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Wineries F - L

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*Date & place of tasting in italics*

**Growers / Wineries are in alphabetical order with area underneath**

**La Famiglia  
Murray River  
New South Wales**

**White Wines**

**Pinot Grigio 2006**

**88**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose has the floral spice that is so typical of the grape. Zingy fresh lemon and lime on the palate spiced up with smoky mineral fragrances.

**Pinot Grigio 2008**

**89**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2009*

The nose has a very attractive mineral slate freshness and this brightness is very apparent on the palate. Richer flavours appear giving flesh to the mid palate with towards the back smoky flint ensuring a lighter feel and helping length.

**Pinot Grigio 2009**

**88**

**2010-12**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

Mineral slate is there behind the fruit giving the nose a racy freshness. Sweeter more peachy tropical fruit flavours lend some flesh on the mid palate with the mineral flint freshness lifting the flavours on the back palate.

**Pinot Grigio 2010**

**88**

**2011-13**

*Australia Tasting January 2011*

The fruit on the nose is underpinned by a slate spiciness attractively fresh. Tropical fruits give some weight on the mid palate but towards the back the freshness comes through lifting the fruit on the finish.

**Pinot Grigio 2012**

**89**

**2014-17**

*Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

Light fresh spicy with mineral slate on the nose. The palate has slightly more depth hints of tropical fruits with at the back slate, mineral and spice freshness.

- Vermentino 2007** **88**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*  
 The nose is very flowery, lots of lemon and lime with a touch of elderflower behind adding to the fragrances. The palate is very crisp, quite light, fruit gums, fresh apple and hints of pear drop towards the finish. A good aperitif and a style that is ideal with shellfish.
- Vermentino 2008** **88**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2009*  
 The nose has attractive fragrances, elderflower backed by a hint of citrus. A touch of tropical fruit gives some weight on the mid palate but the light fresh slightly pear droppy character is very much in evidence on the finish.
- Vermentino 2010** **89**    **2012-14**  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*  
 The nose is a summer flower bed a lovely floral mix. The palate is fresh fruited lemon and lime and although there is a little more weight in the middle the finish is light fresh and fragrant.

### Rosé Wines

- Rosé of Sangiovese 2007** **88**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*  
 Light and fragrant, there is a lot of red cherry showing on the nose. The palate is light and fresh very cherry dominated but has flowery redcurrant underpinning it. Freshness lingers on the finish – a great summer drink.
- Sangiovese Rosé 2009** **88**    **2010-12**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2010*  
 Red cherries give freshness with behind fleshier strawberries giving some weight. The mid palate is quite light but the richer mix of fruits comes through filling out the back palate.
- Sangiovese Rosé 2010** **89**    **2011-13**  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*  
 The nose is very upfront and fresh with an attractive mix of raspberries and wild strawberries. The mid palate is light quite fragrant but there is more weight of flavour showing towards the back.

### Red Wines

- Nebbiolo 2003** **88**  
*Australia Tasting January 2006*

Sweet cherries are very much in evidence on the nose. Ripeness and sweetness show on the palate but there is some acidity on the mid palate. The cherry fruit towards the back has depth ripeness yet freshness and structure. Tar and roses come through strongly on the finish.

**Nebbiolo 2004****87***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

Minty, hazel nut black cherry is very much in evidence on the nose. There is a mix of flavours on the palate, mulberry, cherry and some plum, all quite sweet at the start but the tannins are still very firm and they tend to dry and shorten the finish.

**Nebbiolo 2005****88***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

Floral roses give an attractive fragrance to the nose and they overlay the minty black cherry. The fruit feels ripe but there is a backbone of tannin that firms up and slightly holds back the mix of cherry and herbal plum

**Nebbiolo 2006****88****2010-13***Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

Cherry stone freshness features on the nose. The freshness of the red fruits is underpinned by some richer bramble on the palate but towards the back the freshness takes over giving a lighter feel to the finish.

**Nebbiolo 2008****89****2011-14***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*

Bramble and black cherry richness is balanced by fresher red fruits an attractive mix of flavours. The sweetness of the fruit enriches the mid palate with the red fruit influence giving a slightly lighter feel on the finish.

**Nebbiolo 2009****89****2012-16***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

Cherry stone freshness features on nose and palate. There is structure supporting the middle a hint of black tar towards the back and layers of fruit giving complexity. The finish is fresh and quite firm.

**Nebbiolo 2010****89****2013-18***Tasted at LWTF May 2013*

Cherry stone freshness and bitterness on the nose is backed by hints of hazel nuts. The freshness on the start of the palate gives way to sweet flavours all very red fruit in character. The finish is long with nutty fragrances and just a hint of bitterness.

*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014***90****2014-19**

The red cherry on the nose has an underlying nuttiness and the palate has a red fruited feel. There is a sweeter feel to the mid palate wild strawberry red plums yet at the back the freshness lightens and brings out a hazel nut character on the finish.

**Nebbiolo 2012** 90 2014-17*Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

Nutty on the nose the start of the palate is red fruited quite fresh. There are sweeter fruits in the middle but the red fruits at the back refresh the finish light with hints of almonds and hazel nuts

**Sweet White Wines****Moscato 2005** 89*Australia Tasting January 2006*

Light flowery spice fragrance. There is an attractive sweetness to the palate and this is balanced by a fragrant freshness. Light perfumed spice character on the finish that lasts well.

**Moscato 2006** 87*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The spice fragrance has charm and the sweetness is refreshed on the mid palate by some acidity. Lots of hedgerow flowers and perfumed spice lingers on the finish

**Moscato 2009** 88 2010-12*Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

The nose has lovely perfumed floral fragrances and these are very much in evidence on the palate. The fruit is ripe giving sweetness but there is an underlying freshness that balances the richness.

**Moscato 2010** 88 2011-13*Tasted at LWTF May 2011*

Fresh spicy aromatic flavours give a racy feel to the nose. The palate is light with attractive fresh fruit all very spicy, aromatic and perfumed on the finish.

**Ferngrove  
Frankland River  
Great Southern  
Western Australia**

**White Wines****Leaping Lizard Semillon Sauvignon 2009** 89 2010-12*Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

The Sauvignon is very apparent on the nose with lots of crisp gooseberry and apple. The Semillon takes hold on the palate which although fresh has a sweeter more melon character, good depth. The mineral freshness livens up the back palate giving the finish a racy crispness.

**Leaping Lizard Semillon Sauvignon 2010****88 2011-13***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*

There is a fresh feel to the nose with lots of gooseberry and crisp apple. The palate has a sweeter note with more melon filling it out. Herbal green fruits, mineral and apple refresh the back palate and finish.

**Symbols Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2009****88 2010-12***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

Although pineapple fleshiness tends to dominate the nose and start of the palate there is underlying citric freshness. The crispness is in evidence on the mid palate but then towards the back sweeter fruit shows lending some weight to the finish.

*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011***88 2011-13**

The floral fragrances are brought to the fore by the underlying citrus character. Fleshier pineapple enriches the mid palate and gives more weight towards the back. Although not that complex there is a good mix of flavours.

**Frankland River Sauvignon Blanc 2009****88 2010-12***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

The nose has citric flavours and fragrance. It is crisp on the start of the palate with sweeter more tropical fruits showing in the middle but there is freshness towards the back that lifts the fruit on the finish.

**Frankland River Sauvignon Blanc 2010****88 2010-12***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*

The nose is very fresh with lots of lemon and lime that bring out the fragrances. Although crisp on the start of the palate the sweeter tropical fruits that come through in the middle give more richness and weight but the finish has more of a fresh fruit character.

