavours on the nose. Sweet red fruits show on the palate but it is not that complex although there is some flavour on the finish.

Shiraz 2002**89***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

The nose is quite fleshy with ripe fruits more red than black. The pepper spice comes through on the palate and lasts.

“Graveyard Vineyard” Shiraz 2004**90***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There is a lot happening on the nose, lots of raspberry mixed in with fatter strawberry. There is sweetness on the start with a fresher middle giving brightness on the finish.

Brown Brothers**Milawa****Victoria****White Wines****Everton White 2004****89****2005-07*****Chardonnay Sauvignon Blanc Pinot Gris****Tasted in London October 2005*

Lime fresh on the nose the palate has more depth ripe greengage and melon. The fruit at the back is fresh with herbaceous spiciness on the finish.

Patricia Chardonnay 2002**90****2005-07***Tasted in London October 2005*

The nose is fresh and the start of the palate has crunchy apple. Sweet in the middle with ripe honeydew melon the richness underpinned by fresh fruit the back palate lighter the finish though full and sweet fruited.

Red Wines**Everton Red 2003****89****2005-08*****Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec****Tasted in London October 2005*

The fruit on the nose is fresh peppery and spicy but the palate is richer with sweet fruit and dark chocolate. The supple fleshiness is underpinned by red fruits the back palate slightly lighter.

Patricia Shiraz 2002**90****2005-09***Tasted in London October 2005*

Spicy and peppery on the nose the start of the palate has red fruited freshness. Black fruits liquorice give richness on the palate the mid palate is fleshy and supple with the sweet fruit the dark chocolate fleshing out the finish.

Sweet White Wines

- Orange Flora & Muscat 2003** 89 2005-09
Tasted in London October 2005
 The nose has orange blossom fragrances the start of the palate light with tangerine freshness. Sweet in the middle lush and fleshy with candied orange peel the back palate slightly lighter the finish has length and fragrance.
- Orange Flora & Muscat 2008** 88 2012-16
Tasted at Party Ingredients London October 2012
 The nose is spicy with sweet fruit some peach, some apricot and candied peel. The richness on the mid palate is balanced by freshness but towards the back it fills out with ripe flavours spicy perfumed sweet fruit.
- Noble Riesling 2000 (Botrytis affected)** 94 2005-11
Tasted in London October 2005
 The nose has depth of fruit the palate is rich peachy with ripe apricot and candied peel. The fleshy sweetness the richness is backed by a touch of citrus but the finish is rich and sweet lots of orange marmalade and honey.

**Bush Telegraph
 South Australia**

Red Wines

- Shiraz Petit Verdot 2011** 87 2012-17
Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012
 Ripe fruit gives a fleshy richness on both nose and palate with the mid palate being quite jammy. The tannins are obvious slightly abrasive giving it a rather unbalanced feel.

**Byrne Wines
 Norwood
 South Australia**

White Wines

Devlin's Mount Chardonnay 2016**89 2017-20***Tasted in Lilley January 2017*

The nose is bright with a mix of fresh fruits the palate rich with melon and honeyed apricot. The ripe fruit the richness in the middle is underpinned by tangerine freshness complexity layers of flavour. Ripe at the back the sweetness of the fruit enriches the finish.

**Cape Mentelle
Margaret River**

White Wines**Sauvignon Blanc Semillon n 2017****88 2017-22***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

The nose has herbaceous freshness the start of the palate light but there is more depth in the middle fleshy grapefruit the finish light and citrusy.

Red Wines**Cabernet Merlot 2014****88 2017-21***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

Brambles and bilberry the nose is fresh the palate herbal at the start. There is more depth in the middle black plum and cherry the back palate lighter the finish has a mix of fresh black fruits.

Shiraz 2015**89 2017-22***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

The fruit on the nose is spicy the palate has black pepper more red fruits than black. It does fill out in the middle and finishes with black pepper excitement.

Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**90 2017-21***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

The nose is fresh the palate richer with cassis and black cherry herbal undertones. The tannins are fine and integrated the sweetness at the back giving way to freshness on the finish.

