

cider & beer

cider

			bottle
monteith's crushed apple	330ml	new zealand	7.2
monteith's crushed pear	330ml	new zealand	7.2
the hills cider company apple	330ml	south australia	9.2
bulmers original apple	330ml	ireland	8.2

australian and imported tap beer

			425ml	l
xxx gold (midstrength)		queensland	5.0	
boag's draught		tasmania	5.5	
james squire malt shovel 'golden ale'		n.s.w	6.0	
mclaren vale beer company 'vale ale' (pale)		south australia	6.5	
peroni nastro azzurro (300ml)		italy	5.5	

ale - "broad term for all beer and more specifically one half of the entire beer family. ales are chewy and are made by a faster fermentation process. they satisfy more than they refresh, as opposed to lagers." ¹

australian light beer

cascade premium light	375ml	tasmania	5.0
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australian full strength beer

victoria bitter	375ml	vic.	5.7
crown lager	375ml	vic.	6.7
james boag's classic (low carb) blonde	330ml	tas.	6.8

australian premium and boutique beer

bellarine estate <i>mussel stout</i>	330ml	vic.	8.0
james squire <i>golden ale</i>	345ml	n.s.w.	7.8
james squire <i>porter ale</i>	345ml	n.s.w.	7.8
james squire <i>sundown ale</i>	345ml	n.s.w.	7.8
coopers <i>pale ale</i>	375ml	s.a.	6.7
coopers <i>sparkling ale</i>	375ml	s.a.	6.9
east 9th brewing co. 'doss blockos' pale	330ml	vic.	7.8
white rabbit 'dark ale'	330ml	vic.	8.0
mountain goat 'hightale ale' (amber)	330ml	vic.	8.0
hawthorn brewing co. amber ale	330ml	vic.	8.0
blue tongue lager	330ml	n.s.w.	7.8
blue tongue pilsner	330ml	n.s.w.	7.8

imported beer

corona extra	330ml	mexico	7.3
rosita cerveza artesanal de tarragona	330ml	spain	9.5
stella artois	330ml	belgium	7.1
leffe blonde	330ml	belgium	10.5
lucky beer	330ml	china	6.9
peroni <i>leggera</i> (mid, low carb)	330ml	italy	6.9
triple moine blonde ale	330ml	belgium	9.8
trumer pils	330ml	austria	8.2
stones ginger beer	330ml	london	7.5

mineral water

hepburn springs sparkling	500ml	daylesford	vic.	6.0
hepburn springs still	500ml	daylesford	vic.	6.0
hepburn springs sparkling	750ml	daylesford	vic.	8.0

¹ beer - slabs, stubbies and six packs

apèritif

30ml

an apèritif is an alcoholic drink that is usually served to stimulate the appetite before a meal, contrasting with digestives, which are served after meals.

campari	21%	italy	7.0
fratelli barbieri aperol	11%	italy	7.0
cinzano x dry vermouth	18%	italy	7.0
pernod	40%	france	7.0
noilly prat dry vermouth	18%	france	7.0
dubonnet	14.8%	france	7.0
no 1. james pimm pimm's	25%	england	7.0

sherry - style / apera

fortification is the addition of grape spirit to a ferment in order to preserve certain characters and to ensure a wine will stand the test of time. traditionally, a sherry is the product of a solero system, in which a batch is drawn from older stocks, but is freshened from the younger vintage, thereby maintaining aged characteristics and quality.

savoury, salty, and nutty are all classic descriptors of the style, making them perfect to either cleanse the palate, or develop the appetite, or to just round out an evening of delightful cuisine!

fino - fee-no

50ml

tangy, pungent and pale, this style is dry, yet elegant, due to the flor that develops during barrel-maturation.

chambers rosewood vineyards <i>dry flor</i>	rutherglen	vic.	4.9
gonzalez byass <i>elegante</i>	jerez	spain	5.5

manzanilla - man-tha-nee-ya

a fino style of sherry produced in cooler seaside conditions, where the flor develops a thicker layer, leaving a more accentuated tang, and even saltiness, that exudes from the grapes at the time of crushing.

la goya	jerez	spain	7.0
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amontillado - ah-mon-tee-yar-doh

simply a fino in which the flor has died and has been allowed to mature with a period of air contacts. it is still dry, but richer and fuller in flavour.

seppelt show <i>dp 116 'barossa valley'</i>	seppeltsfield	s.a.	4.4
gonzalez byass <i>elegante</i>	jerez	spain	4.2
romate <i>npu</i>	jerez	spain	9.8
romate <i>la sacrista</i>	jerez	spain	12.5

palo cortado - pal-low cort-ardo

originally intended to be produced as an amontillado or oloroso, the flor deteriorates leaving fine, fresher mineral notes with the complexity of walnut and a touch of cheesiness. they are often fortified a little more than usual for extra protection from oxidation.

romate <i>regente palo cortado</i>	jerez	spain	9.2
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oloroso - ollo-rosso

strongly fortified to resist flor growth, olorosos are allowed full air contact throughout maturation, invoking intense walnut and raisin flavours.

chambers rosewood vineyards	rutherglen	vic.	5.5
seppelt show <i>dp 38 'barossa valley'</i>	seppeltsfield	s.a.	4.3
gonzalez byass <i>alfonso</i>	jerez	spain	5.7
romate <i>don</i>	jerez	spain	9.4

pedro ximenez - ped-row yim-min-eth

dark, sweet and complex this is the 'king of spain' when it comes to sherries.

romate <i>cardenal cisneros</i>	jerez	spain	12.5
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sparkling wine

sparkling prosecco

n.v.	canella di conegliano prosecco	veneto	italy	60.0
n.v.	dal zotto estate <i>puicino</i> prosecco	king valley	vic.	48.6

sparkling white

2010	cape horn chardonnay	goulburn valley	vic.	38.0
2009	box grove vineyards roussanne	tabilk	vic.	61.0
n.v.	hanging rock <i>late disgorged</i> p.noir chard.	macedon ranges	vic.	172.0
2006	yarrabank brut cuvée	yarra valley	vic.	68.5
2005	littles winery premium cuvée	hunter valley	n.s.w.	90.0
2001	huia brut	marlborough	n.z.	87.0
2005	raventos i blanc <i>l'hereu</i> brut cava	sant sadurni d'anoia	spain	60.0
2008	plunkett fowles stone dwellers p.noir chard	Strathbogie ranges	vic	39.0
2004	raventos <i>blanc l'hereu</i> brut cava	penedes	spain	49.0

sparkling red / pink

australia has paved the way for this style to emerge as a trend around the world. australia produces great red wines anyway, so it's a natural progression that has inspired some producers to evolve them into luscious, rich, fruit-driven, chocolatey sparkling bombs. these wines accompany game and heavy red meats to perfection.