**Cossack Riesling 2010****89 2011-13***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*

The herbal leafy flavours on the nose give it freshness further enhanced by some crisp apple and this is very much in evidence on the start of the palate. Although the mid palate has more sweet fruited weight the finish is fresh, leafy and citrusy.

**Frankland River Chardonnay 2008****88 2010-13***Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

Although the nose is light there is an attractive floral fragrance about it. Richer greengage flavours lend some weight to the mid palate and towards the back the apple freshness takes over.

**Chardonnay 2012****89 2014-17***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

The nose is sweet the palate has ripe melon fleshy and rich the fleshiness balanced to some extent by apple freshness. Although slightly lighter at the back the finish has lots of sweet fruit.

**Orchid Range Diamond Chardonnay 2009** 89 2010-14

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

The mix of greengage and melon give fleshy richness on the nose and a nice weight of flavour on the start of the palate. Underpinning the rich fruit is fresh lime that lifts the flavours and gives length bringing out the flavours on the back palate.

**Red Wines**

**Leaping Lizard Cabernet Merlot 2007** 88 2010-13

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

The mix of blackcurrant damson plum and dark chocolate is lovely and rich on the nose. There is flesh on the palate and although the tannins are quite firm they do not over power the fruit on the back palate

**Leaping Lizard Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2008** 88 2011-14

*Australia Tasting January 2011*

Fresh bramble is backed by richer fleshier plum. The tannins underpin but towards the back the sweetness of the fruit takes over giving the finish a richer fleshier feel.

**Leaping Lizard Shiraz 2008** 89 2010-13

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

Black fruits tend to over shadow the fresher reds that lie beneath. The mid palate is rich and sweet fruited spiced up by the black pepper that shows towards the back. The flavours last well on the finish.

**Symbols Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2008** 88 2010-13

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

The Merlot black plum dominates the nose and gives a fleshy start to the palate. Chocolate and coffee beans enrich the mid palate their richness nicely balanced by some red cherry freshness.

**Frankland River Shiraz 2007** 88 2010-13

*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*

There is lots of pepper and spice on the nose and it overlays the black fruit that fills out the palate. There is a feeling of balance with fleshy blackberry vying with red cherry for dominance.

**Frankland River Shiraz 2008** 89 2011-14

*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*

Pepper and spice overlay the black fruits on the nose and give a lovely start to the palate. Some fleshy blackberry gives richness refreshed and lightened by underlying red cherry. Although the back palate is quite light the mix of fruits has fragrance and freshness.

- Shiraz 2011** 89 2014-19  
*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*  
 The nose is light fresh quite fragrant with the red fruits tending to dominate. There is a little more depth and sweetness in the middle but it finishes light minty and peppery.
- Orchid Range King Malbec 2008** 89 2010-13  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*  
 The nose is rich packed with sweet slightly hot fruit. The mix of black fruits, first plum then black cherry and blackberry feels rich and it is given an added fleshiness by the black truffle on the finish.
- Orchid Range Diamond Cabernet Sauvignon 2008** 89 2010-14  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*  
 The cassis and bramble mix on the nose is backed by a herbal leafiness. Black fruit dominates the palate the richness of the cassis refreshed by bilberry and the forest leaf character that comes through on the back palate.
- Orchid Range Dragon Shiraz 2008** 90 2010-14  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*  
 The nose has a powerful mix of flavours black fruits tending to dominate but backed by some fresh redcurrant. Mid and back palate have a touch of black pepper and a hint of spice both adding to the complexity.
- Stirlings Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2007** 90 2010-14  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2010*  
 Spice and black pepper are very obvious on the nose and show on the mid palate. There is good balance between rich ripe cassis and fresher bilberry and black cherry, flavours that last well on the finish.
- Limited Release Cabernet Sauvignon 2011** 90 2014-20  
*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*  
 Bramble and bilberry give freshness on the nose and the start of the palate is quite light. There is more depth in the middle the fruit feels ripe some black cherry cassis a hint of liquorice and although the back palate is fresher there is fair weight of fruit on the finish.

Forest Hill Vineyard  
 Denmark  
 Mount Barker  
 Western Australia

**Red Wines**

**Cabernet / Merlot 2004** 86*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There is a minty quality to the cassis on the nose. The palate is a bit tight at the start, sweeter middle but rather short and green on the finish.

**Geoff Merrill  
McLaren Vale  
South Australia**

**White Wines****Pimpala Road Sauvignon Semillon 2011** 88 2015-16**South Australia***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Fresh on the nose the palate is richer with some sweet fruit a mix of tropical fruits. There is a balancing freshness but the back palate is sweet with ripe apricot and peach.

**Pimpala Road Chardonnay 2011** 88 2015-17**South Australia***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Rich ripe depth of the fruit on the nose the start of the palate is buttery and fleshy. Citrus in the middle gives some balance the back palate though is fat, ripe fruited the finish has fleshy sweetness.

**Reserve Chardonnay 2013** 90 2015-18**McLaren Vale***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Depth on the nose the palate has fleshy melon and ripe greengage richness and depth. Apple and citrus underpin and balance the back palate is lighter but it finishes with depth rich ripe fruit.

**Red Wines****Pimpala Road Shiraz 2009** 91 2012-18**South Australia***Tasted in Lincoln's Inn July 2012*

The fruit is ripe the nose rich and sweet and there is a fleshiness on the palate. Black fruits are backed by fresher minty red layers of flavour that give complexity with the sweet fruit showing at the back enriching the finish.

**Pimpala Road Shiraz 2010** 91 2013-19

**South Australia***Tasted at Lincoln's Inn January 2013*

The new vintage has lots of black pepper and spice with an attractive minty character on the palate. Fresh red fruits are underpinned by richer black layers of flavour giving lots of complexity. The spice would go well with richer dishes warming curries and there is enough character to compliment beef.

**Pimpala Road Shiraz 2011****90 2014-20****South Australia***Tasted at Lincoln's Inn May 2014*

Spicy peppery the red fruits have an attractive minty character and the start of the palate is fresh. Richer in the middle more of a black fruit influence some sweeter fruit under the red an attractive mix of flavours..

**Pimpala Road Shiraz 2012****90 2015-21****South Australia***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015**Tasted at Lincoln's Inn December 2015*

The nose has mint, black pepper and spice the start of the palate bright with a mix of red fruits. Warm and rich in the middle the tannins supple and fleshy the ripe fruit gives fleshy richness on the back palate yet the finish is bright and spicy.

**Pimpala Road Cabernet Merlot 2011****88 2015-20****South Australia***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Bright and fresh on the nose the palate starts with a bilberry and bramble mix. More depth in the middle the fleshiness of ripe black plum and although the fruit at the back is sweet the finish is bright and fresh.

**S G M Bush Vine 2010****88 2015-20****Syrah Grenache Mourvèdre****McLaren Vale***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Bright on the nose the start of the palate is fresh red fruited with a mix of flavours. Sweeter in the middle more depth of fruit the red fruits backed by some black. The finish is quite light and lacks a bit of length.

**Shiraz Premium 'Jacko's Blend' 2010****89 2015-22****McLaren Vale***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Spice and black pepper there is a lot happening on the nose the palate is fresh with a strong red fruit influence. Sweeter at the back the fruit is ripe the finish has depth the red fruited mix spicy and peppery.

