



Australia

Wineries R - Z

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Date & place of tasting in italics

Growers / Wineries are in alphabetical order with area underneath

**Red Bank
Victoria**

White Wines

Long Paddock Pinot Gris 2009

91 2012-16

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

There are attractive sweet flavours on the nose tropical fruits all backed by mineral freshness and spice. The palate has sweetness at the start but in the middle mineral, flint and grapefruit refresh with white peach giving a richer feel to the finish.

Sunday Morning Pinot Gris 2009

90 2012-15

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

The nose has a fragrant charm fresh fruits and minerals. The palate starts quite light with richer tropical fruits in the middle and mineral freshness at the back.

Red Wines

Long Paddock Shiraz 2008

91 2012-18

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

Peppery black grapes intermingle with fresh red cherry the layers of fruit giving complexity. The mid palate is lighter quite fresh but the sweeter richness fruit shows through towards the back although the finish has lots of spicy black pepper.

Fighting Flat Shiraz 2009

90 2012-18

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

Black fruits dominate although the mid palate has some red cherry freshness. The back palate is rich fleshy ripe fruited with lots of black plum and mulberry. There is a slight lack of balance as the lushness tends to overpower freshness.

The Anvil Shiraz 2006

93 2012-18

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

There are a lot of powerful flavours on the nose and a rich ripe start to the palate. Cassis and black cherry are refreshed by bramble and towards the back there is a lovely black peppery spiciness.

**Redfin
South Australia**

White Wines

Chardonnay 2005

87

Australia Tasting London January 2007

It is light but has fragrance, greengage with underlying lemon giving a crisp feel towards the back.

Adelaide Hills / McLaren Vale Sémillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010

88

2012-15

Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012

The freshness of the fruit from the Adelaide Hills balances the richer sweeter flavours from McLaren Vale. The nose is crisp and the start of the palate slightly lean but it fills out in the middle and the finish is quite full.

Red Wines

Shiraz / Grenache 2004

88

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The nose and palate are both quite light but have attractively fragrant fruits. The mix of red fruits is sweet towards the back and this combined with supple tannins gives more weight towards the back.

Shiraz Cabernet 2008

88

2012-16

Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012

There are a lot of rich flavours filling out the nose and giving a fleshy start to the palate. Red and black fruits inter mingle some mulberry and cassis the freshness of the red tempering the richer black.

**Retro 55
Adelaide
South Australia**

White Wines

Semillon Sauvignon 2004

86

Australia Tasting January 2006

It is very crisp on the nose. The taste is a mix of lime, lemon and gooseberry. There is freshness to the fruit although a touch green at the moment and lacks some weight on the finish.

Red Wines**Shiraz / Cabernet / Grenache 2003****85***Australia Tasting January 2006*

It is very tight on the nose with a bit of spice cassis showing. It feels firm on the palate with some acidity masking the fruit. More weight of leafy blackcurrant on the finish.

Robert Oatley Wines**Wilyabrup****Margaret River****Western Australia****White Wines****Finistere Margaret River Chardonnay 2015****92****2018-21***Tasted in the Mansion House June 2018*

The nose is sweet with ripe fruit the palate rich honeydew melon breadth of flavour. Under the sweet fruit apple balances and refreshes the finish is fresh fruited with flavours that last.

Rolf Binder Wines**Barossa Valley****South Australia****White Wines****Mrs Binder Riesling 2004****87***Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

It is flowery green lime on the nose and easy and quite light on taste. Crisp lemon and greengage with lime fruit show on the finish but it just lacks a bit of length.

Highness Riesling 2004**89***Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

There are green limes on the nose with an attractive freshness and fragrance. The palate has a bitter sweet mix of sweet fruit and crisp acidity. The finish is flowery with lime freshness

Highness Riesling 2006**89***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The predominant flavour is fresh grapefruit given crispness by the lime that lies underneath. The palate is lovely and fresh at the start but sweeter, fuller flavours come through, a touch more of a greengage character. The crispness features strongly on the finish with slate and mineral behind the fruit.

- Highness Riesling 2008** 92
Tasted at LWTF May 2009
 The leafy mix of lime and grapefruit gives lots of complexity on the nose and is very much in evidence on the palate. The palate has a mix of sweetness and freshness, an exciting bitter sweetness with tropical fruit power showing on the finish.
- Highness Riesling 2010** 92 2011-14
Australia Tasting January 2011
 The fruit on the nose is ripe giving it a fleshy richness. The palate has sweetness of flavour balanced by green lime freshness. The tropical fruit that shows towards the back has the sweetness and fullness of ripe fruit with underpinning it citric freshness.
- Highness Riesling 2012** 91 2014-17
Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014
 A mix of lime and lemon gives freshness on the nose and a bright start to the palate. Leafy freshness is underpinned by some richer flavours a touch of greengage a hint of pear but there is a strong citrus influence at the back and the finish is racy and fresh fruited.
- Helios Sémillon 2004** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
 The nose is broad and quite rich with lemons and lime fragrances. The palate has depth and sweetness yet there is an attractive lively acidity. On the finish there is a mix of lemon meringue and apricot that lingers well.

Red Wines

- Cabernet Merlot 2003** 91
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 There is a powerful mix of cassis and plum on the nose. The mid palate has hints of spice and cedar wood and the fruit flavours and power carries on giving a big finish.
- Halcyon Cabernet Merlot 2005** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
 Big fat nose packed with black plum, blackcurrant and sloes. The palate feels ripe and the rounded tannins add to the supple feel. Cedar wood comes through but is not over dominant and the flavours towards the back are very rich, full of dark chocolate and cassis.
- Halcyon Cabernet Merlot 2006** 91
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
 The nose is bright and fresh, lots of cassis and bilberry. The freshness is apparent at the start of the palate but richer, ripe black plum fills out the middle giving more flesh, weight and depth of fruit on the finish.

- Halcyon Cabernet Merlot 2009** **91** **2011-17**
Tasted at LWTF May 2010
 The fruit feels ripe giving a fleshy richness on the nose. Black plum fills out the palate supple and fleshy but towards the back there is freshness still very black fruited lots of bilberry and black cherry and this balances and gives a lighter feel to the finish.
- Heinreich 2002** **89**
Shiraz Grenache Mataro
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 Very fragrant with a mix of leafy red berried fruit and spice with a sweet, ripe start to the palate. Lots of raspberry and loganberry intermingled with minty spice. Good structure but the tannins are very ripe and fine grained.
- Heinreich 2003** **91**
Shiraz Grenache Mataro
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
 The nose is fragrant, complex with a mix of red berried fruit and leafy spice. The palate is rich and full with lots of ripe fruit and a mix of flavours. The back palate has real complexity, interest and fragrant length.
- Heinreich 2004** **91**
Shiraz Grenache Mataro
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
 Depth of flavour, the fruit has a savoury character, red fruits very much to the fore but behind these are hints of bramble. The palate is juicy and sweet, layers of flavour, redcurrant and mulberry interleaved with bramble and blackcurrant. The tannins are soft giving a lush, voluptuous feel and fatness on the finish.
- Heinrich 2007** **92** **2011-15**
Shiraz Mataro Grenache
Australia Tasting January 2011
 The mix of fruits on the nose has freshness with behind richer sweeter black fruits. The sweetness of the fruit combined with ripe rounded tannins gives flesh to the mid palate although behind it is freshness from the red fruit influence.
- Heinrich 2009** **93** **2014-19**
Shiraz Mataro Grenache
Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014
 Although the nose is leafy and herbal with a strong red fruited influence the fruit is ripe some sweet flavours. It fills out in the middle with lush sweet fruit fleshy at the back with a nice weight of ripe fruit on the finish.
- Heysen Shiraz 2001** **90**

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

Full and rich on the nose, a mix of bramble, mint and spice pepper. The palate is very fat and full ripe and fleshy perhaps a touch jammy. The finish is very rich with minty blackberry and mulberry staying on well.

Heysen Shiraz 2002**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

Power of ripe fruit on the nose, complex, full of bramble, red berries and pepper. It is a big mouthful, sweet and ripe with a mass of fruit. The palate has complexity and the finish is long, sweet and peppery.

Heysen Shiraz 2004**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The nose is packed with cherries, bramble and bilberry and is spiced up by the black pepper that is very much in evidence. The fruit feels ripe and it fills the mouth with rich, lush compote of fruit, there is acidity towards the back refreshing and brightening the flavours.