2006	domaine chandon brut rosé	yarra valley	vic.	65.0
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champagne - *sham-payne*

the home of it all! the region in france synonymous with sparkling wines, this is where an enterprising benedictine monk stumbled on an incredible idea that has been the celebratory rage ever since. the method of two ferments for a wine is the same for all, but it's the subtleties that make the difference. oak, extended maturation on lees, higher dosage of sugar, and different riddling techniques, not to mention varied vineyard characteristics are all at a winemaker's disposal to bring us champagne or our sparkling equivalents.

"i drink it when i'm happy and when i'm sad. sometimes i drink it when i'm alone. when i have company i consider it obligatory. i trifle with it if i'm not hungry and drink it when i am. otherwise i never touch it - unless i'm thirsty." madame lily bollinger ²

n.v.	jacquesson 'cuvée 734'	reims	france	130.0
n.v.	louis roederer brut premier	reims	france	135.0
n.v.	moët chandon	reims	france	163.0
n.v.	ruinart rosé	reims	france	261.3
n.v.	laurent-perrier brut l-p	tours-sur-marne	france	135.0
n.v.	laurent-perrier cuvée rosé brut	tours-sur-marne	france	242.0
n.v.	ayala brut <i>majeur</i>	ay	france	190.0
1999	ayala blanc de blancs	ay	france	280.0
n.v.	alfred gratien brut	épernay	france	151.0

² the daily mail, 17th october, 1961.

white wine

riesling & riesling blends - rees-ling

so much damage has been done to this name and grape for so long. this ancient german grape has started to regain its status as producers are coming out with fine examples displaying intense lime, honey, peach and green apple in younger vintages, moving towards mineral, kerosene and a slight chariness when aged.

2007	sheer drop	<i>bendigo</i>	vic.	44.5
2010	lethbridge wines <i>menage dr. nadeson</i>	<i>geelong</i>	vic.	51.5
2011	best's <i>great western</i>	<i>great western</i>	vic.	45.0
2009	helm <i>classic dry</i>	<i>canberra district</i>	n.s.w.	62.0
2009	helm <i>premium</i>	<i>canberra district</i>	n.s.w.	95.9
2010	frogmore creek <i>fgr</i>	<i>southern tasmania</i>	tas.	59.0
2010	grosset <i>springvale vineyard 'watervale'</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	69.0
2009	grosset <i>springvale vineyard 'watervale'</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	76.0
2008	grosset <i>springvale vineyard 'watervale'</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	84.0
2007	grosset <i>'polish hill'</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	120.0
1999	petaluma <i>hanlin hill</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	125.0
2009	petaluma <i>hanlin hill magnum</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	145.0
2006	paulett <i>antonina</i>	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	95.0
2008	chard farm	<i>central otago</i>	n.z.	55.0
2008	craggy range <i>fletcher 'marlborough'</i>	<i>hawkes bay</i>	n.z.	62.5
2007	craggy range <i>fletcher 'marlborough'</i>	<i>hawkes bay</i>	n.z.	68.5
2001	clifford bay estate single vineyard	<i>marlborough</i>	n.z.	55.0
2006	chateau ste. michelle <i>eroica</i>	<i>washington state</i>	u.s.a	103.2
2007	franz haas <i>manna ries. chard. sauv. traminer</i>	<i>trentino-alto adige</i>	italy	133.3
2008	pierre sparr <i>'alsace one' ries gewurzt pinot & gris</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	51.0
	<i>this is one of those wines that when we first had it all those years ago we had another bottle just to confirm what we first thought....it's a cracker! it's oily, intoxicatingly seductive, on the nose with pear & honey notes. "please sir, can i have some more?" we heard someone say.....</i>			
2007	domaine ostertag <i>vignoble d'e</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	77.9
2009	trimbach	<i>alsace</i>	france	54.0
2007	trimbach <i>reserve</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	89.0
2003	trimbach <i>reserve</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	109.0
2003	josmeyer <i>le kottabe</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	101.5
2006	josmeyer <i>le kottabe</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	110.0
2007	josmeyer <i>le kottabe</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	123.5
2008	heymann-löwenstein <i>schieferterrassen</i>	<i>mosel-saar-ruwer</i>	germany	80.0
2010	dr loosen <i>'dr l' - dry</i>	<i>mosel</i>	germany	49.0
2006	dr loosen <i>wehlener sonnenuhr riesling spatlese</i>	<i>mosel-saar-ruwer</i>	germany	103.0

gewürztraminer - (a.k.a. - *traminer*) - ger-vertz-tramina

truly an alsace specialty, this white variety is pungent and full bodied with exotic aromas and a rich full palate that finishes cleanly. a true delight in the glass, full of aroma from a humid tropical garden on a late summer's night. delicious.

2008	plunkett fowles <i>stone dwellers</i>	<i>strathbogie ranges</i>	vic.	45.4
2007	plunkett fowles <i>strathbogie ranges</i>	<i>strathbogie ranges</i>	vic.	49.9
2010	spring vale	<i>freycinet coast</i>	tas.	55.0
2008	huia	<i>marlborough</i>	n.z.	57.0
2008	trimbach	<i>alsace</i>	france	63.0
2006	trimbach	<i>alsace</i>	france	85.0
2007	josmeyer <i>folastries</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	145.8
2008	trimbach <i>reisling reserve</i>	<i>alsace</i>	france	76.0

pinot grigio - pee-no gree-jee-o

picked grigio are lighter more acidic and savoury numbers. you say pot-ai-toe and i say pot-ar-toe, let's call the whole thing off!