- Reserve Shiraz 2007** 90 2015-21  
**McLaren Vale**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Depth on the nose the fruit is ripe and sweet the start of the palate fleshy the mid palate supple. Lighter at the back a red cherry and bramble mix the finish is bright and spicy.
- Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2007** 91 2015-21  
**Coonawarra & McLaren Vale**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Concentrated rich black fruits the nose has depth and the palate a brooding depth. Bramble and bilberry on the mid palate lighten refresh but the rich fruit the powerful mix of black fruits gives depth at the back and on the finish.
- Shiraz 'The Henry' 2004** 92 2015-20  
**McLaren Vale**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 The nose is rich with ripe black fruits the start of the palate has depth and sweetness. Peppery red fruits in the middle give brightness and freshness with the sweet fruit the rich flavours giving depth and power on the finish.
- BMW Cabernet Sauvignon Black Label 2011** 90 2017-21  
*Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians January 2017*  
 Depth on the nose the palate has a rich mix of cassis and black cherry sweet in the middle fleshy and supple. There is balance with bramble and bilberry at the back slightly lighter yet the finish has concentration power depth rich brooding black fruits.

**Gemtree Winery**  
**McLaren Vale**

**Red Wines**

- Mt Hillary Shiraz 2012** 89 2014-19  
*Tasted at the Cavalry & Guards Club September 2014*  
 The nose is light with a mix of bramble and red fruits and the start of the palate is fresh and minty. The mid palate has slightly more depth a slightly sweeter feel yet the finish like the nose is light minty and red fruited.

**Giant Stepps**  
**Yarra Valley**  
**South Australia**

**White Wines****Sexton Vineyard Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2014** **89** **2016-19***Tasted in Leathersellers' Hall May 2016*

Depth on the nose a hint of oak the palate has ripe melon and greengage fleshy in the middle. Apple underneath gives some freshness and although the back palate has rich ripe fruit the finish is lighter and fresher.

**Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2015** **91** **2017-21***Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017*

Sweet fruit the nose has honeyed richness the palate depth of fruit with ripe melon and apricot. Bright quite light in the middle apple refreshes the back palate richer packed with ripe fruit a fleshy richness on the finish.

**Greenstone  
Heathcote  
Victoria**

**Red Wines****Shiraz 2005** **92***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Fresh on the nose, the black pepper gives spiciness to the red fruits. The mid palate is fleshed out by ripe flavours and the mix of red and black fruits that come through towards the back give complexity.

**Jeff Grosset  
Clare Valley**

**White Wines****Clare Valley Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc 2006** **89***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is very crisp, gooseberry and lemon, although very fresh there is sweetness on the mid palate giving a richer feel towards the back.

**Clare Valley Semillon Adelaide Hills Sauvignon 2015** **89** **2017-20***Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017*

The nose has apricot richness the start of the palate depth of fruit hints of sweetness. The citrus mix in the middle refreshes lime and lemon and although it fills out a bit on the finish the finish is lean and firm.

- “Watervale” Clare Valley Riesling 2006** 90  
*Australia Tasting London January 2007*  
 There are lots of minerals and lime, the nose is flowery, slate crisp fruit showing on the palate. Sweetness evident, very fragrant mineral fruit finish.
- Watervale Riesling 2012** 90 2013-17  
*Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians November 2013*  
 The nose has herbal freshness but the fruit on the palate is richer with depth of flavour in the middle. The rich flavours are underpinned by lime and lemon freshness that brings out the same herbal raciness on the finish.
- Springvale Riesling 2016** 92 2017-21  
*Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017*  
 Bright floral the nose has citrus freshness the start of the palate light fresh fruits and mineral. Tropical fruits in the middle give more depth but at the back citrus refreshes the finish is long lean and flinty.
- Alea Riesling 2013** 91 2014-18  
*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*  
 There is a hint of sweetness on the nose leafy and herbal with an underlying citric freshness on the palate. Bitter sweet on the mid palate fresh at the back the finish is herbal citrusy lots of interest.
- “Polish Hill” Clare Valley Riesling 2006** 91  
*Australia Tasting London January 2007*  
 The nose is perfumed, the fruit has a steely minerality but behind this crispness is sweetness. The palate has lots of complexity and lovely length
- “Polish Hill” Clare Valley Riesling 2016** 91 2017-21  
*Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017*  
 The fruit on the nose is light fragrant with white flowers the palate fresh with citrus and underlying flint. Sweeter in the middle slightly herbal the back palate is fresh bright mineral with lingering flavours.
- “Picadilly” Chardonnay 2004** 91  
*Australia Tasting London January 2007*  
 The lime and greengage that is there on the nose is backed by lemon all coming through on the palate. The sweetness is balanced by fruit freshness, lots of complex flavours, great length.

### Red Wines

**Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2004** 89

*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

The black plum on the nose is underpinned by mulberry. The palate has sweetness, the red fruits adding brightness with the finish the sweeter and fatter.

**“Gaia” Clare Valley 2003**

**92**

*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There is a lot happening on the nose, the red fruits are vying with black plum for dominance. The palate has a good depth of flavour sweet and rich yet there is freshness and an elegant length.

**“Gaia” 2012**

**92**

**2016-24**

***Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc***

*Tasted at the Carlton Club January 2016*

Rich black fruits the nose has depth the palate starts sweet. Slightly lighter in the middle bramble, bilberry, herbal and bright but it fills out at the back with chunky black cherry and black plum.

**Hamelin Bay  
Margaret River**

**Red Wines**

**Rampant Red 2010**

**90**

**2014-20**

***Shiraz 40% Cabernet Sauvignon 34 Merlot 26%***

*Tasted at Lincoln’s Inn February 2014*

Sweet on the nose ripe cassis is back by damsons and the palate has a fleshy richness. The mid tannins are firm all a bit tight but behind the structure the fruit feels ripe a nice depth of flavour the sweetness balanced by peppery red cherry.

**Hamilton Heights  
South Eastern Australia**

**White Wines**

**Chardonnay 2015**

**89**

**2017-22**

*Tasted in Lincoln’s Inn March 2017*

Ripe on the nose the palate has melon and mango fleshy richness. There is underlying citrus and apple that balances and refreshes the layers of flavour the mix of fruits give complexity. Fresh at the back lime and apple but it finishes with ripe pineapple and mango richness and depth.

**Chardonnay 2016**

**89**

**2017-23**

*Tasted in Lilley October 2017*

The fruit on the nose is ripe the palate starts with fleshy richness honeydew melon and ripe greengages. The mid sweetness is underpinned by apple and lime brighter and fresher at the back the finish rich with nectarine and apricot.

**Red Wines****Shiraz 2016****89 2016-22***Tasted in Lilley December 2016**Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017*

Bramble at the start spicy lots of black pepper the mid palate is rich with ripe fleshy black fruits cassis and black cherry. There is balance an underlying brightness with sweet fruit giving a fleshy richness on the finish.

**Hardys  
South Australia****White Wines****Eileen Hardy Chardonnay 2005****92 2013-17***Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The nose has depth of flavour lots of rich fruit and the palate is full of greengage and fleshy melon. Towards the back apples with a hint of lime refresh and give a slightly less concentrated feel to the finish.

**Eileen Hardy Chardonnay 2008****93 2013-18***Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The fruit is fresh citrus and crisp apple and the start of the palate has the same bright fresh fruited appeal. There is more depth some sweeter flavours towards the back but the finish is steely vibrant with lots of fresh fruit.