**Casella Wines
Yenda
New South Wales**

Red Wines**Black Stump 2010****91 2013-19***Durif Shiraz*

The fruit is ripe lots of prunes and blackberry on the palate sumptuous and rich. The fleshy sweet start is backed by fresher fruit bitter black cherry that balances and gives a more complex feel. The finish has the fleshy sweetness of ripe black plum.

**Celestial Bay
Margaret River
Western Australia**

White Wines

Sauvignon Semillon 2008 89 2011-12

Tasted at Mosimann's July 2011

There is a lime and lemon freshness about the nose but the palate is quite sweet fruited with a touch of white peach. The Sauvignon crispness is there towards the back but the finish is quite full with a nice depth of flavour.

**Charles Melton
Barossa Valley
South Australia**

Red Wines

Nine Popes 2003 91

Australia Tasting London January 2007

It is very rich with lots of sweet fruit although there is nothing jammy about it has real complexity. The middle is firmer but the ripe sweetness comes through strongly on the finish.

Barossa Valley Shiraz 2002 92

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Action packed on nose, the rich black and red fruits have depth and intriguing black pepper. There is a rich feel to the palate, rounded tannins and lovely ripe length.

**Clonakilla
Canberra
New South Wales**

Red Wines

"Hilltops" Shiraz 2005 90

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The ripeness on the nose gives a fleshy character, a fatness that shows on both nose and palate. More red fruit than black, the pepper spice is very much in evidence on the finish.

“Hilltops” Shiraz 2010**90 2012-16***Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians January 2012*

Red fruits dominate both nose and palate very fresh with lots of spicy pepper. Although the mid palate is quite full the freshness towards the back gives a much lighter feel on the finish.

Canberra District Shiraz / Viognier 2005**92***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

The addition of Viognier grapes into the mix has added a lighter more elegant character. The freshness on the nose is there on the palate but the richness of the Shiraz pushes through and fills out the middle. Good structure and length

**Coates Wines
McLaren Vale**

White Wines

The Semillon Sauvignon Blend 2013**89 2017-19***Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017*

The nose is bright and fresh the palate fleshy with ripe fruits mid depth. Citrus come through towards the back lighter and bright but it fills out on the finish with apricot richness.

**Coriole
McLaren Vale
South Australia**

White Wines

Chenin Blanc 2003**87***Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose is very fresh crisp and fragrant with fresh lemon and hints of lychee. The fruit on the palate is sweet and ripe but there is an attractive fresh flowery nature that lingers.

Chenin Blanc 2004**86***Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

Fresh, crisp, lots of lemon, lime and lychee. There is some sweet fruit on the mid palate but not a great length of fruit

Chenin Blanc 2005**89***Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose is quite light with a mix of lychee and fresh lime. Sweetness is there on the mid palate with a mix of lime, pears and hints of lychee. It has lots of length.

Chenin Blanc 2007 **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

Although the nose is quite light it has a lovely mix of fragrances, tropical fruit refreshed by lime. The palate has balance with sweet honeydew melon then citrus freshness, the mix of flavours lingers on the finish.

Chenin Blanc 2008 **88**

Tasted at LWTF May 2009

Although the nose is light there is a very attractive fragrance of lime and lemon. The palate is sweeter more of a tropical fruit character backed by crispness of citrus.

Fiano 2007 **89**

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

Citrus flavours dominate the nose and feature strongly on the palate. The fragrant grapefruit and lime give crispness but towards the middle of the palate there are white peaches and apricot, fresher orange and tangerine comes through strongly giving a richer feel to the finish

Fiano 2008 **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2009

There is a lot happening on the nose, at first it feels sweet and ripe, peachy greengage but behind it is some citrus freshness. Apricot and pear fill out the mid palate enriching the finish.

Fiano 2011 **93** **2012-15**

Tasted in Lilley January 2012

The nose has all the richness of honeydew melon, smoky, aromatic with hints of hazel nuts but behind the richness there is a lovely mix of lemon and apple. Sweet fruit dominates the start of the palate but towards the back the mix of lemon and lime gives it a zesty freshness. Layers of flavour give complexity and the fruit lingers on the long finish.