Heysen Shiraz 2005**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The power of the fruit fleshes out both nose and palate. Black fruits are backed by the underlying chocolate richness and the ripeness of the fruit mix ensures generosity and lushness. Some freshness is apparent helping to balance the power and the black pepper on the finish gives of twist of spice.

Heyson Shiraz 2006**93****2011-16***Australia Tasting January 2011*

The nose is packed out with black plum lovely and rich. Sweet ripe fruit gives a fleshy richness on the palate the suppleness helped by rounded ripe tannins. There is enough bramble showing to refresh and the finish is spiced up by the hints of black pepper.

Heyson Shiraz 2012**91****2015-18***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015**Tasted at the Carlton Club January 2016*

The nose has a mix of fruits freshness with sweetness at the back. Depth on the palate the ripe tannins add to the mid fleshiness. Bright at the back the mainly red fruits are peppery and spicy.

Hubris Shiraz 2005**92***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

The nose appears to be dominated by the black fruit mix but on the palate the fresher red fruits show. Chocolate gives richness to the fruit and there is spice coming from the dried raisins and pepper that are in evidence towards the back. The fruit on the finish is supported by minerals and shale.

- Shiraz 2002** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
Light, fragrant raspberry pepper fruit. The palate is quite sweet and has an attractive fragrance. Touch tight in the middle but opens out give a light flowery fragrant finish.
- Hales Shiraz 2005** 91
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
The nose has fleshy power with lots of peppery black fruits. There is a lovely rich feel to the palate, the supple tannins all adding to the fruit weight and power. Layers of flavour overlaid by black pepper give complexity and interest.
- Hales Shiraz 2006** 91
Tasted at LWTF May 2009
The mix of black and red fruits, bilberry and mulberry is attractive and this mix gives lots of complexity on the palate. The fruit is spiced up by cracked black pepper backed by a hint of peppermint, all adding to the attraction.
- Hanisch Shiraz 2005** 93
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
There is lovely black fruited power on the nose but although rich and full it is not over heavy as underpinning is fresh redcurrant spiced up by black pepper. The palate is fleshy, enriched by supple and rounded tannins that give a voluptuous fullness to the finish.
- Shiraz Grenache 2002** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
There is lots of sweet, ripe fruit on the nose. The palate has an attractive mix of peppery loganberry and redcurrant mixed with leafy red plum. Sweet mid palate, the sweetness and fruit last well.
- Halliwell Shiraz Grenache 2003** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
The nose has a leafy character with lots of red berried fruits. Layered fruit on the palate gives complexity and depth. Pepper spice character with a mix of loganberry and raspberry.
- Halliwell Shiraz Grenache 2005** 91
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
Red berried fruits mixed in with some bramble, all this giving complexity to the nose and they are backed by a herbal leafiness. Loganberry, raspberry and wild strawberry all vie for position on the palate, enlivened by some black pepper and spice. Richness is there towards the back, some black fruits mixed in with the red. There is a lighter more elegant feel to the finish.
- Halliwell Shiraz Grenache 2006** 92
Tasted at LWTF May 2009

Behind the freshness of redcurrants is fleshier strawberry and bramble. The palate has lots of sweet fruit an attractive and complex mix of flavours. The herbal spiciness and touch of black pepper give a racy feel to the finish.

Halliwell Shiraz Grenache 2007

91 2012-16

Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012

The fruit on the nose is sweet and rich filling it out. The palate is chunky lots of ripe fruit with more of a red than black fruit influence. Rounded tannins help the fleshy richness and although there is a fresher feel towards the back that brings out the peppery spiciness the finish is very rich.

**Rosemount Estate
McLaren Vale**

White Wines

Chardonnay Founders Estate 2015

87 2016-19

Tasted at Celtic Haven Pembrokeshire August 2016

Fat and full melon and pineapple the nose has depth the palate fleshy richness. Apple at the back gives a fresher feel the finish though is rich and ripe.

**Ryemill
Coonawarra
South Australia**

White Wines

Sauvignon Blanc 2004

88 2005-07

Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004

Green limes and gooseberry give a zesty freshness on the nose and a crisp start to the palate. There is some sweeter fruit in the middle giving a little more weight and depth.

Red Wines

Shiraz 2001

90

Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005

The nose is light, fragrant red and black fruit spiced by some black pepper. The taste is a mix of redcurrant and bilberry with some black plum. Ripeness in the middle but there is an underlying minerality and the flavours last well.

MCR2 2001**87 2004-08*****Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc****Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

The nose is surprisingly light quite fragrant but lacking depth. Sweet black and red fruits are backed by peppery spice pleasant easy but lacking weight.

Cabernet Sauvignon 2000**89 2004-10***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2004*

Sweet cassis is backed by bramble the mix of flavours showing on the palate. There is a generous feel on the mid palate sweet but not jammy and although the oak shows it does not overpower.

**Salomon & Co
McLaren Vale**

Red Wines**Baan Shiraz 2011****92 2015-20***Tasted at Innholders' Hall February 2015**Tasted at Lincoln's Inn February 2015*

Peppermint and spice, red fruits there is a lot happening on the nose. The palate is fresh at the start sweet and ripe in the middle the richness balanced by freshness at the back.

**Sexton Vineyard
Yarra Valley**

White Wines**Giant Steps Chardonnay 2014****89 2016-20***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval September 2016*

Depth on the nose the palate has ripe greengage and fleshy melon, mid sweetness. There is a fresh streak at the back some crisp apple but it finishes with sweetness and ripe fruits.

**Shaw & Smith
Adelaide Hills
South Australia**

White Wines**Sauvignon Blanc 2006****89***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

There is lots of gooseberry backed by hints of tropical fruit. Crisp and fragrant yet there is a sweeter feel towards the back.

Unoaked Chardonnay 2005

89

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Light but fragrant nose, the greengage has sweetness that fills out the mid palate, the freshness returns; good length.

“M3 Vineyard” Chardonnay 2005

91

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Lots of fruit on the nose, there is the richness of melon backed by greengage, lovely complex mix with depth of fruit towards the back

‘M3’ Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 2015

90 2017-21

Tasted in Mercers’ Hall October 2017

The fruit on the nose is fresh the start of the palate citrusy rich in the middle with ripe fruit. Yellow melon is backed by fleshy greengage depth at the back with a citrus mix brightening the finish.

Red Wines

Shiraz 2005

89

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Lots of redcurrant on the nose, there is a fresh feel but sweetness does come through and fill out the palate. There is a lovely vibrant finish.

**16 Stops
South Australia**

White Wines

Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 2011

89 2012-16

Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012

Greengage richness fills out the nose and gives depth of flavour on the palate. The fruit is ripe and sweet but towards the back there is a balancing freshness some greengage and apple and this gives a slightly lighter feel to the finish.

16 Stops Chardonnay 2013

90 2015-19

Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval September 2015

Depth on the nose the fruit is ripe the mid palate rich with honeydew melon. The fleshy mid sweetness is underpinned by apple the back palate fresher and bright but there is depth and rich ripe greengage on the finish.

16 Stops Chardonnay 2014**90 2016-20***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval January 2016*

Sweet and ripe on the nose the palate has depth melon and ripe greengage richness. The fleshy sweet fruit is underpinned by fresh apple a lovely balance. Bright at the back with citrus freshness but the finish has depth the sweetness of ripe fruit.

16 Stops Chardonnay 2016**90 2017-21***Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017**Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval September 2017*

The fruit on the nose is ripe the palate as depth with ripe melon and mango the rich fruit underpinned by apple. Sweet fruit gives richness at the back the finish is lighter apple and citrus freshness.

Red Wines**McLaren Vale Shiraz 2011****89 2012-17***Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012*

There is a ripe feel to the fruit on the nose and this sweetness gives quite a rich start to the palate. The mid palate has the freshness of red cherry and redcurrant but it is the black fruits that come through towards the back sweet and spicy.

McLaren Vale Shiraz 2013**90 2015-20***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval September 2015*

Depth on the nose the palate has a rich mix of fruits with red fruits tending to dominate. There is a balancing freshness some black pepper spice but it fills out at the back the fruit ripe the finish fleshy.