**Red Wines****Eileen Hardy Pinot Noir 2010****92 2013-18***Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The fruit on the nose is ripe sweet with a fleshy richness and the palate has lots of black plum full and supple. Towards the back there is black fruited freshness bilberry vying with black cherry yet the finish is rich ripe fruited with sweetness of flavour.

**Winemaker's Rare Release 2008****95 2013-23***Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The nose has depth of fruit and the palate lots of concentrated flavours. Ripe fruit gives flesh in the middle chocolate and coffee beans adding to the richness the tannins are ripe the palate supple. There is freshness towards the back bramble and bilberry with lots of black pepper spice on the finish.

**Hardy's HRB Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

**94 2013-22**

*Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

Cassis is very much in evidence minty herbal leafy and the start of the palate has the same minty character. The start of the palate is fresh lots of bramble but it fills out in the middle with rich black cherry and some plum. Layers of fruit give complexity with a lovely rich mix on the back palate and finish.

**Sweet White Wines**

**Hardy's Beerenauslese 1987**

**92 2013-18**

*Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The nose is rich and ripe fruited and the start of the palate lush with tropical fruits and white peach. It feels fresher towards the back hints of lime a touch of lemon some hazel nut flavours yet there is more richness on the finish more of an apricot character.

**Sparkling White Wines**

**Sir James Vintage Brut 2008**

**91 2013-16**

*Pinot Noir Chardonnay small % Pinot Meunier*

*Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

The nose is light and fresh with a strong citrus influence but the palate has more depth with greengage and a hint of white peach. Fresh fruit is there at the back giving a raciness and lightness to the finish

**Fortified Wines**

**Hardy's Apera Sherry**

**92 2013-20**

*Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

Apricots are backed by hazel nuts a lovely complex mix of flavours on the nose. Dried fruits and apricots enrich the mid palate the rich mix underpinned by fresher fruits. There is a lot happening on the finish with nuts a hint of caramel apricots and tangerines.

**Hardy's Rare Tawny 25 year old**

**94 2013-24**

*Hardys 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in The Gherkin September 2013*

Red fruits almonds give character on the nose a lovely mix of flavours quite light and ethereal. The palate is richer with sweet fruit almost fleshy in the middle yet under this the red fruited mix lightens with the fragrant nutty mix of red fruits giving an elegant charm to the finish.

**Heartland  
Langhorne Creek  
South Australia**

**Red Wines**

**Dolcetto & Lagrein 2009** 89 2012-16

*Tasted at the Bromham Food & Wine Fair July 2012*

The nose is sweet with lots of Morello Cherry and mulberry and an attractive wood smoke character. Ripe fruit gives a silky richness on the palate black and red fruits mingle all adding to the complexity. The tannins support the fruit and the red fruits and bramble towards the back give some freshness and highlight the gamey flavours on the finish. This is another Ben Glaetzer success.

**Heggies  
Eden Valley**

**White Wines**

**Heggies Chardonnay 2010** 91 2012-16

*Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012*

The greengage dominates the nose and this combined with ripe melon gives richness on the palate. There are fresher fruits in the middle some apple and grapefruit but the finish has all of the ripe fruited power of the nose.

**Sweet White Wines**

**Heggies Botrytis Riesling 2011** 93 2012-20

*Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012*

The nose has a floral mix orange blossom with ripe fruit behind peaches, apricots and candied orange. The fleshy sweetness on the mid palate is balanced by freshness with the rich mix of ripe fruits caramelized peel giving a lovely lushness on the finish.

**Hellfire Bay  
Mount Barker  
Western Australia**

**White Wines**

**Chardonnay 2005** 86

*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

It is rather clumsy with heavy fat fruit on the both nose and the palate. Towards the back it is over fat and lacks real length.

### Red Wines

#### **Shiraz / Grenache 2004**

86

*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Very fragrant the red fruits have hints of spice and pepper. There is sweetness at the start of the palate but a lack of depth and complexity in the middle and on the finish.

#### **Hesketh Wines South Australia**

### Red Wines

#### **'Midday Somewhere' Shiraz 2015**

87

2017-22

*Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017*

The nose has fresh spicy peppery red fruits the start of the palate is light the tannins in the middle firm. Slightly richer at the back red cherry but the finish lacks fruit and is quite dry.

#### **Hewitson Winery Barossa Valley**

### White Wines

#### **Gun Metal Riesling 2013**

88

2017-19

#### **Eden Valley**

*Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017*

The nose is bright fresh with a strong citrus character. Firm in the middle high acidity the back palate is grassy and the finish firm.

#### **Hill Smith Eden Valley**

### White Wines

#### **Hill Smith Estate Chardonnay 2011**

90

2012-15

*Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012*

The richness of ripe melon fleshes out the nose and gives sweetness and richness on the palate. There is a hint of lime that lifts the flavour but it is the rich greengage and melon that gives weight on the finish.

Hollick  
Coonawarra  
South Australia

White Wines

- Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2004** **87**  
*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*  
The nose is very light but quite fragrant. Some nice greengage shows at the start of the palate but the mid palate is slightly hollow and lacking weight of fruit. It is easy on the finish but has no real excitement.
- Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2006** **88**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*  
The flavours on the nose are very Sauvignon dominated with crisp gooseberry and lime but behind them is broader deeper lemon meringue. The palate is very fresh, the mix of fruits giving an added interest.
- Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2008** **90**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2009*  
The nose is very classic, the gooseberry fresh fruit backed by mineral and flint. The flesh of Semillon is there on the palate giving a richer feel in the middle but the crispness of Sauvignon wins through leaving the finish racy and fresh.
- Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2009** **90** **2011-14**  
*Australia Tasting January 2011*  
The nose has the freshness of citrus backed by mineral. It is sweeter on the palate more greengage in character with underpinning a mix of tropical fruits. The mix of apple and lime gives a lovely freshness towards the back
- Sauvignon Blanc Savagnin Blanc Sémillon 2010** **91** **2012-15**  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*  
The nose is floral fragrant quite light but with lots of charm. There is an appealing lime freshness on the mid palate slightly sweeter white peach towards the back with a racy citrus fresh finish.
- Riesling 2001** **88**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2002*  
The nose is very fresh and fruity, herbaceous with hints of spice. Crisp taste, the greengage character is mixed with fresh lime and these flavours linger well.
- Riesling 2002** **89**  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

Green lime freshness. Crisp flavours with an attractive citrus mix. The balance is good with fruit weight in the middle and freshness on the finish.

**Riesling 2004****91***Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose is a mix of lime and tropical fruits with just that hint of spice. Fresh fruit shows on the palate, vibrant, fragrant and a lovely mix of fruit flavours.

**Chardonnay 2002****89***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

It is very light but has lovely fragrances with racy melon and flinty lime. There is a light feel to the mid palate but towards the back is some chalky flint really quite elegant. The flavours linger on the long stylish finish.

**Chardonnay 2004****91***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

The nose is fresh and fragrant with a mix of greengage and lime. The palate has a flinty feel with an ethereal elegance and crisp lemon and greengage showing and lasting.

*Australia Tasting January 2006***90**

The nose is fresh and fragrant with a mix of greengage and lime. The palate is flinty with an ethereal elegance and crisp lemon and greengage showing and lasting.

**Chardonnay 2005****91***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The fruit on the nose has depth and the feeling of ripeness. The palate is full with behind the sweet fruit freshness which lifts the flavours and giving an added complexity. The mix of melon, greengage and fresh lime last well.