2011	pizzini	king valley	vic.	47.0
2010	plozner	frulli	italy	51.0
2008	ronco dei tassi doc	friuli-venezia giulia	italy	77.5
2008	franz has	trentino-alto adige	italy	89.9
2006	casazuliani	farra d'isonzo	italy	85.0

pinot gris - (a.k.a - grauburgunder/ rulander) - pee-no gree

whether it's a gris or a grigio, this varietal is gaining popularity. these can be elegant and gently perfumed wines or luscious and creamy, almost unctuous and complex wines. on the palate they can exhibit minerality and grassy herbaceous notes with hints of apricot and honeysuckle combined with an oily texture adding to great length.

2010	fratelli	king valley	vic.	45.0
2009	mount langi cliff edge	grampians	vic.	45.0
2010	yabbie lake red claw	mornington peninsula	vic.	49.0
2008	yabby lake	mornington peninsula	vic.	65.0
2007	trimbach reserve	alsace	france	64.0
2011	quartier pinot gris	mornington peninsula	vic	54.0
2009	jl villa wolf	pfalz	germany	52.0
2010	jl villa wolf	pfalz	germany	55.0
2007	gunderloch	rheinhessen	germany	55.0

pinot blanc (a.k.a. klevner/weissbugunder)

more commonly used for sparkling in alsace and italy this grape displays delicate white peach and pear characters and is the least aromatic of the alsation varieties.

2008	trimbach pinot blanc	alsace	france	50.0
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semillon - sem-ee-yon

this grape has had a long history in australia, being dated back to as early as 1832. the appeal of semillon is the phasing of flavours through age: starting off as young lemon or grassy numbers, developing into rich honey-toasted gems of great complexity and depth.

2010	carriages	goulburn valley	vic.	45.0
2006	jasper hill georgia's paddock	heathcote	vic.	68.0
2005	poole's rock	hunter valley	n.s.w.	59.0
2003	poole's rock	hunter valley	n.s.w.	79.0
2002	tyrrell's stevens - single vineyard	hunter valley	n.s.w.	95.0
2000	tyrrell's vat 1	hunter valley	n.s.w.	105.0
1993	mount pleasant elizabeth	hunter valley	n.s.w.	120.0
2006	grant burge zerk semillon viognier	barossa valley	s.a.	38.7
1999	basedow	barossa valley	s.a.	57.8
1998	basedow	barossa valley	s.a.	67.0

sauvignon blanc - (a.k.a - blanc fumé) - sorv-in-yon blonk

this is a green-skinned grape variety which originates from the bordeaux region of france. the grape gets its name from the french word 'sauvage' meaning 'wild' and blanc, 'white', due to its early origins as an indigenous grape in south west france. the variety produces a clean and refreshing middle weight wine that can show asparagus, gooseberry and fruit salad on the nose, and it has a lasting acidic finish.

2010	riposte by tim knappstein	adelaide hills	s.a.	47.0
2011	shaw + smith	adelaide hills	s.a.	50.0
2011	geoff weaver	adelaide hills	s.a.	54.0
2011	sefano lubiana	adelaide hills	s.a.	57.0
2010	manawa	marlborough	n.z.	47.0
2009	seresin	marlborough	n.z.	60.3
2010	man 'o war	waiheke island	n.z.	35.0

sauvignon blanc / semillon blends

a blend of whites that is a match made in heaven. it combines the rich citrus and herbaceous notes of the semillon with the tropical nuances and acidity of the sauvignon blanc to produce an extremely approachable and durable wine. western australia has well and truly put its thumb on this fantastic blend, and we love them. they are great wines to enjoy solo or to partner food, as they are balanced with complexity and freshness.

2010	sorrenberg sauv. blanc sem.	beechworth	vic.	74.0
2010	grosset sem. sauv. blanc	clare valley	s.a.	63.0
2009	grosset sem. sauv. blanc	clare valley	s.a.	70.0
2011	edwards sem. sauv. blanc	margaret river	w.a.	54.0
2010	pierro l.t.c. sauv. blanc sem. chardonnay	6argaret river	w.a	64.0
2009	chateau magneau blanc sauv. sem. muscadelle	graves	france	59.0
	<i>robert parker considers this to be one of the most underrated whites of pessac leoguan/graves appellation. shows white fruits, pineapple, toasted bread, intense and vigorous mouth feel, reflecting the typicity of its terroir.</i>			
2009	chateau brondelle grand vin blanc sem. sauv.	graves	france	79.0
	<i>copy book modern graves. apples and pears on palate is delicate but concentrated, with lively acidity and a nice luscious and long finish.</i>			

fiano

low bearing variety used predominantly in campania, it displays orange blossom, jasmine, crisp acidity with slight green herbaceous tones of basil and thyme. it's ideal with cured meats or pat .

2010	coriole fiano	mclaren vale	s.a.	63.0
2009	coriole fiano	mclaren vale	s.a.	65.0

arneis - (a.k.a - barolo blanco) ar-nayce

a little gem from italy that is destined to be much loved by australia as it ticks all our boxes. it's a bit spicy with lifted grapefruit, anise and pear highlights and a full palate weight.

2009	dal zotto estate	king valley	vic.	39.5
2008	chrismont la zona	king valley	vic.	40.5
2008	parish hill	adelaide hills	s.a.	52.5
2008	marcarini roero docg	piemonte	italy	59.5
2009	vietti roero	piemonte	italy	90.0
2010	quartier port phillip estate	mornington	vic.	45.0

vermentino

for the grapes of vermentino growing with vibrancy in northern italy, a touch of patience is vital in the production. it features a light to medium straw colour with elegant wild flowers on the nose, fresh fruit with juniper berries bursting onto the front palate and a smooth nutty finish.

2010	la spinetta toscana	tuscany	italy	73.5
2007	santa caterina colli di luni d.o.c.	liguria	italy	85.0

verdicchio - ver-deek-ee-oh

two regions marche and umbria, both d.o.c. zones, produce verdicchio, one of central italy's classic white wines. the name is derived from 'verde' which means green, due to its slight green/yellow hue.