McLaren Vale Shiraz 2014**89 2016-23***Tasted at the Liberty tasting The Oval September 2016**Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017*

The mix of red and black fruits has a peppery spiciness the start of the palate is light but there is mid sweetness rich ripe fruit. Lighter at the back the finish has red fruits with black pepper spiciness.

**Soldier's Block
Langhorne Creek****Red Wines****Soldiers' Block Shiraz 2011****84 2013-16***Tasted at the Carlton Club July 2013*

There is a strong herbal slightly musty spiciness on the nose with fresh red fruits on the palate. The tannins are quite obvious drying the fruit and the finish is tight herbal and quite short.

Soldier's Block Shiraz 2016 88 2017-21
Shiraz 95% Malbec 5%

Victoria

Tasted at the Carlton Club September 2017

The nose is herbal and peppery the palate fresh at the start but it fills out in the middle with ripe reds fruits. The tannins are fine and integrated the back palate has fleshy sweetness the finish lighter with black pepper spice.

**Sotherton Estate
 South Eastern Australia**

White Wines

Chardonnay 2016 85 2017-20
Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017

Fat and ripe the nose is dominated by oak the palate sweet and fleshy. Melon and pear on the mid palate the ripe fruit lacks a balancing freshness the finish is flabby and quite sweet.

**Stanton & Killeen
 Victoria**

Fortified Whites

Classic Rutherglen Muscat 12 Year Old 96 2012-24
Tasted at Lilley December 2012

The rich spicy aromatic nose is packed with dried fruits and apricots. The start of the palate is nutty a mix of almonds and hazel nuts behind which is rich ripe fruit with the freshness towards the back bringing out the aromatic spiciness on the finish.

**Sunnycliff Estate
 Mildura
 Victoria**

Sparkling Wines

Sunnycliff Brut NV 88
Pinot Noir Chardonnay
Tasted in Lilley July 2012

The nose is zesty fresh with lots of greengage and lime and although slightly sweeter in the middle the back palate is crisp slightly hard with lots of mousse on the finish

**Tahbilk
Victoria**

White Wines

Marsanne 2011 **88** **2014-16**

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014

The nose is light leafy herbal and the palate lean with fresh fruits a mix of grassy flavours. Sweetness towards the back gives way to herbal freshness on the finish.

Sweet White Wines

Cane Cut Marsanne Ngambi Lakes 2013 **86** **2018-20**

Tasted in Lincoln's Inn January 2018

The nose is light the fruit fresh a citrus mix and although there is a richer sweeter feel to the mid palate the back palate and finish lack richness and sweet fruit.

**Tamar Ridge
Tasmania**

Sweet White Wines

Botrytis Riesling 2009 **89** **2012-15**

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn May 2012

The nose is sweet with the tropical fruit mix backed by a herbal character. Fleshy melon gives richness in the middle but it feels fresher slightly lighter towards the back. It just lacks a bit of concentration.

Botrytis Riesling 2011 **92** **2013-18**

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn October 2013

The fruit is sweet lots of ripe tropical fruits and apricots. There is a fleshy richness on the mid palate lush the apricot tropical fruit mix backed by candies peel. Towards the back there is a balancing freshness but the finish is sensuous fleshy.

**Tapanappa
Fleurieu Peninsula
South Australia**

White Wines

Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay 2008 89 2011-14
Adelaide Hills

Tasted at the Mentzendorff tasting September 2011

Apple and grapefruit feature on the nose very light and fresh and this mix is there on the start of the palate. The mid palate is richer with more melon showing but the fresh fruits come through towards the back bringing out the fragrances on the finish.

Tiers Vineyard Chardonnay 2013 91 2015-19
Adelaide Hills

Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015

Depth on the nose the palate has a rich mix of ripe greengage and melon. Behind the sweet fruit apple gives a balancing freshness but it fills out at the back and on the finish fleshy ripe with fruited richness.

Red Wines

Foggy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009 91 2011-15
Fleurie Peninsula

Tasted at the Mentzendorff tasting September 2011

Although the nose is light there are some lovely fragrances from a mix of red and black fruits and this mix is in evidence on the palate. Bramble and mulberry intermingle with the sweetness of the blackberry balanced by the fresher raspberry.

Foggy Hill Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013 90 2015-19
Fleurie Peninsula

Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015

Light and bright the nose is fragrant the palate has a mix of red and black fruits. Mulberry on the mid palate gives more depth the sweet fruit underpinned by bramble the finish lighter and fresh.

Whalebone Vineyard Merlot Cabernet Franc 2007 92 2011-16

Tasted at the Mentzendorff tasting September 2011

The herbal freshness of the Cabernet Franc features on the nose and although there on the start of the palate black plum richness takes over fleshing out the middle. Fresh flavours give a lighter brighter feel to the finish.

**The Colonial Estate
 Barossa Valley
 South Australia**

White Wines

- “Expatrie” Barossa Ranges Semillon 2007** **89**
Semillon 88% Riesling 12%
Tasted at Château Teyssier Saint-Emilion March 2004
Rich and ripe on the nose the palate has weight of fruit ripe melon. At the back lime gives freshness the finish though is honeyed and rich.
- “Expatrie” Barossa Ranges Semillon 2007** **91**
Semillon 88% Riesling 12%
Tasted in London September 2008
The nose is opulent packed with honeyed peach and apricot. There is an appealing freshness behind the fruit richness, hints of lime and greengage. The fruit mix, backed by a touch of oak, gives a lovely complexity to the finish.
- “Emissaire” Eden Valley Riesling 2008** **92**
Riesling 100%
Tasted in London September 2008
Zesty lemon and lime are backed by steely mineral and this lovely freshness is there on the palate. There is a sweeter feel in the middle lifted and refreshed by lime, slate and mineral all ensuring real length.

Rosé Wines

- “Enchanteur” Barossa Valley Rosé 2007** **91**
Grenache 100%
Tasted in London September 2008
The mix of wild berries, strawberries, loganberries and red currants are overlaid by rose petal fragrances. There is lots of flavour on the palate, all very red fruited with a fresh herbal twist adding to the excitement on the finish.

Red Wines

- “Envoy” Barossa Valley Grenache Shiraz Mouvèdre 2006** **92**
Grenache 50% Shiraz 30% Mouvèdre 20%
Tasted in London September 2008
The red fruits are overlaid with floral fragrances and backed by a herbal, mint spice. Powerful flavours fill out the palate, the strawberry and redcurrant is fleshed out by mulberry and dark chocolate. Towards the back spice and pepper is very much in evidence brightening the fruit.
- “Eclaireur” Barossa Valley Old Vine Grenache 2006** **93**
Grenache 100%
Tasted in London September 2008

The ripeness of the berried fruits fleshes out the nose, the richness spiced up by some toasty oak. Rounded tannins ensure voluptuous suppleness on the palate, all chewy, fat and rich. There is freshness showing at the back that adds brightness to the finish.

“Etranger” Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2003 89

Cabernet Sauvignon 88% Shiraz 12%

Tasted at Château Teyssier Saint-Emilion March 2004

Fat and sweet the palate has fleshy richness supple in the middle. There is a fresher feel at the back more bramble and bilberry spicy with quite a lot of oak. The finish has depth sweet fruit ripe and rich.

“Etranger” Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 93

Cabernet Sauvignon 88% Shiraz 12%

Tasted in London September 2008

The mix of black fruits on the nose is backed by liquorice, ensuring lots of complexity. This mix comes out on the palate, first blackcurrant and then sloe refreshed by some bilberry, all enriched by dark chocolate and mocha coffee. The tannins are quite firm giving structure to the mid-palate but there is sweetness that ensures richness on the finish.

“Exile” Shiraz 2002 86

Tasted at Château Teyssier Saint-Emilion March 2004

Depth on the nose there are a lot of powerful fruits on the palate rich black fruits sweet bramble jelly. Fresher black fruits lighten a little but the back palate is fleshy and sweet lacking in any finesse.

“Exile” Shiraz 2004 94 2010-20

Tasted in Bordeaux November 2010

The fleshy richness of summer heat is apparent on both nose and palate. It is all very black fruited the mix of fruits enriched by the dark chocolate that shows on the mid palate. There are hints of spice, a touch of black pepper and some brighter red cherry that helps to lighten the finish

“Explorateur” Barossa Valley Old Vines Shiraz 2003 88

Shiraz 90% Cabernet Sauvignon 10%

Tasted at Château Teyssier Saint-Emilion March 2004

Sweet and ripe on the nose the palate has concentrated rich black fruits the mid palate fleshy and sweet. Mulberry and red cherry in the middle add some freshness a hint of spice at the back the finish though has flesh blackberry jam.