**Chardonnay 2006****92***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

There is a lovely depth of fruit, the melon and greengage feels ripe filling out the nose and giving richness to the palate. A hint of apple and lime brings freshness, adds some complexity and ensures that the fruit flavours linger, the lighter feel towards the back is attractively elegant.

**Reserve Chardonnay 2006****92***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The mix of melon and greengage gives richness on the nose and depth of flavour on the palate. There is some underlying citric freshness that brightens the flavours but towards the back the honeyed melon dominates leaving a lush richness in the mouth.

**Bond Road Chardonnay 2010****91****2011-14***Tasted at the Mansion House July 2011*

The nose is quite light very fragrant with fresh citrus. Sweeter more melon and greengage flavours fill out the mid palate and right at the back there is a lovely mineral quality underpinning the fruit.

**Bond Road Chardonnay 2011** 92 2013-18

*Tasted at LWTF May 2013*

Apple and grapefruit give freshness on the nose and a bright start to the palate. The mid palate has sweetness the richness of greengage and ripe melon depth of flavour. It feels fresher towards the back with cut apple on the finish.

*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014* 93 2014-18

The nose is light with apple freshness but the palate has depth of fruit melon and rich greengage. The back palate is fresher some apple underpinned by grapefruit giving a racy feel to the long finish.

**The Bard Chardonnay 2014** 92 2015-20

*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Rich and ripe on the nose the palate has the sweetness of ripe greengage and melon. Citrus and apple underpin balancing the mid richness but it fills out at the back and finishes with depth of flavour.

### Red Wines

**Pinot Noir 2004** 89

*Australia Tasting January 2006*

It is very minty on the nose with some mulberry fruit. Quite light on the mid palate but there is sweet strawberry truffle on the finish which has a freshness and vibrancy.

**Pinot Noir 2005** 89

*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose is fresh, the mulberry has a minty flavour and this comes through strongly on the palate. The freshness lifts the mid flavours, a touch of damson with the mulberry fattens up the finish

**Pinot Noir 2006** 91

*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The predominant character on the nose is black cherry but behind is some fresh red fruits, mulberry and raspberry. The entry to the palate is fresh but richer sweeter flavours flesh out the middle giving an attractive depth of flavour on the finish.

**Pinot Noir 2008** 90 2011-15

*Australia Tasting January 2011*

The freshness of mulberry is very much in evidence on the nose backed by fuller richer blackcurrant. Although firm on the mid palate there is sweetness of flavour behind with right at the back enough red cherry freshness to balance.

**Pinot Noir 2010****92 2012-16**

*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The mulberry which is very much in evidence on the nose is backed slightly sweeter black fruits. There is a lovely richness on the mid palate depth of flavour well balanced by red fruit freshness that comes through towards the back.

**Tempranillo 2004****90**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2006*

The nose is dominated by red fruits, a mix of flavours all backed by a leafy herbal character. Nice weight of flavour on the palate, the mid palate has sweetness and good depth but a lighter fresher feel emerges bringing out the length on the finish.

**Tempranillo 2006****91**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The leafy, slightly herbal character of Tempranillo adds fragrance to the attractive mix of red fruits. The fruit is ripe so ensuring that sweet, rich flavours fill out the palate, the power of this lush fruit is beautifully balanced by the red fruit freshness.

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2000****89**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

There is lots of sweet, ripe fruit on the nose. The palate has both cassis and plum and is quite soft and rounded. The tannins are evident but feel ripe and there is an attractive weight of supple fruit on the finish.

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2001****86**

*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

Although the nose is quite light there are some lovely fragrances. There is a slight lack of depth at the start of the palate fresh cassis but then some richer black plum come through towards the middle. The finish is easy rather light with the dryness of the tannins tending to shorten the finish.

**Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2002****88**

*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

Good weight of fruit and flavour on the nose. The taste is a mix of black plum and cassis. A touch tight at the moment but there is a weight of fruit showing at the back.

*Australia Tasting January 2006*

**88**

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- Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2004** 90  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*  
 There is a green herbal edge to the blackcurrant on the nose and this minty freshness is there at the start of the palate. Fleshier black plum enriches the middle but the more fragrant cassis shows again and gives a racier feel on the finish
- Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2005** 92  
*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*  
 At first the lush ripe cassis and sloe dominate but behind them there is an herbaceous freshness that brightens both nose and palate. The overall impression though is one of weight and richness, black plum, blackcurrant enriched by coffee and dark chocolate.
- Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2006** 92 2011-16  
*Australia Tasting January 2011*  
 There is a nice mix of fruits on the nose with the richness of black plum backed by slightly fresher black cherry. Ripe cassis and firmer sloe pack out the mid palate the layers of fruit adding complexity. Some fresh red fruits are in evidence giving a lighter touch but it is the black fruited power that packs out the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2008** 91 2011-16  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011*  
 The nose is a bit misleading as it is quite light with some fragrant red fruits. The fruit on the palate is ripe with rich plum backed by blackcurrant and blackberry. There richness and depth of flavour on the finish.
- Tannery Block Cabernet Merlot 2010** 92 2012-18  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*  
 The ripeness of the fruit gives richness on the nose and a sweet fruited power on the palate. Cassis is very much to the fore but behind is a mix of black plum and slightly firmer black cherry. The tannins are well handled and rounded.
- Tannery Block Cabernet Merlot 2014** 94 2014-20  
*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*  
 Bilberry and bramble give freshness on the nose and a bright start to the palate. Richer in the middle with depth of flavour brooding black fruits black cherry and damsons ripe the suppleness helped by ripe tannins. There is a lot of rich fruit on the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2002** 88  
*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*  
 There is good depth on the nose with meaty blackcurrant and chocolate. The palate starts with a nice weight of fruit but the tannins begin to show through and the fruit fades a bit. Very fragrant on finish but it lacks the roundness, ripeness and depth one expects.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2003** 91  
*Australia Tasting January 2006*

It is quite firm on the nose although minty cassis does eventually show. The palate has lots of fruit, depth of flavour and an attractive mix of cassis, cedar wood and dark chocolate. The richness lasts well and gives real power on the finish.

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2004****92***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose is packed with concentrated fruit, blackcurrant very much in evidence but there is also some fragrant bilberry backed up by richer sloe. The palate has weight of fruit; black fruits spiced up by hints of green pepper with towards the back a touch of oak. The finish has lots of dark chocolate richness.

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2008****92****2012-17***Australia Tasting January 2011*

The nose has a lot of different flavours all very black fruit in flavour. There is structure but as the tannins feel ripe they allow the fruit to show to advantage. Layers of cassis, bramble and black cherry give complexity all helped by the liquorice that shows towards the back.

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2009****93****2012-18***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The black fruited mix is backed by herbaceous leafiness lovely and minty. There are a lot of powerful flavours on the palate ripe cassis and dark chocolate given an added complexity by liquorice and coffee beans. Although the tannins are firm and structured they feel ripe allowing the fruit richness to show.

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2010****92****2013-19***Tasted at LWTF May 2013*

The nose is full of rich black fruits cassis and black cherry with the fruit power filling out the palate. Supple and rich with ripe tannins, lots of chocolate and liquorice, yet there is structure underpinning. Black fruits pack out the finish.

*Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014***94****2014-22**

The nose is minty the palate full of blackcurrant and black cherry. The start is firm the tannins giving structure but it feels more open towards the back with rich fruit, liquorice, coffee beans and chocolate. The finish is sweet fruited with lovely ripe flavours.