2008	umani ronchi dei castelli di jesi doc villa bianchi	marche	italy	69.0
2005	umani ronchi dei castelli di jesi doc riserva plenio	marche	italy	93.1

vernaccia - ver-nak-ee-ah

vernaccia di san gimignano is a distinctive dry white wine originating from the sandstone soils of san gimignano, a province of tuscany in central italy. a refreshing wine with a vibrant and crisp front and an appealing bitter finish.

2005	vagnoni di san gimignano d.o.c.g.	toscana	italy	38.5
2006	montauto di san gimignano d.o.c.g.	toscana	italy	42.5
2005	montauto di san gimignano d.o.c.g.	toscana	italy	47.5
2007	toscolo di san gimignano d.o.c.g.	toscana	italy	48.5

verdelho - ver-del-o

a much loved variety in australia that originally hails from portugal. there is plenty of weight to the wine with a complex array of flavours. it's not usually as big and rich as a chardy, but certainly not as flippant and flirtatious as a sauvignon blanc can be.

2009	flynns wines	heathcote	vic.	47.5
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albariño - al-bar-eeen-yo a.k.a - alvarinho (al-var-eeen-yo) in portuguese

albariño is actually the galician name for the grape, in portugal it is known as alvarinho, and sometimes as cainho branco. it was presumably brought to iberia by cluny monks in the twelfth century. it has recently been discovered that for over a decade grape growers and wine makers in australia have been supplying and selling savagnin wrongly labelled. all this time they thought that they had been making the spanish variety of albariño, only to discover from a visiting french wine expert and some dna testing to be revealed as the french variety of savagnin.

2008	symphonia wines savagnin	king valley	vic.	42.5
2008	chrismont la zona	king valley	vic.	40.5
2008	trentham albarino estate	trentham cliffs	n.s.w.	39.0
2007	castro martin	rías baixas	spain	60.0
2005	castro martin family reserve	rías baixas	spain	67.5

rhône varietal

marsanne, roussanne and viognier originated in france, but local producers are now embracing these varieties. the yering station *mvr* has a perfumed nose with apricot characters dominating on a well structured palate. this sexy little ménage à trios is one that is sure to please.

2007	cape horn marsanne	goulburn valley	vic.	36.0
2004	lillian marsanne	pemberton	w.a.	52.0
2009	tahbilk viognier	nagambie lakes	vic.	45.5
2010	flynns wines viognier	heathcote	vic.	51.0
2009	turners crossing viognier	bendigo	vic.	66.0
2009	yangarra estate viognier	mclaren vale	s.a.	39.0
2005	alan & veitch viognier	barossa valley	s.a.	54.0
2005	yalumba the virgilius 'eden valley' viognier	barossa valley	s.a.	82.0
2006	torbreck vintners viognier	barossa valley	s.a.	97.5
2004	delas frères viognier	rhône valley	france	36.0
2007	m. chapoutier cru - les granits saint joseph viognier	rhône valley	france	75.0
2005	m. chapoutier cru - les granits saint joesph viognier	rhône valley	france	137.5
2010	mcivor estate marsanne roussanne	heathcote	vic.	52.5
2009	mcivor estate marsanne roussanne	heathcote	vic.	59.0
2005	the brown kids <i>kid you not</i> viognier roussanne	king valley	vic.	35.0
2006	ying station <i>mvr</i> marsanne viognier roussanne	yarra valley	vic.	41.9
2004	seppelt <i>bellfield</i> marsanne roussanne	grampians	vic.	49.5
2008	spinifex <i>lola</i> sem. mars. ugni blanc verm.	barossa valley	s.a.	41.5
2010	torbreck <i>woodcutter's rousanne viognier marsanne</i>	barossa valley	s.a.	57.0

gruner veltliner - groo-ner velt-linner

widely planted in austria, this grape pops up in all sorts of countries and now is finding it's way to our shores. often displaying a spicy white pepper character alongside serious citrus and full palate weight balanced by good acidity - great with food.

2010	domaine wachau federspiel	wachau	austria	49.0
2009	domaine wachau federspiel	wachau	austria	52.0
2010	emmerich knoll federspiel	wachau	austria	64.0
2008	emmerich knoll federspiel	wachau	austria	69.0

emmerich knoll is one of austria's large producers, whose fantastically elaborate labels have been described as the 'exploding jesus', but it is actually st urban, the patron saint of wine growing. an interesting wine in both name and style. some enjoy the similarity to pinot gris, with the oily notes & exotic notes on the nose. as the wines gain age so too does their complexity.

chardonnay - *shar-don-ay*

still as popular as ever, australian chardonnay has moved away from over-use of oak to more elegant and seductive styles that can be as good as any in the world. a variety of flavours from citrus, melon and fig through to stone fruit characters can be found, enhanced with a complexity often underpinned by lees, malo and subtle oak.

2010	tisdall wines <i>rosbercon</i>	<i>goulburn valley</i>	vic.	38.0
2008	bindi wines <i>composition</i>	<i>macedon ranges</i>	vic.	115.0
2009	bindi wines <i>composition</i>	<i>macedon ranges</i>	vic.	105.0
2006	bellvale wines	<i>gippsland</i>	vic.	55.0
2008	caledonia australis	<i>gippsland</i>	vic.	60.0

"pale, bright straw-green; has started to develop some creamy/nutty characters ex barrel ferment, and also an added dimension to its display of white peach and grapefruit flavours running through the length of the palate"
94/ 100 - james halliday - 03 Aug 2010

2008	yabby lake vineyard	<i>mornington peninsula</i>	vic.	95.0
2010	yabby lake <i>red claw</i>	<i>mornington peninsula</i>	vic.	45.0
2009	moorooduc estate <i>devil bend creek</i>	<i>mornington peninsula</i>	vic.	60.0
2008	yering station	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	45.0
2009	pimpernel	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	68.0
2009	salo	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	73.0
2010	giant steps 'sexton vineyard'	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	65.0
2010	giant steps 'arthur's creek vineyard'	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	67.0
2010	giant steps 'tarraford vineyard'	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	69.0

recently we had the opportunity to entertain the winemaker of 'giant steps', steve flamsteed, who apart from being a good bloke, also makes great booze. the single vineyard deal that they are palying is not just marketing speak but does make sense. while musing over the three wines, the different styles displayed by the three were noted. the sexton was perhaps the most rounded, with all the components coming together. the arthur's creek was most french in it's burgundian nose and nectarine lifted palate. the tarraford is clean and elegant and quite linear in style. try one and you will see why this winery, albeit cool, is also producing some of the valley's most talked about wines. try all three and we guarantee that your day will definitely get better....