“Explorateur” Barossa Valley Old Vines Shiraz 2006 92

Shiraz 90% Cabernet Sauvignon 10%

Tasted in London September 2008

A rich mix of red fruits is there on the nose and fills out the palate. This ripeness is spiced up by black pepper and lightened by some fresher bilberry. The tannins are chewy but as they feel ripe they are not over dominant. An attractive mix of red and black fruits adds interest on the finish

L'Emigre 2003**87**

Tasted at Château Teyssier Saint-Emilion March 2004

Spicy flowery on the nose the palate has green pepper at the back of the black fruits. The fruit feels ripe the mid palate has fair depth and sweetness but at the back there is green pepper freshness quite spicy on the finish.

**The Old Press
South Australia**

Red Wines**Shiraz 2011****87****2012-16**

Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012

The nose is quite light fragrant spicy and sweet. Ripe red fruits give more weight on the mid palate and as the fruit feels very ripe it is a bit sticky sweet. There is some freshness that brings out the spice but the finish is rich and fleshy.

**The Other Wine Company
Adelaide Hills**

White Wines**Pinot Gris 2015****92****2016-20**

Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians June 2016

Slate and mineral the nose is fresh the palate richer with tropical fruits peachy in the middle with sweet fruit on the back palate. Lighter on the finish racy there are hints of citrus, flint, mineral and slate.

**Torbreck Vintners
Barossa Valley**

Red Wines**Les Amis Grenache 2010****95****2014-20**

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

There is a nutmeg leafy quality to the nose and herbal freshness on the start of the palate. The mid palate is richer with ripe black fruits rich deep and brooding the powerful fruit flavours filling out the back palate and enriching the finish.

The Steading 2009 92 2013-18

Grenache 60% Shiraz 20% Mataro 20%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

There is a complicated mix of red fruits on the nose fresh at the start but richer in the middle. The back palate has fresh fruits spicy red fruits but the finish is deep rich and ripe fruited.

Woodcutter's Shiraz 2012 92 2015-20

Shiraz 100%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

The fruit is ripe the nose sweet but the start of the palate has a youthful freshness with black pepper spices. There is more depth towards the back still very red fruit influenced but there is depth fleshy richness on the finish.

The Struie 2010 93 2014-20

Shiraz 100%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

Black pepper spices up the nose lots of ripe red fruits ripe lovely and sweet. The mid palate has fleshy power rich ripe strawberry supported by fresh firm red cherry. The finish is long with an attractive mix of flavours.

The Factor 2009 94 2013-19

Shiraz 100%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

The nose has lots of rich fruit fleshy supple and ripe. The mid palate seems a bit tight firm tannins but it opens up towards the back with the red fruited freshness bringing out spicy black pepper an exciting complex mix of flavours.

Descendant 2009 94 2013-20

Shiraz 92% Viognier 8%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

Although the nose has a racy freshness the palate is deep rich fruited with a strong red fruit influence. The ripeness of the fruit gives a fleshy suppleness and there is black fruited power at the back. The finish has length richness with layers of peppery flavours.

Runrig 2009 95 2013-20

Shiraz 100%

Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013

The nose is power packed rich black fruits with slightly fresher red fruits. Ripe tannins give suppleness fleshy richness the sweet fruit balanced by the freshness that lies underneath. There are layers of flavours power and richness yet freshness lots of complexity.

Torzi Matthews
Eden Valley

White Wines

Frost Dodger Riesling 2013

93 2017-20

Tasted in the Carlton Club May 2017

The nose is herbal cut grass the palate starts bright citrusy limes and lemons. There is more depth in the middle mandarins a hint of peach the back palate is lighter flinty, fresh with a hint of petrol

Trentham Estate
Murray River
New South Wales

Sparkling Wines

Sparkling Brut 2002

88

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

There is fresh fruit on the nose with melon showing strongly. The taste is fresh and has a nice weight of fruit with ripe melon overtaken by fresh lime and lemon. The finish has good length.

Sparkling Brut 2004

89

Tasted at LWTF May 2006

The nose is crisp with a good mix of melon and greengage. Flowery and fragrant flavours on the palate, the melon sweet middle has fresh greengage showing towards the back. The fruit lasts well.

Sparkling Shiraz 2002

84

Tasted at LWTF May 2005

It is very hard and slightly green on the nose. The mousse is high and rather masks the raspberry red berry flavours. Acidity on the finish shortens the palate.

Murphy's Lore Reserve Sparkling Brut NV

88

Chardonnay 80% Pinot Noir 20%

Tasted at LWTF May 2010

There is an appealing fragrance about the nose underpinned by crisp citrus flavours. The palate has a good weight of sweet fruit refreshed by the lime lemon mix that comes through towards the back.

White Wines

- Pinot Grigio 2005** **88**
Australia Tasting January 2006
 Minerals and fresh spice show on the nose. The palate has fruit fragrance with sweetness in the middle. Light fresher feel to the finish with lingering flinty fruit.
- Sauvignon Blanc 2004** **89**
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 The nose is very flowery with crisp, gooseberry and tropical fruits and there is a flowery freshness on the palate with a nice weight of fruit in the middle. Flinty green apple and grassy gooseberry crisp up the back palate with the flavours lasting well.
- Sauvignon Blanc 2005** **90**
Australia Tasting January 2006
 There is lots of rich, ripe tropical fruit on the nose. The palate is sweet at the start with very appealing fragrance, tropical fruits, limes and hints of gooseberry. Freshness comes through on the mid palate and gives the wine a long racy finish.
- Viognier 2003** **89**
Tasted at LWTF May 2005
 There is a very open nose with a flowery mix of peaches and apricots. Although quite sweet and rich on the palate there is freshness coming through in the middle and lasting well. Lots of ripe fruit right at the back fill it out with white peach flavours dominating.
- Viognier 2004** **89**
Australia Tasting January 2006
 It has a flowery fragrant nose that has a lovely mix of peach and apricot. The palate is sweet but has an appealing freshness showing on the mid palate. Good weight of flavour with an attractive peachy character showing right at the back.
- Viognier 2005** **89**
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
 The mix of apricot and peach gives weight to the nose and comes through well on the palate. The sweet fruit is balanced by the mid freshness brightening and lengthening the finish.
- Viognier 2006** **88**
Tasted at LWTF May 2008

Rich full bodied apricot fleshes out the nose and gives weight to the palate. Behind the richness there are lighter fresher flavours, white peach and tropical fruits. The power of the ripe apricot comes through again fleshing out the back palate.

Viognier 2009**90 2011-15***Australia Tasting January 2011*

Ripe apricot gives the richness on the nose with behind attractively fragrant peach. The start of the palate is fresh but the sweetness of the fruit comes through fleshing out the middle and giving weight on the finish.

Viognier 2010**90 2012-16***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose is quite light but fragrant with lots of white peach. The palate has more depth apricot in character the rich middle balanced by the citric freshness that shows towards the back bringing out the peachiness.

Chardonnay 2002**89***Tasted at LWTF May 2004*

The nose is full of very ripe melon and quince with a rich toasty feel to palate. The oak blends in well and the wine shows real harmony between fruit, oak and acidity.

Chardonnay 2006**90***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

Full, fat on the nose, the honeydew melon is very much to the fore with behind it a touch of quince and greengage. The palate feels ripe, lots of toasty oak but as it is balanced by the acidity, it is not over dominant. Ripe fleshy fruit is there on the finish.

Chardonnay 2013**91 2014-19***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

The nose has apple freshness and the start of the palate is light and citrusy. There is depth of fruit in the middle melon and greengage the rich fruit underpinned by apple that gives freshness on the finish.

Estate Chardonnay 2008**90***Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

It feels quite fleshy on the nose with more melon showing than greengage. Apple and citrus come through on the palate giving freshness in the middle and balancing the fleshier richness. The flavours last quite well on the back palate.

Estate Chardonnay 2009**90 2011-15***Australia Tasting January 2011*

It has the richness of melon on both nose and palate with lots of greengage behind. The mid palate is fresher lots of apple with citrus at the back. There are layers of fruit giving complexity and although rich on the finish there is enough freshness to balance.