Fiano 2012 **90** **2013-17**

Tasted at LWTF May 2013

The nose is fresh and fragrant and although the start of the palate is light there are hints of lemon and lime. Slightly fuller on the mid palate there is more of a white peach character with a citrusy freshness on the finish.

Fiano 2013 **91** **2014-16**

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014

There is a fragrant charm about the nose floral fragrant with an orange blossom character. Citrus refreshes the palate and although there is more of a tropical fruit richness in the middle the finish is light and fresh fruited.

Sémillon Sauvignon 2003**88***Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

Has a sweetness and depth of character. The nose is a mix of peach and apricots. Freshness on the palate at the start but sweeter fuller feel to the mid palate, peach and gooseberry combine to give interest and length.

Sémillon Sauvignon 2004**87***Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

The nose is light and fresh with a mix of gooseberry and melon. The palate has freshness a pleasant, easy mix just lacking a bit of depth.

Racked Sémillon 2006**91***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The citrus mix on the nose gives the impression of freshness but behind this is sweetness, ripe apricot and tangerine peel. There is an excellent balance of sweetness and freshness with the ripe tropical fruits giving an attractive richness to the finish.

Rosé Wines**Nebbiolo Rosé 2006****89***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

Lots of fragrant raspberry and cherry fill out the nose. There is weight of fruit on the palate which has plum fleshiness in the middle then there is freshness, a lighter fragrance towards the back; would go well with food.

Nebbiolo Rosé 2007**88***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The mix of raspberry and cherry gives a fragrant cocktail of fruits on the nose. The palate has sweet flavours with behind, fresher fruits that lighten the mid palate and highlight the floral fragrance of the finish. It is light and easy just lacks some complexity.

Nebbiolo Rosé 2008**88****2011-12***Australia Tasting January 2011*

It is quite sweet and full on the nose and the ripe fruit gives flesh on the palate. Behind the richness is red cherry its freshness helping to balance the sweetness. The finish lacks freshness showing the same richness as the nose.

Red Wines**Redstone Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2001****90***Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

There is weight of fruit on the nose with a good mix of cassis, plum and loganberry. The palate has sweet ripe fruit with lots of black pepper, red plum, blackcurrant and chocolate. The finish is supple and ripe.

Redstone Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2002 **92**

Australia Tasting January 2006

It has a firm, structured nose with a mix of cassis and black plum. The palate has both depth and weight of fruit, a mix of blackcurrant and plums backed by a peppery spice. There is some sweetness on the finish enriching and fleshing out the fruit.

Redstone Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 **92** **2011-16**

Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011

There is a lot of rich fruit on the nose but the palate has a lighter fresher red cherry centre. The mix of fruits gives complexity with the fruit richness packing out the back palate.

Redstone Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 **91** **2013-20**

Tasted at LWTF May 2013

There are lots of black fruits on both nose and palate cassis and black cherry enriched in the middle by milk chocolate. Towards the back it feels slightly lighter leafy cigar box and cedar wood flavours that linger on the finish.

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014 **92** **2015-22**

Black fruits dominate the fresh bramble backed by richer blackcurrant and black cherry. The fruit feels ripe the tannins rounded the mid palate supple and fleshy chocolaty with some liquorice. Slightly fresher at the back yet the finish has depth of flavour.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2001 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2003

It is cherry fresh on nose with a complex mix of flavours on taste, cherries, red plum and mulberry all intermingled with a peppery spice. The finish is sweet, ripe with fragrant flavours.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2002 **89**

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

The nose is fragrant fresh with spicy cherry and raspberry. Complexity on the palate, a mix of different fruit flavours with an attractive sweetness and a long ripe finish.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2003 **91**

Australia Tasting January 2006

The nose has a mix of fruits, first black cherry then raspberry and loganberry. The palate is sweet with spice pepper enlivening the fruit. There is richness, lots of Morello Cherry and a ripeness showing on the finish.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2004 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2006