2009	seville estate the barber	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	42.0
2006	yarra park vineyard	<i>yarra valley</i>	vic.	85.0
2006	bannockburn	<i>geelong</i>	vic.	110.0
2008	grosset ' <i>picadilly</i> '	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	78.0
2007	lillian lefroy brook	<i>pemberton</i>	w.a.	72.0
2007	victory point wines	<i>margaret river</i>	w.a.	87.5
2007	glazebrook <i>regional reserve</i>	<i>hawkes bay</i>	n.z.	45.0
2009	seresin ' <i>chiaroscuro</i> ' chard. pinot gris, riesling	<i>marlborough</i>	n.z.	92.0

" although the wine has a haunting mix of floral and tree-fruit characters it is more about texture than taste. it has weight but possesses a lovely ethereal purity. the finish is long, demonstrating real power."
bob campbell, gourmet traveller wine, august 2011

2007	joseph drouhin saint-veran	<i>bourgogne</i>	france	72.0
2006	louis jadot saint-veran	<i>bourgogne</i>	france	56.5
2005	pierre andre 1er cru les charmes mersault	<i>bourgogne</i>	france	210.0

pink wine

we love the pink here at oscar's; so light, refreshing and often cool. a wine made by lightly pressing red grape varieties and vinifying the free run juice.

rosé - row-zay

what else could we do but include a few of our favourite pinks for all you ardent followers of the rose revolution? because they are made from a multitude of varieties, we have listed the varieties used by each producer.

2008	barnadown run	heathcote	vic.	42.8
2009	greenstone monastrell	heathcote	vic.	45.0
2010	innocent bystander pinot noir	yarra valley	vic.	45.0
2010	yering station ed pinot noir	yarra valley	vic.	44.5
2011	spinifex grenache, cinsault, mataro, shiraz	barossa	s.a.	47.0

blaufränkisch is german for blue "frankish" as it is a dark-skinned variety of grape, which is a late-ripening variety, giving the wines typically a big tannin structure. it may exhibit a pronounced spicy character. interestingly it has been called "the pinot of the east" because of its spread and reputation in eastern europe. in australia it is very uncommon but none the less being talked about increasingly amongst us wine types. try this little pretty pink number from gerhard pittnauer and we are assured you enjoy the little austrian journey.

red wine

pinot noir - (a.k.a - pinot nero/ pineau/ spatburgunder) - pee-no nwar

the holy grail of winemaking! incredible examples of elegant, expressions of the dark cherry to pale strawberry spectrum. earth, truffle, cinnamon, cigar box and cedar from the terroir and oak treatments combined with varied winemaking philosophies mean that this is truly a blank canvas in grape form.

2008	fighting gully rd	beechworth	vic.	59.0
2009	bindi wines composition	macedon ranges	vic.	95.0
2008	bindi wines block 5	macedon ranges	vic.	155.0
2010	paringa 'pe'	mornington peninsula	vic.	59.0
2008	paringa estate estate	mornington peninsula	vic.	135.0
2008	tuck's ridge buckle	mornington peninsula	vic.	139.0
2008	stonier wines windmill vineyard	mornington peninsula	vic.	91.0
2008	pimpernel	yarra valley	vic.	68.0

the pimperl pinot is delicious and so it should be given the effort that the horrigans put in to create a classic. from site selection, the removal and introduction to the site of better top soils, to their daughter crushing fruit by foot, it shows, this wine is pure pinot. close your eyes and you could possibly hear edith piaf in the background.....

2010	seville estate estate	yarra valley	vic.	50.0
2008	seville estate reserve	yarra valley	vic.	99.0
2009	bellarine phil's fetish	geelong	vic.	72.0
2008	by farr sangreal	geelong	vic.	109.0
2010	provenance 'henty'	geelong	vic.	86.0
2010	provenance 'ballarat'	geelong	vic.	87.0
2010	provenance 'geelong'	geelong	vic.	88.0
2007	provenance 'turas'	geelong	vic.	85.0

"holding bright crimson hue; the red fruit bouquet has a dusting of spice, the palate with juicy red fruits and a whisper of mint; this delicious wine's silky, supple texture and excellent length are its strongest points. a 50/50 blend of geelong/ ballarat grapes with 25% whole bunches" 95/100 james halliday - aug 2010

pinot noir (continued)– (a.k.a – *pinot nero/ pineau/ spatburgunder*) – *pee-no nwar*

2007	whisson lake vineyards	adelaide hills	s.a.	91.5
2009	whisson lake vineyards	adelaide hills	s.a.	105.0
1999	whisson lake vineyards	adelaide hills	s.a.	160.0
2008	grosset	clare valley	s.a.	130.0
2005	domaine a	coral river valley	tas.	141.9
2007	salitage	pemberton	w.a.	87.5
2007	craggy range zebra vineyard 'central otago'	hawkes bay	n.z.	112.0
2008	craggy range calvert vineyard 'bannockburn'	hawkes bay	n.z.	185.0
2009	delta	marlborough	n.z.	57.0
2008	seresin tatou	marlborough	n.z.	78.0
2007	seresin sun & moon (1500ml)	marlborough	n.z.	360.0
2008	konrad wines	marlborough	n.z.	69.5
2008	hinton	central otago	n.z.	57.0
2009	rockburn	central otago	n.z.	65.0

If you like the central otago style of big, juicy then we think that you will agree with the judges that the rockburn ticks all the boxes.....and just for the record it won just a few gongs listed below.....

wine of show and best in class – australian boutique winemakers awards 2010.

best pinot noir award – shanghai international wine challenge 2010.

gold medal – new zealand international wine show 2010.

blue gold sydney top 100 - 2011 gold medal hong kong international wine & spirit competition.