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2012****93****2015-24***Tasted at the LWF June 2014**Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

The nose is still firm the start of the palate a bit tight with structured but ripe tannins. It fills out in the middle lots of blackcurrant and black cherry richer at the back with dark chocolate the finish profound and deep.

**The Bard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013****94****2016-25***Tasted at the SITT tasting London February 2015*

The nose is very black fruit dominated the start of the palate firm with lots of black cherry and sloes. Under the tannin structure ripe black fruits, chocolate and liquorice enrich a lovely depth of flavour. Deep profound brooding black fruits the back palate has depth and although the finish is still quite tight there is a lot of fruit to show.

**Shiraz Cabernet 2002** **88**

*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

The nose is very perfumed quite fresh with lots of cassis and some peppery spice. The palate is light with a fragrant and almost floral freshness. There is some richer fruit towards the end but it lacks a bit of generosity and depth.

**Shiraz Cabernet 2003** **92**

*Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose has good depth and weight of ripe fruit, a mix of cassis and bilberry. The hints of pepper on the nose come through on the palate and enrich the flavours. Good depth and concentration with sweet ripe fruit showing on the finish.

**Shiraz Cabernet 2004** **92**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose is packed with sweet fruit; fleshy and ripe, cassis intermingled with black plum and backed by peppery cherry. The richness of the fruit comes through on the palate and the ripeness of the tannins adds to the suppleness. Lots of spiced pepper fruit on the finish.

**Shiraz Cabernet 2006** **92**    **2011-16**

*Australia Tasting January 2011*

The spice of black pepper and the mix of red fruits give an attractive freshness on the nose. The palate appears quite fresh but behind is black fruited power with the ripeness of the fruit enriching and filling out the back palate.

**Stock Route Shiraz Cabernet 2009** **92**    **2012-18**

*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

*Tasted at Lincoln's Inn March 2013*

The nose seems very red fruit driven but at the back there are black fruits quite rich blackcurrant and lighter fresher bilberry. There are layers of flavour lots of complexity and lots of black pepper on the sweet fruited finish.

**Hollaia Sangiovese Cabernet 2005** **92**

*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

Power is the feature of the nose, very much black fruits in evidence although behind the dominant bilberry and blackcurrant is some fresh cherry. There is depth of fruit on the palate with the ripe flavours being well balanced by mid freshness giving an elegant long finish.

**Neilson's Block Merlot 2001** **91**    **2006-12**

*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

There is a good weight of fruit on the nose with lots of spicy black plum. The start of the palate has a good weight of black fruits all quite sweet in the middle. Ripe fruit fills out the back palate and gives weight a meatier feel to the finish.

**Nielson's Block Merlot 2008****93 2012-18***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose has all the black plum richness of a warm area power sweetness depth. Black plum and black cherry enrich the mid palate the suppleness helped by rounded ripe tannins. There is freshness under all of the power and hints of oak spice on the finish.

**Wilgha Shiraz 2002****92***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

The nose is fragrant and deep, full of ripe fruit and pepper spice. There is a good weight of fruit on the palate which has a minerality and complexity. It is sweet and full on the finish, a wine with good length but needing more time in bottle.

*Australia Tasting January 2006***92**

The nose is fragrant and deep, full of ripe fruit and pepper spice. There is a good weight of fruit on the palate which has a minerality and complexity. It is sweet and full on the finish, a wine with good length but needing more time in bottle.

**Wilgha Shiraz 2003****92***Tasted at LWTF May 2006*

The fruit is ripe giving fleshiness to both nose and palate. Complexity comes from the mix of red and black fruit more mulberries showing than black plum. Freshness gives brightness and spicy black pepper excites the taste buds.

**Wilgha Shiraz 2006****92 2011-17***Australia Tasting January 2011*

The nose has all the richness of ripe black fruits blackcurrant and black cherry. There is a lovely weight of sweet fruit on the mid palate the suppleness helped by rounded tannins. Although very rich on the back palate there is some underlying red fruit freshness and the spice of black pepper.

**Wilgha Shiraz 2008****93 2012-17***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose is deep profound full of ripe fruit. Red fruits tend to dominate the palate refreshing the middle but the fruit at the back feels ripe giving a sweeter richer feel. There is balance with the sweet fruits underpinned by spicy freshness that gives a lighter feel to the finish.

**Wilgha Shiraz 2009****94 2014-22***Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

The nose has a mix of flavours red fruited freshness with richer black fruits. Spicy and peppery the mid palate has lots of complexity lovely sweet fruit all balanced by red fruits. Black and white pepper spices up the finish.

**Wrattonbully Shiraz 2003** 92

*Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose has a mass of honey sweet, spice red berried fruits and eucalyptus. The taste has that attractive mint character and lots of raspberry and wild strawberry with a peppery spice adding excitement. There is a lovely length of fruit on the finish.

**Wrattonbully Shiraz 2004** 92

*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The nose is packed with eucalyptus and red fruits all spiced up by a touch of black pepper. The ripeness of the fruit fleshes out the palate, the suppleness adding to the generosity. Brighter wild strawberry and loganberry lift the flavours towards the back and add freshness to the peppery spices.

**Wrattonbully Shiraz 2008** 93 2012-17

*Australia Tasting January 2011*

The minty black fruits on the nose feel ripe rich and sweet. The ripeness of the tannins gives a fleshy suppleness to the palate with blackcurrant and cherry backed by fresher bilberry. The mint found on the nose is there on the back palate with the spiciness of black pepper coming through on the finish.

**Wrattonbully Shiraz 2010** 93 2014-22

*Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

The nose has depth of flavour the palate a mix of red and black fruits the mid sweetness underpinned by freshness at the back. The back palate has ripe black fruited power but the finish is lighter fresher with more of a red fruit mix spicy peppery.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 1999** 91

*Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

The nose has power and depth with blackcurrants and dark chocolate. There is power of fruit on the palate with firm but ripe tannins. The flavours are complex with an exciting mineral mix backed by bilberry and cassis.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 2000** 91

*Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

Good weight of fruit on the nose. Lots of cassis and some bilberry, the entry has an attractive weight of flavour but the mid palate is very tight and firm at the moment. Has complexity, its minerality blends well with the cassis and chocolate. Touch of spicy oak lifts the finish.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 2002** 90

*Tasted at LWTF May 2006*

The nose is bursting with cassis and sloe and this fruit richness is very evident on the palate. The tannins are still very firm and tend to close down the flavours but behind this structure is good depth of fruit, the blackcurrant backed by some dark chocolate. Still needs another 12 months to show its paces.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 2008****94 2012-20***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose is very cassis driven and blackcurrants tend to dominate the start of the palate. There is an added richness from the dark chocolate and liquorice with structure from the black cherry and tannins but the ripeness of the fruit ensures that the finish is full and fleshy.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 2009****95 2014-24***Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

The nose is still quite firm a strong black cherry character and the palate starts with the same structure lots of black cherry. It fills out in the middle rich ripe with cassis and black plum ripe tannins adding to the mid suppleness. The back palate has power and richness profound and deep.

**Ravenswood Cabernet Sauvignon 2010****93 2017-25***Tasted at the Carlton Club January 2016*

The nose has herbal freshness with bramble and bilberry. The start of the palate is firm the fruit underpinned by structured but ripe tannins. Cassis and black cherry at the back layers of flavour the finish has richness and depth.