The mix of black and red fruits has an intriguing complexity, the cherry gives freshness whilst the plum a fleshy richness. There is enough mid acidity to brighten the flavours which are spiced up by the black pepper from the Shiraz.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2005 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2007

Cherry is very much in evidence on the nose and is there on the palate, backed by fresh raspberry and loganberry. The ripeness of the tannins give a fleshy richness to the palate but there is enough acidity to brighten and this combined with black pepper spices up the finish.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2006 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

It is very red cherry on the nose but behind it is fragrant bilberry adding to the complexity. The fruit on the palate feels fresh spiced up by white pepper but enriched towards the back by the black fruits that lie beneath

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2009 **91** **2011-16**

Australia Tasting January 2011

Red cherry is to the fore but feeling ripe and sweet. The fleshy mid palate has a balancing freshness that brings the fruit more into focus. The ripeness of the fruit gives a fleshy richness on the back palate and sweetness on the finish.

Contour 4 Sangiovese Shiraz 2011 **92** **2014-20**

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014

There is a red fruited freshness with a mix of raspberry and red cherry and the start of the palate is quite light. The mid palate is richer still red fruited and although firmer at the back the finish has a sweet peppery spiciness.

Sangiovese 2002 **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

The nose is very flowery and fragrant with red and black cherry. The palate is sweet and supple and has a good weight of fruit and flavour but there is a fragrant, flowery character right at the end.

Sangiovese 2003 **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2005

The nose is lovely fragrant with a mix of red and black cherry. The taste is supple yet fresh with lots of fragrant fruit. Nice long finish, elegant, flowery and fragrant with cherry spice lingering on.

Sangiovese 2004 **91**

Australia Tasting January 2006

Fragrant mix of black and red cherries spiced up with raspberry. The mid palate has sweet depth, there is some mid acidity but the tannins feel rounded and are not obtrusive. Firmness shows on the finish with an attractive length of fruit.

Sangiovese 2005 **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2007

Very red cherry on the nose that is remarkably rich and sweet. The tannins give structure and firm up the fleshiness giving a racier length of flavour to the finish.

Sangiovese 2007 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2009

The nose has lots of fragrance, floral red cherry and spring blossom. The palate is very fresh a mix of red fruits and almond kernels but there is some sweetness showing towards the back that gives more weight to the finish.

Sangiovese 2010 **91** **2012-17**

Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians June 2012

The redcurrant and wild strawberry mix is fresh but full of flavour. Sweet fruit gives richness on the mid palate underpinned by cherry stone firmness. There is a good mix of flavours nice complexity and length.

Estate Shiraz 2012 **89** **2015-18**

Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015

Sweet on the nose the start of the palate is lighter and fresher with a mix of mulberry and red cherry. Firm mid tannins but sweeter at the back the finish is bright light and fresh.

Toa Shiraz 2004 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2006

Packed with spice, the black fruits are fleshy and lush. The mix of black fruits gives complexity added to by the firmness and freshness on the mid palate. The spice pepper leaves a feeling of intrigue.

“The Soloist” Shiraz 2005 **91**

Tasted at LWTF May 2007

The mix of fruits on the nose gives excitement, an attractive mix of sweet bramble and fresher mulberry. Peppery spice is there but it shows more strongly on the palate. The fruit feels ripe and the tannins rounded all this giving sweetness to the palate. There is more red fruit towards the finish, the freshness leaving brightness on the palate.

“The Soloist” Shiraz 2006 **92**

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

Spicy red fruits are backed by hints of peppermint. On the palate there is a lovely mix of flavours, sweeter bilberry and black cherry brightened by some mulberry, redcurrant and red cherry. The black pepper towards the back spices up the finish.

The Dancing Fig 2006**93*****Shiraz Mourvèdre****Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

Packed with peppery red fruits backed by herbal hints, the nose is rich and complex. Multi layered on the palate, first mulberry and strawberry then bramble spiced up by herbal freshness and a touch of black pepper. The lush fruit fleshes out the finish but there is enough mid freshness to give brightness to the flavours.