Estate Chardonnay 2010 90 2012-16

Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012

There is a lot of fruit on the nose rich and quite ripe. Melon fleshiness fills out the palate backed by slightly firmer greengage a balance between fruit richness and freshness.

Estate Chardonnay 2012 91 2013-18

Tasted at LWTF May 2013

The nose is rich and ripe fruited and the palate has the fleshiness of ripe honeydew melon. Underpinning there is grapefruit and apple freshness and although slightly lighter and fresher towards the back the finish has the richness of ripe fruit.

Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2006 91

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

The nose has the brightness of fresh fruits, apple and citrus backed by pineapple. The sweetness of honeydew melon lends weight to the palate, a fleshier richness but under all this the fresh fruits show themselves balancing and adding some complexity.

Yarra Chardonnay 2008 91 2012-16

Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012

The fruit feels ripe sweet and rich and this fills out the nose and gives a powerful start to the palate. There is enough apple freshness to balance the powerful richness and sweetness of the flavours and this gives a lighter slightly more elegant feel to the finish

Albariño 2008 92

Tasted at LWTF May 2010

The nose has an attractive richness, pear and apricot vying with fresher greengage for dominance. There is depth to the palate, layers of fruit that give complexity and sweetness well balanced by lime freshness.

Red Wines

Pinot Noir 2002 88

Tasted at LWTF May 2004

Minty sweet fruit shows on the nose with mulberry and some bramble. Good depth of flavour and length of fruit. The mix of red and black fruits comes through on the finish mixed in with a peppermint character.

Pinot Noir 2004 88

Australia Tasting January 2006

The nose is full of minty chocolate all quite fresh and fragrant. There is a fair weight of fruit on the palate, easy but lacking complexity. Peppermint and black plum character on the finish.

Pinot Noir 2005**88***Tasted at LWTF May 2007*

The mix of black and red fruits, first mulberry then black cherry gives complexity to the nose and this blend of fruits are also very evident on the palate. The fruit is ripe and the tannins supple, all ensuring a fleshy mouthful.

Pinot Noir 2006**89***Tasted at LWTF May 2008*

There is a fleshy richness to the mix of mulberry and black cherry on the nose. The fruit is ripe and this adds sweetness to the mid palate giving a supple richness. Towards the back some fresher red cherry emerges ensuring a lighter bright feel on the finish.

Pinot Noir 2007**89***Tasted at LWTF May 2009*

It is very light but attractively fragrant. More weight of flavour shows through on the palate, mulberry mixed in with loganberry. Towards the back the freshness of the fruit exerts itself giving a lighter feel to the finish.

Pinot Noir 2009**89****2010-13***Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

Fresh mulberry backed by bramble gives a nice complex feel to the nose. There are layers of flavour on the palate some fresh red fruits filled out by sweeter black all intermingling. There is a hint of sweetness on the finish.

Pinot Noir 2010**91****2012-16***Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012*

The nose is light fragrant red fruited with a mix of mulberry and raspberry. Sweeter flavours give more weight in the middle a slightly richer feel but the finish is light fresh and fragrant.

Pinot Noir 2011**90****2013-18***Tasted at LWTF May 2013*

Mulberry and black cherry intermingle on the nose and the palate has the same red fruited freshness with slightly richer black fruits at the back. The supple fleshiness on the mid palate is underpinned by red fruited freshness.

Pinot Noir 2012**90****2014-19***Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014*

The fruit mix some black fruits some red fruits is light with a fragrant charm. The start of the palate is light bilberry in character but it fills out in the middle with fleshy mulberry. Lighter at the back the finish is fresh red fruited.

- Estate Pinot Noir 2013** 92 2014-18
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
 Mulberry and bramble the nose has an attractive mix of flavours and although the start of the palate is quite light it fills out in the middle with richer fruit. The mix at the back has interest the finish long with lingering fruit.
- Yea Valley Pinot Noir 2002** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2004
 The fruit on the nose is rich; the black cherry has chocolate undertones. Sweet on the palate, the ripeness gives fleshiness and the supple tannins add to this feeling of fatness. Brighter feel towards the back, the black cherry and mulberry show a more youthful freshness on the back palate.
- Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir 2005** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
 Bilberry is very much in evidence and this backed by mulberry and raspberry gives an attractive freshness on the nose. Sweeter minty flavours come through on the palate, the sweetness of the fruit helping the richness. The fruit mix lingers long.
- Mornington Peninsular Pinot Noir 2006** 91 2010-14
Tasted at LWTF May 2010
 Black cherry and blackberry tend to dominate but behind is the fresher feel of mulberry. The palate has the sweetness of ripe fruit a good depth of flavour all nicely balanced by the mulberry. The back palate has an attractive weight of fruit.
- Mornington Peninsular Pinot Noir 2008** 92 2012-16
Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2012
 The nose has lots of rich fruit ripe mulberry and the palate is sweet fruited fleshy and rich. There is a balancing freshness black fruits bilberry and bramble but the finish is rich and ripe full of flavour.
- Cabernet Merlot 2000** 88
Tasted at LWTF May 2002
 Heavy fruit fills out the nose with lots of sweet cassis and ripe black plum. The palate is full and quite sweet, just a touch jammy and lacking in structure. It is meaty and supple from the rich fruit that shows towards the finish with a touch of heat.
- Merlot 2002** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2004
 The nose is sweet fruited full of squashy black plum. It is very full and fleshy on the palate, ripe fruit with a weight of flavour and a full sweet fruit finish that lasts well.

- Merlot 2005** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2007
The black plum has sweetness and is backed by dark chocolate, ripe and fat on the mid palate the sweetness carries through and fleshes out the finish. A very attractive mouthful of fruit but it is just a touch jammy.
- Merlot 2012** 90 2013-18
Tasted at LWTF May 2013
The nose is remarkably fresh with much more of a red fruit influence but the palate is sweet fruited rich and full of black plum and black cherry. There is a fresher feel towards the back with the mix of flavours lingering on the finish.
- Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** 93 2014-20
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
Cassis and black cherry the nose has a mix of sweet fruits the palate is rich. The black fruits are backed by dark chocolate, liquorice and coffee beans lots of complexity and although lighter at the back herbal slightly spicy the finish is sweet.
- River Retreat Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** 91 2015-22
Tasted at the SITT tasting London February 2015
The nose is sweet quite rich and the palate has ripe black fruits a mix of blackcurrant and black cherry. Fleishy on the mid palate lots of chocolate and liquorice the fleshiness backed by fresher fruits the finish lighter.
- Petit Verdot 2002** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2004
It is ripe and fleshy on the nose with a mix of greengage, spice and minty, peppery blackcurrant. The palate is sweet with lots of ripe fruit. The green pepper flavours enhance the ripe plum and cassis.
- Petit Verdot 2003** 90
Australia Tasting January 2006
There is good depth to the nose with leafy green peppery black fruits. Depth and structure with a sweetness show on the mid palate, the tannins are rounded and supple. There is a lovely herby, minty, bilberry and blackcurrant on the finish.
- Petit Verdot 2004** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2006
It is not an easy grape to manage but this has got enough sweetness to balance the usual firm tannins. The bramble and bilberry have green pepper character that lifts the flavours and gives real excitement.
- Petit Verdot 2006** 88

Tasted at LWTF May 2008

The nose has lots green pepper that spices up the bilberry and bramble. Very fresh on the palate, the herbal character gives a spice character to the fruit. A touch short in the middle at the moment but there is more weight on the finish

Petit Verdot 2008

91 2010-15

Tasted at LWTF May 2010

There is a lot of concentrated fruit on the nose all very black fruit dominated. Blackcurrant and sloe are there on the palate underpinned and enriched by the dark chocolate. The back palate is fleshy all very black fruited.

Nebbiolo 2001

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Tasted at LWTF May 2003

Light, fragrant rose-petal fragrances show on the nose with the same light and easy flowery bramble showing on the palate with just a hint of tar. It lacks a bit of weight on the finish.

Nebbiolo 2005

90

Tasted at LWTF May 2007

The black plum is refreshed and spiced up by red fruits; raspberry filled out by some wild strawberry. The palate has good depth of fruit, a fleshy feel from the ripe and supple tannins. Fresher flavours surface towards the back.