**Sparkling Red Wines****Sparkling Merlot 2003****89***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

There is a lot of meaty rich fruit on the nose all quite black fruited. Plum and rounded tannins give a fleshy richness on the mid palate but towards the back fresh red fruits take over bringing out the flavours on the finish.

**Sparkling Merlot 2006****89***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

Lots of fresh black and red plum fill out the nose and show on the palate. Exuberantly fresh there is an exciting touch of spice that adds an extra prickle towards the back. The fresh fruit mix lingers.

**Sparkling Merlot 2009****90 2012-15***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose has red fruited vibrancy lots of fresh raspberry and redcurrant. There is a richer feel on the mid palate but it is the spicy red fruits that refresh the finish.

**Sparkling Merlot 2010** 92 2014-18*Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

Very fresh and red fruited on the nose with a good mousse but the palate is sweeter still red fruited but richer the sweeter red fruits giving more depth at the back.

**Sweet White Wines****The Nectar Botrytis Riesling 2005** 91*Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

Ripe apricot is backed by hints of lemon peel and lime; the lush flavours on the palate are lifted by some freshness. Rich and ripe the fruit mix has real complexity. It would be a great partner to cheese as well as dessert dishes.

**The Nectar Botrytis Riesling 2006** 90*Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The nose is very fragrant with lemon and orange peel backed by richer peach. The start of the palate is sweet but there is a twist of citrus in the middle that lifts the flavours and balanced the sweetness. The complex mix of fruits on the finish is mouth filling, voluptuous and lush.

**The Nectar Botrytis Riesling 2010** 93 2011-17*Australia Tasting January 2011*

The richness of pear and apricot fill out the nose and give sweet flesh on the palate. The sweet fruit is underpinned by freshness that balances allowing the complex mix of flavours to show to advantage. The back palate is sumptuously rich lots of apricot and nectarines.

**The Nectar Botrytis Riesling 2011** 93 2014-20*Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

The nose seems quite light tropical fruit in character but the fruit on the palate is rich with ripe apricots candied peel lush the richness balanced by hints of lime at the back.

Houghton  
Swan Valley  
Western Australia

**Red Wines****Cabernet Sauvignon 2001** 86*Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There is lots of mint chocolate on the nose. The cassis flavoured fruit feels green and although sweeter towards the back it is very hard.

**Innocent Bystander  
Yarra Valley**

**White Wines**

**Chardonnay 2012**

**91 2014-18**

*Tasted at the Carlton Club March 2014*

The nose has an attractive freshness a mix of citrus fruits and the start of the palate is light and fresh fruited. Sweeter in the middle the ripe melon and greengage mix is underpinned by citrus at the back with fresh fruit on the finish.

**Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2015**

**92 2017-21**

*Tasted in the Carlton Club January 2017*

Rich and ripe on the nose depth of flavour the palate has honeyed greengage and ripe melon. Fresher and lighter in the middle an apple and citrus mix the back palate has the richness the fleshiness of sweet ripe fruit.

**Red Wines**

**Pinot Noir 2015**

**88 2017-21**

*Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017*

Fragrant and fresh the nose is light the palate has bramble and mulberry. There is a slight lack of mid sweetness the back palate fresh the finish is light and fragrant.

**Jansz  
Tasmania**

**Sparkling Wines**

**Jansz Sparkling Wine 2006**

**89 2012-14**

**Chardonnay Pinot Noir**

*Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011*

The nose is very crisp with lots of lemon and lime. There is sweeter fruit at the back and the greengage that shows gives some weight on the mid palate. The crispness is there on the finish giving a slightly hard character and tending to shorten.

**John Duval  
Barossa Valley  
South Australia**

**Red Wines****“Plexus” Shiraz / Grenache / Mourvèdre 2005 90***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Luscious, the red fruits have a herbal spice and there is real depth of flavour. Excellent balance, the ripe middle has some acidity which adds brightness and complexity

**“Entity” Shiraz 2004 93***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Although there is richness and ripeness the redcurrant has acidity that refreshes the mid palate. Complexity comes from the spice and black pepper and the bright character gives elegance.

**Joseph Chrony  
Tasmania**

**White Wines****Chardonnay 2011 96 2013-18***Tasted at the IWC Taste of Gold tasting June 2013*

Minerals and lime give a racy crispness on the nose and the start of the palate is citrus driven. Rich fruit fills out the mid palate lots of greengage and the sweetness of ripe melon lovely and creamy. There are layers of flavour richness yet freshness with a long lingering finish.

**Kerrigan & Berry  
Margaret River**

**Red Wines****Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 91 2014-19***Tasted at the Carlton Club March 2014*

The blend of fruit from Mount Barker fits well together with the leaner more directional Mount Barker style balanced by the sweeter richer Margaret River. The ripe cassis on the mid palate is backed by some bramble and bilberry giving a lighter fresher finish.

**Kilikanoon Wines  
Clare Valley**

**White Wines****Mort’s Block Riesling 2015 91 2017-20***Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017*

Under the ripe fruit on the nose there is citrus freshness the palate starts crisp and crunchy with cut apple richer in the middle tangerines and a hint of peach the back palate is leaner, taut and bright with flint and apple.

**Pearce Road Semillon 2014****88 2017-20***Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017*

The nose has rich fruit the palate lemon curd honeyed richness. Bright at the back the citrus mix refreshes a slight lack of depth although there is a richer feel to the finish.

**Killerby Vineyards  
Margaret River**

**White Wines****Premium Chardonnay 2010****91 2014-18***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

The nose is light the palate fresh and citrusy with an attractive mix of fragrances. There is more depth in the middle grapefruit some greengage but at the back lime dominates and gives a racy freshness on the finish.

**Red Wines****Premium Cabernet Sauvignon 2010****92 2014-22***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

Meaty with rich black fruits both nose and palate has lots of cassis, black cherry and liquorice. The mid palate is fresher bramble and bilberry but it is the sweet fruit that enriches the back palate. The finish is long slightly fresher still with a strong blackcurrant influence.

**Kingston Estate  
Kingston-on-Murray  
Riverland  
South Australia**

**White Wines****Telegraph Station Semillon 2011****89 2012-15***Tasted at Clophill July 2012*

There is some lovely rich fruit on the nose lots of pineapple. The palate is fresher with grapefruit and a hint of lime but towards the back it fills out with sweet and ripe flavours all nicely balanced by the underlying freshness.

**Knapstein  
Clare Valley  
South Australia**

**White Wines**

**Hand Picked Riesling 2010** 92 2011-13

*Tasted at Lincoln's Inn June 2011*

Lemon and lime flowers feature on the nose an attractive mix of fragrances. The palate is fresh racy with herbal leafy flavours backed by grapefruit and apple. The mix of flavours the sweetness yet freshness would support the richness of salmon and compliment meats such as chicken and turkey

**Knapstein Hand Picked Riesling 2011** 92 2012-14

*Tasted at Lincoln's Inn February 2012*

The lemon and lime flowers that feature on the nose are backed by a hint of spice giving it a racy charm. The palate starts fresh herbal and leafy the freshness backed by richer grapefruit and white peach. The mix of flavours the sweetness yet freshness would support the richness of salmon and compliment meats such as chicken and turkey

**The Landings  
South Eastern Australia**

**White Wines**

**Colombard Chardonnay 2016** 87 2017-19

*Tasted in Lilley January 2017*

The nose has a touch of oak the fruit on the palate is fleshy and ripe with melon and grapefruit. Fleshy and sweet in the middle rich and fat the back palate is fresher the finish has a bitter twist.