The Dancing Fig 2008**91****2012-17*****Shiraz Mourvèdre****Australia Tasting January 2011*

There is a powerful mix of flavours on the nose with the black fruits tending to overpower the red. The structured tannins tend to hold back full fruit expression and give a tight feel on the finish. There is though the feel of more fruit to show.

Lalla Rookh Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2001**88***Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose is leafy with sweet fruit and the palate is supple with attractive greengage and plum. There is a pepper spice on the mid palate and a good depth of ripe flavours on the finish.

Lalla Rookh Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2002**91***Tasted at LWTF May 2006*

The nose is full of ripe fruit on the nose which has an attractive leafy spice character. The palate is full with suppleness and depth. It is very complex with different flavours coming to the fore and finishes with peppery mulberry.

Lalla Rookh Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre 2003**93***Australia Tasting January 2006*

There is a mass of ripe fruit on the nose given a racy feel by an attractive leafy spice character. The palate is full and supple with depth and sweetness. Lots of complexity shows on the palate with different flavours coming to the fore. The finish has black pepper, mulberry and wild strawberry.

Nero d'Avola 2014**90****2015-20***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Sweet on the nose the palate has a fruity mix of red and black fruits. Chocolate in the middle adds to the sweetness the back palate slightly lighter with black fruits on the finish.

Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot 2000**92**

Tasted at LWTF May 2003

The nose is very powerful and rich with ripe, rather hot black plum and chocolate cassis. There is real depth of fruit and flavour on the palate with richness and a big structure and lots of fruit on the finish but it is still a bit tight and needs more time.

Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot 2001 91*Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose has depth of fruit a subtle mix of blackcurrant and black plum. There is depth of fruit on the palate structured but full of ripe tannins. Towards the back there is an attractive depth of flavour with lots of fruit showing on the finish.

Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot 2002 91*Australia Tasting January 2006*

Cassis is very much in evidence on the nose but behind this is both cedar wood and plum. The richness of Merlot fills the palate with blackcurrants coming through towards the back. Sweet and ripe with rounded tannins, complexity and depth on the finish.

Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot 2005 93*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The fruit is rich and deep, blackcurrant and sloe fleshed out by black plum. There is a hint of cedar wood and oak at the moment adding to the complexity. Although the tannins feel quite firm there is enough fruit sweetness to give a rich powerful finish.

Lloyd Reserve Shiraz 2000 91*Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

It is very rich, ripe and fat on the nose. The fruits are red fruit, cherry, raspberry and loganberry, big and warm in the middle with black pepper and spice. Lots of warm, ripe fruit shows on the finish.

Lloyd Reserve Shiraz 2001 92*Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose is opulent and has weight of fruit and spice pepper. The palate is sweet and ripe with richness of flavour. Complex mix of fruit with power on the finish but it is not just weight and there is a feeling of elegance.

Lloyd Reserve Shiraz 2006 92*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

Black fruits are the first to show giving a rich feel to the nose. Behind this fleshiness on the mid-palate is underlying freshness hints of raspberry and redcurrant that lift the flavours towards the back. Spicy black pepper gives excitement on the finish.

**Crawford River Wines
Condah
Western Victoria**

White Wines

Young Vines Riesling 2013

91 2015-18

Tasted at the Loeb tasting Westbury Hotel March 2015

The nose is very fragrant and fresh the start of the palate citrusy and quite light. Hints of tropical fruits give more depth in the middle the finish long with mouth-watering apple freshness..

**Crittenden Estate
Mornington Peninsula
Victoria**

White Wines

**The Zumma Chardonnay 2015
Single Vineyard**

91 2017-21

Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017

The fruit is ripe the nose has sweetness and depth the start of the palate honeyed melon Rich and fleshy in the middle ripe greengage but there is balance underlying apple. It fills out at the back and finishes with fleshy sweetness.