2009	1769 wines	central otago	n.z.	65.0
2010	akarua rua	central otago	n.z.	70.0
2006	louis latour gevrety chambertin 'ac'	bourgogne	france	175.0
2005	louis latour volnay chevrets 1 er cru	bourgogne	france	180.0
2005	louis latour vosne romanee 1 er cru	bourgogne	france	315.0
2005	bouchard nuits-st-georges 'clos saint marc'	bourgogne	france	365.0
2007	clos de vougeol la belle voisine	grand cru	france	???

merlot & merlot blends - *mer-low*

a luscious and velvety mouth feel, which at the same time has intensity and power. it starts with stewed plums and dark berries and rolls into hints of chocolate and cedar with outstanding structure and length.

2010	mr. mundy merlot	heathcote	vic.	45.0
2009	star lane merlot	beechworth	vic.	65.0
2004	domaine a merlot	southern tasmania	tas.	180.0
2009	westend estate wines richland merlot	riverina	n.s.w.	35.0
2007	henschke lenswood abbotts prayer merlot cab.	eden valley	s.a.	185.0
2004	picardy merlot cabernet sauvignon cabernet franc	pemberton	w.a.	110.0
2008	craggy range gimblett gravels merlot	hawkes bay	n.z.	79.5
2006	craggy range te kahu merlot cab. sauv. cab. franc malbec	hawkes bay	n.z.	79.5
2007	trinity hill the gimblett merlot cab. sauv. cab. franc	hawkes bay	n.z.	80.5
2003	pegasus bay maestro merlot malbec	canterbury	n.z.	105.0
2005	chateau lucas merlot cab. sauv.	cotes de castillon	france	48.0
	<i>"a blend of 80% merlot, and 20% cabernet sauvignon from a region outside of st emilion, this wine had an aroma of rich ripe fruit and a palate with good length tannins, a touch of leaf and sufficient fresh acidity." grape observer, melbourne</i>			
2001	chateau franc mayne merlot cab. franc	saint emilion	france	118.0
	<i>90% merlot, 10% cabernet franc. the wine is fresh, fruity and has good structure.</i>			

mourvèdre - (a.k.a – *mataro/ monastrell*) – *moor-ved-ra*

originating from languedoc and the rhône valley in southern france, also known as mataro in spain, mourvèdre has had a large impact on australian blended wines.

2005	terra felix mouvedre	upper goulburn	vic.	34.0
2010	bodega privada monastrell	barossa valley	s.a.	45.0
2009	cigale mataro shiraz grenache	barossa valley	s.a.	39.0

petit verdot - *pe-ttee ver-do*

the petit verdot is a red wine grape, principally used in classic bordeaux blends. it ripens much later than the other varieties in bordeaux, often too late, so it fell out of favour in its home region. when it does ripen, it is added in small amounts to add tannin, colour and flavour to the blend.

2004	hopwood estate	<i>goulburn valley</i>	vic.	30.0
2005	mount burrumboot estate <i>mad uncle jack's</i>	<i>heathcote</i>	vic.	67.5

dolcetto - (a.k.a - *charbono*)- *doll-chet-o*

an early ripening red grape originating in the piemonte region, northwest of italy. the grapes produced are crushed into soft, round, fruity and fragrant wine with flavours of liquorice and almond.

2009	best's wines	<i>great western</i>	vic.	47.0
2006	conterno fantino d'alba doc <i>bricco bastia</i>	<i>piemonte</i>	italy	60.0
2007	de forville 'vendemmia'	<i>barbaresco</i>	italy	65.0
2008	vietti d'alba doc <i>tre vigne</i>	<i>piemonte</i>	italy	90.0

tempranillo - (a.k.a - *tinta roriz / aragones*) - *tem-pra-nee-o*

this is a grape that will challenge some of the most ardent red wine fans. originating from spain/portugal it is now spreading like wildfire throughout the world we are no exception, plenty going on for wine-loving aussies.

2008	spinifex <i>taureau temp. granciano, carignan, cab</i>	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	59.0
2009	bodega privada	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	39.0
2010	paxton	<i>mc laren vale</i>	s.a.	52.7
2010	<i>gemtree luna roja</i>	<i>mc laren vale</i>	s.a.	57.5

grenache & grenache blends - (a.k.a - *garnacha/ cannonau*) - *gren-ash*

grenache is the second most grown grape varietal in the world and is mainly grown all over spain and in the south of france. it was originally known as garnacha in northern spain early in the 1600's. plantings of grenache vines throughout spain and france created some interesting clone adjustments including granaccia, grenache, garnacha tinta, granacha peluda (priorat), graciano, garnatxa and grenache noir. the grape varietal can be made into big, fruity and alcoholic reds or soft medium balanced whites.

2007	vinrock grenache	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	35.0
2006	yangarra estate vineyard <i>high sands grenache</i>	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	116.3
2006	clarendon hills <i>hickinbotham grenache</i>	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	160.0
2010	s.c.panell grenache	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	89.0
2009	adelina grenache	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	69.0
2005	alto moncayo <i>veraton garnacha</i>	<i>campo de borja</i>	spain	138.2
2005	alto moncayo garnacha	<i>campo de borja</i>	spain	182.5
2006	capcanes <i>mas donis garnacha syrah</i>	<i>montsant</i>	spain	55.0
2003	capcanes <i>mas donis garnacha syrah</i>	<i>montsant</i>	spain	75.0
2008	m.chapoutier <i>la bernadine 'châteauneuf du pape'</i>	<i>rhône valley</i>	france	185.0
2005	m.chapoutier cru - <i>croix de bois 'châteauneuf du pape'</i>	<i>rhône valley</i>	france	230.0
2005	m.chapoutier cru - <i>barbe rac 'châteauneuf du pape'</i>	<i>rhône valley</i>	france	270.0
2008	pierre henri morel <i>signargues 'châteauneuf du pape'</i>	<i>rhône valley</i>	france	62.0

barbera - *bar-bear-a*

the vine originated from the monferrato hills of piemonte. barbera produced in piemonte is usually vinified as a single-variety and in other regions it is more often part of a blend. ruby-red in colour with some purplish hues, fresh plum fruit and spice on the nose and palate. aged barbera characters become more intense and extended.