**The Lane Vineyard  
Adelaide Hills**

**White Wines**

**Block 1A Chardonnay 2012** 85 2013-16

*Tasted at Corney & Barrow tasting October 2013*

The nose lacks fruit the palate is light hard citrusy and lean. A hint of sweetness at the back is overtaken by citrus acidity.

**Lantana  
Murray River  
New South Wales**

**White Wines**

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| <b>Semillon Chardonnay 2005</b><br><i>Australia Tasting January 2006</i>  | <b>88</b> |                |
| It has a very crisp feel to the nose, lime, lemon and greengage. The palate starts with freshness, really zesty fruit. Sweetness comes through on the mid palate and the finish has ripe melon, green plum with a touch of tropical fruit.              |           |                |
| <b>Semillon Chardonnay 2007</b><br><i>Tasted at the LWTF May 2008</i>   | <b>88</b> |                |
| Crunchy fruit, an exciting mix of greengage and citrus fills out the nose. The freshness is there on the palate but there is more richness, a riper melon character that gives weight towards the back.   |           |                |
| <b>Semillon Chardonnay 2008</b><br><i>Tasted at the LWTF May 2009</i>   | <b>88</b> |                |
| There is the fleshiness of ripe pineapple on the nose and this richness lends some weight to the palate. The ripe fruit is backed by citric and apple freshness that lifts and lengthens the flavours. The finish has an attractive fruit cocktail mix. |           |                |
| <b>Semillon Chardonnay 2010</b><br><i>Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011</i>   | <b>90</b> | <b>2011-13</b> |
| The nose is packed with rich flavours lots of melon and greengage with behind the freshness of lime and apple. The sweetness of the fruit gives weight on the mid palate yet there is enough citrus to balance and lift the flavours on the finish.     |           |                |
| <b>Sémillon Chardonnay 2011</b><br><i>Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012</i>   | <b>89</b> | <b>2012-15</b> |
| The nose is lime fresh backed by sweeter greengage. There is a nice weight of flavour on the mid palate the fruit feeling sweet all well balanced by freshness lots of limes and grapefruit.  |           |                |
| <b>Semillon Chardonnay 2012</b><br><i>Tasted at LWTF May 2013</i><br><i>Tasted at the Mansion House July 2013</i>   | <b>88</b> | <b>2013-18</b> |
| The nose has a mix of flavours fresh citrus with slightly richer pear. Although full on the mid palate melon fleshiness it is lighter and fresher towards the back and on the finish.   |           |                |
| <b>Sémillon Chardonnay 2013</b><br><i>Tasted at the LWF June 2014</i>   | <b>89</b> | <b>2014-17</b> |

The nose is sweet the start of the palate quite rich but the mid palate is lighter apple fresh. It fills out at the back the richer fruit giving sweetness on the finish.

### Red Wines

- Shiraz Cabernet 2004** **88**  
*Australia Tasting January 2006*  
 The nose has attractive fragrance quite light with hints of black pepper behind the fruit. The palate has a spice fragrance and a good mix of black fruit flavours. Fresh flowery spice end,
- Shiraz Cabernet 2005** **88**  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2007*  
 The mix of cassis and sloe give interest on the nose. There is sweetness on the palate but it is rather overtaken by the mid firmness although ripeness does reappear towards the back. The finish is invigorated by the bilberry and cassis having a touch of pepper.
- Shiraz Cabernet 2006** **89**  
*Tasted at the LWTF May 2008*  
 The predominantly black fruits are fleshy and ripe filling out the nose and giving a generous lushness to the palate. Black plum is spiced up by pepper and lifted by redcurrant freshness all ensuring that the mid palate is lovely and racy. There is a generous fleshiness towards the back leaving a mouthful of rich fruit.
- Shiraz Cabernet 2009** **89**    **2011-16**  
*Tasted at Lincoln's Inn October 2011*  
 The mix of mainly black fruits on the nose is sweet all feeling ripe. Rounded tannins give a supple feel to the palate with blackcurrant very much to the fore but behind the sweet fruit there is some bramble giving a fresher feel towards the back.
- Shiraz Cabernet 2010** **89**    **2012-16**  
*Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*  
 The first impression is one of red fruits red cherry and mulberry but under the freshness there is black fruited richness. The mid palate is quite fresh and spicy but the palate fills out towards the back lots of rich flavours.
- Shiraz Cabernet 2012** **89**    **2013-17**  
*Tasted at the Mansion House July 2013*  
 The nose has the richness of ripe fruit lots of black currants but there is freshness on the palate more of a red cherry character. Rich fruit fills out the back palate yet the finish is slightly lighter with lots of peppery spice.

**Leeuwin Estate  
Margaret River**

**White Wines**

- Art Series Riesling 2013** **89** **2015-19**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Bright on the nose the palate has citrus freshness light at the start but sweeter more depth in the middle. The back palate has an attractive bitter sweet character.
- Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013** **90** **2015-19**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Restrained white flowers the nose has fragrant charm the start of the palate is light and fresh. Sweeter in the middle more breadth of flavour and although quite rich at the back it finishes with citrus freshness.
- Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014** **91** **2017-21**  
*Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*  
 Fragrant the nose has white flowered the palate citrusy and bright. Richer in the middle there is more breath of fruit a touch of pineapple but at the back the citrus dominates and brightens the finish.
- Art Series Sauvignon Blanc 2012** **90** **2015-19**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Tropical fruits on the nose quite rich the palate has depth at the start. There is an underlying freshness a lime lemon mix under the mango the finish is bright with good length.
- Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay 2011** **91** **2015-19**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Depth on the nose the start of the palate has fleshy sweetness richness in the middle. There is enough freshness to balance some crisp apple but it fills out at the back with ripe melon richness.
- Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay 2014** **92** **2017-21**  
*Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*  
 The nose is fleshy with ripe fruit the palate has a mix of greengage and honeydew melon. The richness on the mid palate is balanced by underlying apple freshness with the ripe fruit showing at the back and on the finish.
- Art Series Chardonnay 2012** **92** **2015-20**  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Rich and ripe on the nose the palate has fleshy melon and rich greengage. Apple and lime refresh the mid palate a lovely balance of rich fruit yet brightness and freshness the finish is long and fruity.

### Red Wines

- Siblings Shiraz 2012** 90 2015-21  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Fresh red fruits the nose is bright the start of the palate quite light. Sweet and ripe in the middle a rich mix of red fruits the back palate fresher with spicy black pepper and the finish has good length
- Art Series Shiraz 2010** 92 2015-22  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 The fruit is sweet and ripe the palate has a mix of red cherry and bilberry lots of complexity. Lush and fleshy at the back depth of flavour the finish though is slightly lighter bright peppery and spicy.
- Art Series Shiraz 2013** 92 2017-23  
*Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*  
 The red fruits on the nose are sweet and ripe the start of the palate peppery the tannins fine and integrated. There are some black fruits towards the back but light and fresh bilberry and bramble the finish is red fruit dominated with black pepper spice excitement.
- Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Merlot 2010** 93 2015-22  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 Bramble and bilberry the nose is fresh the start of the palate bright. Depth in the middle the fleshy richness of ripe black plums the sweetness though balanced by an underlying freshness the finish has flesh and sweet ripe fruit.
- Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** 94 2015-24  
*Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*  
 The nose is cassis dominated the palate starts with black cherry firmness sweet and ripe in the middle fleshy and supple the fruit backed by dark chocolate and liquorice. The finish has depth with a complex mix of black fruits.

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