Red Wines

Peninsular Pinot Noir 2013

88 2015-20

Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians November 2015

Fruity red fruits the nose is fresh the palate sweeter with depth of fruit in the middle. Fresh at the back mulberry and bramble layers of flavour the finish is bright with a hint of spice.

**Cullen
Margaret River
Western Australia**

White Wines

"Ellen Bussell" White 2005

87

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Light fresh flowery, the tropical fruit fragrances are mixed with white peach. There is an attractive freshness on the finish.

Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc 2006 **88**

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Flowery gooseberry underpinned with lemon and melon. It is quite fresh in the middle with slightly sweeter fruit showing through filling out the back palate.

Margaret River Sauvignon Semillon 2014 **90** **2017-19**

Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017

Fragrant white flowers the nose is fresh the palate has limes and lemons bright at the start. Ripe fruit the mid palate has fleshy richness depth of flavour lighter at the back fresh fruits the finish has depth and breadth.

Mangan Vineyard Semillon 2014 **91** **2017-20**

Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017

The nose is light with citrusy freshness cut grass the fruit on the palate rich and ripe breadth of flavour. Sweet tropical fruits and peach are underpinned by freshness a complex mix of flavours and although youthful on the back palate there is biscuit hazel nut richness depth of flavour on the finish.

Mangan Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2016 **91** **2018-21**

Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017

Bright and fresh the nose has limes and lemons the start of the palate crisp apple. There is mid sweetness more breadth and richness of flavour with the citrus coming through and refreshing the finish.

Chardonnay 2004 **91**

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The nose is rich packed with greengage and melon. There is mid acidity which freshens and lengthens the flavours. The whole has good balance between richness and freshness.

Red Wines

"Ellen Bussell" Red 2005 **88**

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Ripe feel to the nose, the mix of red fruits gives a fresher character on the palate. Ripe tannins add to the soft fleshy feel, lovely raspberry finish.

"Diana Madeline" Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot 2003 **90**

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The weight of plum fruit is refreshed by blackcurrant and bilberry. The mid palate is sweet lots of fruit ripe but there is enough acidity to refresh.

Mangan Vineyard 2005**89***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is rich, the fruit feels ripe but it lacks a bit of power and complexity. Fresh feel towards the back gives brightness, just a lack of depth.

Mangan Vineyard Merlot Malbec Petit Verdot 2016**92****2018-23***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

The fruit on the nose is sweet the palate has ripe black plums supple and fleshy in the middle. There is balance underlying bilberry lighter at the back but it fills out on the finish rich and supple with good length.

Dandelion Vineyards**Eden Valley****White Wines****Riesling 2013****93****2015-19***Tasted at Lincoln's Inn February 2015*

Both nose and palate have a petrol excitement classic. The fruit is fresh a mix of citrus flavours lots of mid complexity. Slightly sweeter tangerines and fuller at the back with layers of flavour a lovely complex mix.

De Bortoli**Yarra Valley****Sweet White Wines****Noble One Botrytis Semillon 2013****92****2017-21***Tasted in Innholders' Hall January 2017*

The nose has nutty orange peel the start of the palate spiciness. Sweet in the middle a rich mix of ripe fruit but there is balance citrus at the back lighter but it finishes with ripe fruit fleshy richness.

Devil's Lair**Margaret River****Western Australia****White Wines****Chardonnay 2012****91****2016-21**

Tasted in Innholders' Hall February 2016

The nose is fresh the start of the palate light citrusy and apple fresh. There is mid depth ripe melon quite fleshy and sweet at the back but it finishes bright and with a mix of fresh fruits.

Red Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

90 2016-23

Tasted in Innholders' Hall February 2016

Minty fresh fruits the nose is fragrant and the start of the palate bright. Ripe fruit in the middle a ripe black cherry cassis mix but at the back bilberry lightens and refreshes and it finishes with a hint of mint.

**Elderton
Barossa Valley**

Sweet White Wines

Golden Semillon 2015

89 2017-22

Tasted at Party Ingredients May 2017

Sweet and ripe on the nose the palate has yellow peach and apricot richness. There is mid freshness more tropical fruit with the ripe fruit giving richness on the finish.

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