2008	monichino	<i>goulburn valley</i>	vic.	30.0
2008	sam miranda	<i>king valley</i>	vic.	35.5
2006	dal zotto l'immigrante	<i>king valley</i>	vic.	100.0

lagrein - *la-grain*

a rare grape, even in italy, where it is grown mainly in italy's trentino-alto adige region. in italy lagrein is vinified into deep, dark reds (known as lagrein dunkel or lagrein scuro) and rosés called lagrein kretzer or lagrein rosato. the rose is considered to be some of italy's best. in australian vinicultural conditions the fruit becomes very rich in colour, depth of flavour and makes wonderful dark, rich wine with juicy dark berry fruit and silky smooth tannins.

2007	dos rios	swan hill	vic.	41.8
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veronese grape varieties - corvina, rondinella, et al.

this group of wine varieties are a favourite of ours. the first time you experience the delights of an 'amarone' you will be under its spell. it's a big, powerful and concentrated wine with dark plums, liquorice, spice, and cigar box characters with a full, rich and grippy palate with great length.

2006	cantina tollo colle secco <i>montepulciano d'abruzzo rubino</i>	abruzzi	italy	45.0
2003	speri amarone della <i>classico superior</i>	veneto	italy	337.5
2004	alpha zeta 'a' amarone	veneto	italy	147.5
2000	tedeschi amarone della <i>classico monte olmi</i>	veneto	italy	325.0

sangiovese - san-gee-oh-vay-zee (a.k.a - brunello, morellino and sangiovetto)

sangiovese is believed to have originated in florence. it can vary in colour with different clones coming from all regions of italy. sangiovese is ruby red with some darker colours of red appearing with some age. the characteristics are broad with some showing hints of raspberries, figs, mulberries, tobacco, leather, vanilla and/or cinnamon.

2002	flynns wines	heathcote	vic.	110.0
2007	cecchi chianti docg	toscana	italy	37.5
1999	cecchi <i>spargolo</i> sangiovese	toscana	italy	120.5
1996	castello di querceto <i>la corte</i> sangiovese	toscana	italy	116.5
2007	grattamacco <i>bolgheri rosso</i> doc	toscana	italy	120.9
2006	grattamacco <i>bolgheri rosso superiore</i> doc	toscana	italy	325.5
2006	brancaia chianti classico docg	toscana	italy	154.9
2006	brancaia <i>ilatraia rosso di toscano</i> igt	toscana	italy	263.5
2005	brancaia <i>ilatraia rosso di toscano</i> igt	toscana	italy	289.0
2006	brancaia <i>il blu</i> igt	toscana	italy	279.0
2000	brancaia <i>il blu</i> igt	toscana	italy	315.0
2008	poggiotondo sangiovese <i>chianti</i>	toscana	italy	42.5
2006	castello di fonterutoli <i>poggio alla badiola</i> chianti	toscana	italy	55.0
2004	castello di fonterutoli <i>chianti</i> classic docg	toscana	italy	175.0

shiraz viognier blends - she-raz/si-rar - vee-on-yeh

co-fermentation of the red of shiraz and the white of viognier sounds odd, but when combined the viognier lends complexity and is said to act as a catalyst to draw out richer colour from the shiraz.

2005	dos rios	swan hill	victoria	31.5
2006	zontes footstep	langhorne creek	s.a.	36.5
2000	guigal cote rotie	rhône valley	france	255.0
2001	guigal cote rotie <i>chateau d'ampuis</i>	rhône valley	france	310.0

shiraz/syrah & blends - *she-raz/si-rar*

as you can see we get very excited by the quality and diversity of this variety! heathcote is the "hot spot" on the australian wine map at the moment. it is not uncommon to spot the odd european wine buyer travelling around the "new world" wine regions stopping off for a snack at oscar w's "hq" for a bite before filling his quota of prime shiraz bounty from just up the road...

2008	negoce shiraz	heathcote	vic.	39.0
2009	wine traveller shiraz	heathcote	vic.	42.0
2009	flynns wines mc shiraz	heathcote	vic.	65.0
2005	hanging rock cambrian rise	heathcote	vic.	46.0
2006	hanging rock cambrian rise	heathcote	vic.	48.0
2008	greenstone shiraz	heathcote	vic.	59.0
2008	kennedy shiraz	heathcote	vic.	62.5
2009	heathcote estate shiraz	heathcote	vic.	84.7
2008	mcivor estate shiraz	heathcote	vic.	59.0
2009	archer shiraz	heathcote	vic.	58.0
2008	red edge shiraz	heathcote	vic.	92.6
2009	shadowfax 'one eye' shiraz	heathcote	vic.	96.5
2006	shadowfax 'pink cliffs' shiraz	heathcote	vic.	109.7
2003	barnadown run henry bennett's voluptuary shr.cab.mal.mer	heathcote	vic.	120.0
2002	barnadown run henry bennett's voluptuary shr.cab.mal.mer	heathcote	vic.	133.0
2001	barnadown run henry bennett's voluptuary shr.cab.mal.mer	heathcote	vic.	153.0
	<i>andrew millis did some time at wild duck creek and this is his 'tribute' to the knowledge that he gleaned from playing around with the famous 'duck muck'. it's extracted, it's multi layered and it's great to while over in the glass, returning to it as it develops into a memorable experience.</i>			
2007	vinea marson syrah	heathcote	vic.	92.5
2009	jasper hill georgia's paddock shiraz	heathcote	vic.	162.0
1997	jasper hill georgia's paddock shiraz	heathcote	vic.	395.0
2009	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	182.0
2008	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	199.0
2007	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	219.0
2006	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	242.0
2005	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	267.0
2004	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	295.0
2000	jasper hill emily's paddock shiraz cabernet franc	heathcote	vic.	435.0

so what's all the fuss, we hear you ask? well it started years ago with ron and alva laughton who, with a background in dairy manufacturing and young family in tow, decided on a plot just north of heathcote township, to plant a vineyard. they named their two paddocks of vines after their daughters georgia and emily, which consequently went on to become world renowned to produce wines that displayed both power and finesse. the laughtons are fastidious guardians of their vines and strive for pure, powerful, low yield bio-dynamic, clean fruit – which will, of course, produce great wine. from this there has in recent times been a flood of budding wineries set up in the region. some good, some great and some... well, they are probably playing the game for the wrong reasons!