Shiraz 2001

89

Tasted at LWTF May 2003

The nose is full of sweet, ripe fruit. The raspberry red plum is spicy with lots of black pepper showing. Fleshy start to the palate but there is a lighter, more elegant feel to the mid palate and the wine has nice length.

Shiraz 2009

89 2011-16

Australia Tasting January 2011

It has more of a red fruited influence with lots of pepper on the nose. Strawberry and red cherry tend to dominate the palate backed by some black fruits but they too feel fresh. The finish has a racy spiciness.

Shiraz 2010

91 2013-18

Tasted at LWTF May 2013

Spicy black pepper gives lots of excitement on the nose and the palate has a complex mix of bramble and red fruits. There is lots of interest at the back with all the spiciness of black and white pepper.

Tasted at the Australia Day tasting London January 2014

90 2014-20

Spicy and peppery the nose is very red fruit influenced and the start of the palate fresh with red cherry and raspberry. The tannins feel ripe the mid palate richer and sweeter with depth of flavour on the finish.

- Estate Shiraz 2012** 92 2014-19
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
The fruit feels ripe the nose is quite rich and the start of the palate fleshy with a mix of fruits the red fruits tending to dominate. Although quite rich on the back palate the finish has the spiciness of white pepper.
- Heathcote Shiraz 2005** 90
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
The nose is rich and powerful, lots of mulberry and cherry underpinned by bramble. The tannins are firm but feel ripe giving a backbone to the sweet fruit. Lots of black pepper and spice add complexity and excitement on the finish.
- Heathcote Shiraz 2006** 91 2010-15
Tasted at LWTF May 2010
The nose is lovely and racy with black pepper spicing up the fruit. Red fruits tend to dominate the palate but they do feel ripe giving richness on the mid palate. The black fruits that emerge towards the back help to enrich the finish.
- Heathcote Shiraz 2008** 92 2011-16
Tasted at the London Wine Trade Fair May 2011
The ripeness of the black fruits gives an attractive sweetness on the nose and richness on the palate. Black fruits tend to dominate but under the black cherry power there is fresher bramble and red cherry giving a slightly lighter feel towards the back. The finish has the typical spicy black pepper of the grape.
- Heathcote Shiraz 2009** 92 2013-18
Tasted at LWTF May 2013
Both nose and palate are full of sweet fruit more of a black fruit influence. The sweetness richness of flavour on the mid palate is balanced by fresh bramble and raspberry with the spiciness of black pepper adding excitement to the finish.
- Heathcote Shiraz 2010** 94 2014-20
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
Ripe fruits the nose has depth and power and the palate is fleshy and rich. The lighter red fruits in the middle bring out the black and white pepper mix and although spicy at the back the finish has depth the richness of ripe fruit.
- Syrah Viognier 2006** 89
Tasted at LWTF May 2008
The first impression is very red fruit but underneath there are hints of black. Sweet fruit shows on the palate nicely refreshed by some mid acidity. The raspberry and mulberry mix has a touch of spice all adding to the complexity.

The Cliffs Shiraz Petit Verdot Sangiovese 2007 90*Tasted at LWTF May 2009*

There is a very attractive freshness to the red cherry on the nose; the floral character is backed by peppery spice. It feels quite light at the start but more fruit does push through towards the back, all very red fruited.

The Cliffs Shiraz 2007 90*Tasted at LWTF May 2009*

The nose is attractive with lots of spring blossom backed by cherry freshness. Richer flavours show on the palate, the cherry and mulberry vying with bilberry for dominance. There is a lovely depth of flavour on the finish, black pepper with a hint of peppermint

Sweet White Wines**Noble Taminga 2001 86***Tasted at LWTF May 2003*

The nose is all dried fruit and Christmas cake. There is a freshness and lightness with Muscat and lime showing in the middle some mid acidity slightly firm although the sweetness and Muscat spice comes through on the finish

Noble Taminga 2002 88*Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose is Christmas cake in a bottle, lots of dried fruits and orange peel. The middle has freshness and this lifts the fruit flavours and gives a zip to the flowery fragrant sweet fruit end.

Noble Taminga 2003 90*Tasted at LWTF May 2005*

The mix of orange peel and dried fruits is backed by flowery fragrances. It is sweet, lush but not overly sticky as the freshness on the palate lifts the fruit and brings out the enticing mix of flavours.

Noble Taminga 2005 91 2010-14*Tasted in London at a Broderers' Dinner December 2010*

Dried fruits feature on the nose all quite rich and sweet. The richness of the nose is there on the start of the palate but in the middle there is a citric freshness that lifts the flavours. The finish is sweet and rich with lots of caramelized citrus peel.

Noble Taminga 2006 92 2010-14*Tasted at LWTF May 2010*

There is an attractive floral perfumed mix on the nose and the sweetness of flavour is there on the palate. Ripe pears are backed by apricots and white peach, lots of complex flavours. The lush sweetness is well balanced by a touch of underlying freshness.

Noble Taminga 2008**92 2011-15***Tasted at Lincoln's Inn October 2011*

The nose has a sumptuous fleshy richness with lots of apricots and orange peel. The fruit on the palate is rich with the ripe yellow peaches and apricots backed by orange marmalade yet there is enough lime freshness at the back to balance.

Noble Taminga 2010**93 2014-20***Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

There is lots happening on the nose the palate rich ripe fruited sweet with apricots and candied orange peel. There is enough mid freshness to balance and lighten but there is sweet fruit giving depth and richness at the back.

**Turkey Flat Vineyards
Barossa Valley**

Red Wines**Shiraz 2012****93 2015-24***Tasted at the Carlton Club November 2015**Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Sweet and ripe on the nose peppery black fruits the palate is rich and fleshy. Ripe tannins add to the mid suppleness and although there are enough red fruits to balance and lighten at the back there is concentration and depth and the finish is fleshy and rich.

Grenache 2013**93 2015-24***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Sweet and ripe on the nose the palate has depth and a rich mix of flavours. Slightly herbal on the mid palate the bramble is underpinned by red fruits. A touch sweeter at the back depth of flavour the finish is light bright with a forest leaf character.

Mourvèdre 2010**92 2015-20***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Bright herbaceous the nose has strong red fruit influences the start of the palate is light. Black fruits show on the mid palate quite sweet and rich but at the back the leafy freshness lightens and brings out the fragrance on the finish.

**Tyrrell's Wines
Hunter Valley**

White Wines

- Winemakers's Selection Vat 1 Semillon 2007** 91 2013-16
Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013
 The nose is deep rich fruited with peaches and hints of apricots. Under the sweetness on the palate grapefruit refreshes and balances the richness. It fills out towards the back with depth of flavour on the finish.
- Heroes Moon Mountain Chardonnay 2011** 89 2013-16
Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013
 Rich fruit fills the nose and give3s a fleshy depth on the palate with the sweet fruit enriched by oak sweetness. Although there is a fresher feel towards the back the finish is dominated by ripe melon.
- Winemaker's Selection Vat 1 Semillon 1999** 93 2013-17
Tasted at the Fells tasting September 2013
 The fruit is rich the nose packed with ripe fruit. The palate starts with depth of flavour apricots ripe yellow peach all backed by the nutty hint of maturity. There is enough underlying freshness to balance to lighten the back palate but the finish is apricot rich with hints of almonds.

Vasse Felix
 Margaret River
 Western Australia

White Wines

- Semillon- Sauvignon 2010** 88 2012-15
Tasted at Mosimann's July 2012
 The richness of the Semillon fills out the nose and gives a fleshy start on the palate. There is an underlying freshness all slightly herbal and cut leaf with the richer flavours taking over leaving the finish full quite fat and rather heavy.
- Filius Chardonnay 2016** 91 2017-21
Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017
 The nose has Granny Smith apples the start of the palate fresh but there is an underlying sweetness melon and rich greengage. Lighter at the back and it finishes citrusy and bright.
- Chardonnay 2015** 92 2017-22
Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017
 The fruit is sweet and ripe the start of the palate has fleshy melon ripe greengages. There is an underlying freshness from the crisp apples but the ripe fruit at the back enriches the finish.

Red Wines

- Adam's Road Shiraz 2004** **89**
Australia Tasting London January 2007
 Sweet red fruits are mixed with some bilberry and bramble. The ripeness is not overpowering as there is freshness on the mid palate more spicy red fruit on the finish.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2004** **90**
Australia Tasting London January 2007
 Richness on the nose, the cassis is backed by bilberry and sloe. There is a fleshy start to the palate but a firmer middle with freshness at the back adding brightness.
- Cabernet Sauvignon 2013** **93** **2017-22**
Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017
 The nose has depth of flavour the palate a mix of ripe black cherry cassis and dark chocolate. Under the sweet fruit bramble and bilberry lighten and refresh but it the powerful mix of black fruits that enriches the finish.
- Shiraz 2004** **91**
Australia Tasting London January 2007
 Richness and complexity are the hallmark of the nose and the palate. Cherry and plum are all there with a touch of redcurrant underneath. Spice and black pepper lift the fruit on the finish.

**Vintelooper
 McLaren Vale**

White Wines

- R / 13 Watervale Riesling 2013** **90** **2014-18**
Clare Valley
Tasted at the LWF June 2014
Tasting at SITT tasting London February 2015
 The nose is fresh white flowered the start of the palate citrusy and slightly herbal. Greengage gives richness in the middle but at the back lime the grassy green leaf character refresh.
- R / 16 Watervale Riesling 2016** **90** **2017-21**
Tasted at the Red Squirrel Tasting September 2017
 The nose is lime fresh the start of the palate bright with a touch of herbal spice. The mid palate has sweet fruit a mix of greengage and ripe pear the back palate fresh citrusy leafy and herbal the finish has good length.
- PG 13 Southern Fleurie Pinot Gris 2013** **91** **2014-19**
Tasted at the LWF June 2014

The nose is light fragrant the palate lean and fresh with slate and mineral. It fills out in the middle with ripe greengage richness but the citrus the flint is there at the back the finish racy and long.

PG 16 Pinot Gris 2016**91 2017-21***Tasted at the LWF Olympia May 2017*

Fresh fruit the nose has slate freshness fragrant with white flowers the palate richer quite sweet in the middle. The back palate is bright and fresh the finish has length racy smoky, mineral and slate.

Red Wines**Adelo Red 2012****91 2015-20***Touriga Nacional 65% Shiraz 25% Pinot noir 6% Grenache 4%**Tasted at the LWF June 2014*

Fresh red fruits with sweeter black give complexity on the palate. The mid palate is quite rich and sweet but behind red fruited acidity lightens and refreshes and the finish is quite tight with some firm tannin.

McLaren Vale Shiraz 2010**91 2014-18***Tasted at the LWF June 2014**Tasting at SITT tasting London February 2015*

Black pepper gives spice to the nose red fruits give freshness with richer black giving more depth on the mid palate. Under the sweet fruit there is freshness a mix of reds fruits the finish slightly lighter with black pepper spice.

TN/12 Langhorne Creek Touriga Nacional 2012**92 2015-20***Tasting at SITT tasting London February 2015*

The nose has lots of fragrances lavender and violets the palate fresh at the start with peppery spiciness. Rich ripe fruit ripe tannins give a silky mid fleshiness depth of flavour the rich fruits black and red fruits filling out the back palate.

TN / 16 Langhorne Creek Touiga Nacional 2016**92 2017-24***Tasted at the Red Squirrel Tasting September 2017*

Red fruits the nose is fresh fragrant a mix of violets and lavender the start of the palate peppery and spicy. Ripe fruit in the middle the tannins are fine and integrated the back palate silky and smooth the finish has the richness of ripe black cherry and mulberry.

**Voyager
Margaret River
Western Australia**

White Wines

Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014**89 2015-18***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

The nose has the freshness of gooseberry and lemon the start of the palate bright. More depth in the middle the fruit is sweet but the citrus takes over at the back the finish fresh and fruity.

Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2016**91 2017-20***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

Bright the nose has fragrant freshness the start of the palate crisp and citrusy. Broader in the middle the fresh fruit is backed by tropical fruit the back palate is rich and ripe the finish lighter very lime and lemon driven

Chardonnay 2011**90 2015-18***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Light and fresh on the nose the palate though has richness a greengage and melon mix depth of flavour. The mid sweetness is balanced by fresh fruit at the back the flavours lingering on the finish.

Chardonnay 2014**92 2017-20***Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017*

The fruit on the nose is ripe the palate has fleshy melon greengage depth of flavour. Under the sweet fruits the mix of apple and citrus balances and refreshes lighter at the back the finish has length and crisp apple freshness.

Red Wines**Girt by Sea Merlot 2004****91***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Lovely rich ripe plum with other black fruit flavours adding lots of complexity. The richness and ripeness on the mid palate is balanced by some freshness; leaves fat plum on the palate.

Girt by the Sea Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2012**90 2015-22***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

Bright on the nose the start of the palate is bilberry fresh. Richer in the middle fleshy black plum, cassis and a hint of dark chocolate the rich mix of flavours fills out the back palate.

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

Very flowery on the nose, the mulberry has lots of pepper spice lifting the flavours. Good weight on the finish.

Estate Shiraz 2012**91 2015-20***Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015*

The fruit on the nose is fresh and peppery the start of the palate bright with a mix of red cherry and redcurrant. Sweet in the middle with depth of fruit at the back the finish though is lighter with black pepper excitement.

Estate Shiraz 2014 **90** **2017-21**

Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017

Spice and black pepper there is a lot of excitement on the nose the palate starts with red fruits but there is black fruited richness in the middle. Fresher at the back the finish has pepper spice excitement

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2000 **91**

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The nose has rich fruits, cassis backed by fat plum. Lighter feel on the palate, freshness from the bilberry, with supple tannins the fleshiness returns but despite the richness there is elegance.

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2009 **91** **2015-21**

Tasted at the Premium Australia tasting Australia House September 2015

Cassis dominates both nose and palate the mid palate has depth of fruit rich and ripe the fruit backed by dark chocolate and liquorice. Firmer and fresher at the back but the finish is open and sweet.

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2012 **89** **2017-19**

Tasted at the Western Australia tasting Australia House London October 2017

The nose is fragrant and fresh the palate light with a blackberry bilberry mix. There is mid sweetness ripe cassis but the fresh fruits dominate the back plate and it finish lacking bit of richness.

Warburn Estate
South Eastern Australia

White Wines

Copperstone Creek Chardonnay 2016 **87** **2017-20**

Tasted in Lincoln's Inn March 2017

The nose is hot and fleshy the palate has sweet fruit ripe tropical fruit and melon. A hint of citrus at the back but the ripe fruit the mango and pear give fleshy richness on the finish.

Whale Point Wines
South Eastern Australia

Red Wines

Pinot Noir 2015**86 2015-20***Tasted in Lilley December 2015*

The nose is fresh the palate has a mix of mulberry and bramble quite light at the start. There is more depth and sweetness on the mid palate but the fruit at the back is very fresh the finish bright and quite light.

**Willandra
Murray River
New South Wales**

White Wines**Sauvignon Blanc 2009****89 2011-13***Tasted at Lincoln's Inn October 2011*

The apple freshness on the nose is very upfront and this gives a crisp start to the palate. Melon and tropical fruit are in evidence on the mid palate enriching but the racy freshness is very much in evidence towards the back giving a lighter feel to the finish.

Gentle Press Chardonnay 2004**89***Australia Tasting January 2006*

The nose is quite light but has some fragrances with melon, lemons and greengage. Sweetness on the mid palate blends well with the freshness and gives the taste real exuberance.

Red Wines**Shiraz 2003****89***Australia Tasting January 2006*

The meaty, peppery mulberry fruit enriches the nose. Good weight of fruit on the palate, a compote of spice, pepper redcurrant and raspberry. It has good length of flavour.

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008**91 2012-16***Tasted at the Mansion House July 2012*

There is a lovely sweetness to the fruit on the nose and the palate is full of cassis bramble and black cherry. The palate is fleshed out by ripe fruit, chocolate, liquorice and hints of coffee lots of complexity with the sweetness of the fruit giving a fleshy richness on the finish.

**Willow Bridge
Geographe
Western Australia**

White Wines

Estate Chardonnay G1 – 10 2016 94 2018-22

Tasted at Party Ingredients July 2018

The nose has aromatic stone fruit and cut apple the start of the palate bright citrusy. Sweet fruit in the middle it has the richness the fleshiness of ripe pear and honeydew melon the back palate and finish have chalky mineral freshness just a hint of spice.

Red Wines

Estate Cabernet / Merlot 2005 85

Australia Tasting London January 2007

The nose is over fat and the richness does not show on the palate as there is high acidity. It is very unbalanced.

Estate Shiraz 2005 86

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Fresh on the nose, the black fruits have hints of spice pepper. The mid high acidity overtakes the fruit sweetness.

Black Dog Shiraz 2003 88

Australia Tasting London January 2007

Richer feel to the nose and although there is mid acidity it is balanced by some sweet fruit. There is a n exciting black pepper spiciness on the finish.

**Willunga
Mclaren Vale
South Australia**

Red Wines

Grenache 2005 87

Australia Tasting London January 2007

It is very fresh on the nose with red fruits that have a herbal touch. It tends to lack real depth of fruit and the finish is very short.

Mclaren Vale Grenache 2013 91 2015-19

Tasted at Innholders' Hall February 2015

The nose has herbal red fruited freshness and the palate starts with a mix of fresh red and black fruits. There is more depth in the middle the fruit feels ripe sweet flavours. It is lighter at the back with herbal interest on the finish.

Shiraz / Viognier 2005**88***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Nose and palate feel ripe, the red fruits are perfumed and there is an underlying apricot character shows especially on the back palate. Right at the back it is lighter but quite fresh.

Cabernet / Shiraz 2005**89***Australia Tasting London January 2007*

Full on the nose the blackcurrant and bilberry is very spice pepper. Ripeness shows on the palate but there is fruit brightness and a very fresh feel to the finish.

**Wynns
Coonawarra
South Australia**

Red Wines**Shiraz 2003****91***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

The nose is packed with ripe fat juicy fruit. Minty spice pepper is there on the palate underpinned by a mix of redcurrants and bramble. Sweetness on the palate, the fruit and tannins are ripe. There is good depth of flavour but it feels just a touch jammy on the finish.

Cabernet/Shiraz/Merlot 2001**91***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

There is a good weight of fruit on the nose all feeling ripe and sweet. The taste is complex with cassis and black plum mixed in with red fruits all having a lovely peppery character. The finish is ripe and long.

Cabernet 2000**90***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

The very heavy nose is fat, full and a bit jammy. Cassis dominates the palate, chocolaty in the middle with a touch of spicy oak and coffee on the finish. It does just go a bit dry.

John Riddoch 1996**92***Coonawarra Tasting London September 2005*

Packed with fruit on the nose, sweet and full yet minerally. There is depth of flavour on the palate black fruits, chocolate and coffee. It does feel quite firm on the mid palate but there is complexity and interest. It goes a bit dry right at the back.

**Xanadu
Western Australia**

White Wines

Chardonnay 2008 86 2012-16

Tasted at the Royal College of Physicians September 2012

The nose is quite green lots of lime but rather bitter. The fresh start to the palate gives way to some richer flavours lots of pears but then towards the back the slightly bitter citrus comes through giving a rather hard finish.

**Yalumba
Barossa Valley & Tasmania**

White Wines

Mesh 2010 93 2012-16

Riesling

Eden Valley

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

There is a lot of rich fruit on the nose lime and pear backed by herbal spiciness. The mid palate has some rich flavours quite sweet and although towards the back it is fresher the finish is full of ripe fruit.

Christobel's CDW 2011 87 2012-15

Sémillon Sauvignon

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

The nose is fresh fruited quite lean with lots of lemon. There are some sweeter tropical fruits on the mid palate but the finish has all the citrus freshness of the nose. The hints of pear drops at the back slightly spoil.

Y Vermentino 2011 89 2012-15

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

Lime and lemon and a mix of minerals give crispness on the nose and a fresh start to the palate. The tropical fruits and white peach that show through in the middle give it a richer feel and more depth on the finish.

Eden Valley Viognier 2009 89 2011-13

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011

The richness of peach and apricot are in evidence on the nose all quite sweet fruited. The palate has a powerful mix of flavours the rich fruit underpinned by a slightly earthy character and there is some alcohol showing on the finish.

Eden Valley Viognier 2010 91 2012-15

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

The nose is rich full of ripe fruit. Peach and apricot fill out the mid palate the fleshy fruit enriching back palate and finish. There are some fresher flavours towards the back helping to balance the fruit richness.

The Virgilius Viognier 2008

92 2011-13

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011

There is a lot of sweet fruit on the nose ripe peaches underpinned by rich apricots. The weight of flavour fills out the palate full and fleshy but under all of this rich fruit is some citric freshness that lifts the fruit at the back.

The Virgilius Viognier 2009

91 2012-15

Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012

The fruit on the nose is ripe lots of peach and pineapple. The richness on the mid palate is refreshed by a touch of lime but the richness of the apricot and peach mix fills out the finish.

Wild Ferment Eden Valley Chardonnay 2008

90 2011-13

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011

Ripe greengage gives richness on the nose and weight on the palate. There is lemon and apple freshness that brings out the flavours in the middle but the ripeness of the fruit gives a fleshy fatness on the finish.

FDW7C 2009

89 2012-14

Chardonnay

Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012

The fruit on the nose is ripe with fleshy melon and greengage enriching the mid palate. There is a fresher feel in the middle but the rich fruit overpowers the freshness on the finish.

Red Wines

MGS 2007

91 2011-14

Mourvèdre Grenache Shiraz

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011

The nose is upfront full of ripe fruit with a mix of black and red flavours all backed by peppery spice. The sweetness of the fruit is balanced by the freshness that lies beneath an attractive mix of flavours.

The Strapper 2010

92 2012-17

Grenache Shiraz Mataro

Tasted at the Negotiants tasting London September 2012

There is an attractive mix of flavours on the nose. Mulberry and red cherry give some richness in the middle the ripeness of the tannins helping the richness but towards the back the fresher fruits take over giving a lighter feel to the finish.

- Bush Vine Grenache 2009** 94 2011-17
Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011
 The nose is packed with concentrated fruit all very black fruit in flavour. Black cherry and bramble intermingle with the mid palate given richness by the dark chocolate that lies underneath. Towards the back fresher bilberry and a lovely herbal grassiness brightens and adds complexity.
- Bush Vine Grenache 2011** 90 2013-17
Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012
 It is very herbal with lots of leafy grassy flavours. The red fruits are there but dominated by black cherry and blackberry which give a richer feel towards the back. The youth shows on the finish which is fresh fruited with herbal overtones.
- Patchwork Shiraz 2010** 91 2012-16
Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012
 There is a lot of peppery spice on the nose which tends to be dominated by red fruits. Mulberry and redcurrant give interest on the mid palate and the black pepper spices up the finish.
- Fine Dry Red 1A 2008** 89 2011-15
Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz
Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011
 The nose is very fresh and this acidity and tannin tends to give dryness on the palate. Blackcurrant features with behind black cherry and fresh bilberry. The back palate is quite tight and the finish rather short and drying.
- Octavius 2006** 92 2012-18
Shiraz
Barossa Valley
Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012
 The nose is packed with black fruited power and although the start of the palate has richness the mid palate is fresher with more of a red fruit influence. The black pepper that shows on the back palate spices up the finish
- The Signature 2005** 93 2011-16
Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz
Barossa Valley
Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011
 There is a lovely powerful mix of flavours on the nose all very black fruited with cassis dominant. The mix of flavours on the palate gives complexity rich black cherry and sloe underpinned by blackcurrant. Although the tannins give structure they are ripe so not holding back the rich fruit that shows on the finish.
- The Signature 2008** 92 2012-20

Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz**Barossa Valley**

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

Cassis dominates and although fresher black cherry shows both nose and palate have a strong cassis character. The tannins are firm but the fruit sweetness wins through enriching the finish.

Running with the Bulls 2011**89****2012-17*****Tempranillo 100%*****Barossa Valley**

Tasted at the Negociants tasting London September 2012

There is a leafy herbal character behind the raspberry and red cherry. The palate starts quite sweet hints of black fruits but the fresher red fruits dominate giving the back palate an attractive raciness.

The Reserve 2002**93****2011-15*****Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz***

Tasted at Lincoln's Inn July 2011

The fruit on the nose is concentrated black fruited in character. The palate is power packed lots of cassis and sloe with some fresher bilberry adding to the complexity. The nutty hints of maturity and the touch of black pepper spice all add to the excitement.

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