the region works because it has a great combination of hot summers, cool nights in autumn, rich basalt earth, low rainfall and some great people working their vineyards. a heathcote shiraz can vary widely between different wineries and years, but a typical "great" shiraz from this area will show medium to high fruit intensity, spicy notes, medium to high palate weight and an earthiness that could not be described by anything else but "heathcote" .

the flynns wines are the new shining light of the region, and their shiraz has great intensity and power from relatively young vines. greg and natala planted their small vineyard in 1999 and are already producing wines that show great regional characters with complexity and structure. definitely a producer to look out for – from the dynamic region of heathcote.

shiraz/syrah & blends - *she-raz/si-rar*

deservedly taking its place on the world wine map, australian shiraz shows intense concentration of fruit and flavour. almost-stewed fruit and grippy tannins are often complimented by sweet vanillin and spicy oak combine to produce a taste sensation that some say is unrivalled.

2006	cape horn shiraz	<i>goulburn valley</i>	vic.	36.0
2005	fairbank syrah	<i>central victoria</i>	vic.	55.0
2001	monichino <i>italian stubby shiraz</i> <u>magnum</u>	<i>goulburn valley</i>	vic.	135.0
2001	the don <i>crystal hill</i> shiraz	<i>nagambie lakes</i>	vic.	350.0
2007	valhalla wines <i>the ranga</i> shiraz durif	<i>rutherglen</i>	vic.	30.0
2009	stanton & killeen shiraz durif	<i>rutherglen</i>	vic.	34.0
2008	mount langi <i>cliff edge</i> shiraz	<i>grampians</i>	vic.	55.0
2008	mount langi ghiran <i>cliff edge</i> shiraz	<i>grampians</i>	vic.	59.0
2008	mount langi ghiran <i>langi</i> shiraz	<i>grampians</i>	vic.	149.0
2007	mount langi ghiran <i>langi</i> shiraz	<i>grampians</i>	vic.	164.0
2009	hollick shiraz cabernet	<i>coonawarra/wrattonbully</i>	s.a.	39.0
2007	fox creek wines <i>reserve</i> shiraz	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	152.5
2006	clarendon hills <i>bakers gully</i> syrah	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	160.0
2006	coriole <i>lloyd reserve</i> shiraz	<i>mclaren vale</i>	s.a.	149.0
2001	henschke <i>hill of grace</i> shiraz	<i>eden valley</i>	s.a.	619.0
1999	henschke <i>hill of grace</i> shiraz	<i>eden valley</i>	s.a.	655.0
	<i>"dense colour; powerful, classic thoroughbred texture and focus; black fruits; silky, smooth tannins and finish. no brett."</i> 96/100 james halliday ³			
1992	henschke <i>hill of grace</i> shiraz	<i>eden valley</i>	s.a.	690.0
1997	henschke <i>hill of grace</i> shiraz	<i>eden valley</i>	s.a.	720.0
1991	henschke <i>hill of grace</i> shiraz	<i>eden valley</i>	s.a.	790.0
2006	the willows vineyard <i>bonesetter</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	133.0
2009	charles melton <i>nine popes</i> shiraz grenache	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	101.0
2007	torbreck vintners <i>factor</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	192.0
2006	torbreck vintners <i>factor</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	258.0
2005	torbreck vintners <i>factor</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	283.5
2004	torbreck vintners <i>factor</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	312.2
2003	torbreck vintners <i>factor</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	343.5
2005	torbreck vintners <i>the laird</i>	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	988.0
2006	penfolds <i>rwt</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	340.0
2004	penfolds <i>grange</i> shiraz	<i>barossa valley</i>	s.a.	975.0
2007	michael hall <i>flaxland valley</i> 'adelaide hills' shz	<i>mount lofty ranges</i>	s.a.	77.5
1998	jim barry wines the armagh shiraz	<i>clare valley</i>	s.a.	385.0
2008	wild rock angel's dust syrah	<i>hawkes bay</i>	n.z.	75.0
2007	trinity hill the gimblett shiraz	<i>hawkes bay</i>	n.z.	75.0

³ james halliday australian wine companion 2005

2003	delas frères <i>le clos crozés hermitage</i> shiraz	cotes du Rhône	france	135.2
2007	m. chapoutier <i>belleruche</i> cotes du Rhône	Rhône valley	france	55.0
2006	m. chapoutier <i>les becasses</i> cote-rotie	Rhône valley	france	63.0
2005	m. chapoutier <i>belleruche</i> cotes du Rhône	Rhône valley	france	75.0
2005	m.chapoutier – cru – <i>les granits saint joseph</i> shiraz	Rhône valley	france	145.5
2000	m.chapoutier – cru – <i>muie de larnage hermitage</i> shiraz	Rhône valley	france	185.0
2004	m.chapoutier – cru – <i>la sizeranne hermitage</i> shiraz	Rhône valley	france	185.0
2000	m.chapoutier – cru – <i>la sizeranne hermitage</i> shiraz	Rhône valley	france	265.0
2005	m.chapoutier – cru - <i>le pavillon hermitage</i> shiraz	Rhône valley	france	630.0

“a monumental wine made from 15 hectolitres per hectare, the wine has an inky purple colour to the rim and an extraordinary nose of acacia flowers, graphite, blackberry, and crème de cassis. With huge body, monster tannins, but elevated acidity, this is a primordial beast of a wine, yet the brilliant harmony/symmetry and profound character are easily the hallmark of a prodigy in the making.” 98/100 robert parker ⁴

cabernet sauvignon & cabernet sauvignon blends - kab-er-nay sov-in-yon

cab sauv – as it is affectionately known – is one of the most popularly sought-after and produced varieties in the world. its rich blackcurrant or blackberry flavours, coupled with rich ripe chocolatey and sometimes earthy tannins make it an attractive and versatile grape. yarra valley, coonawarra and margaret river are three areas producing renowned examples in australia that may age and develop into complex, leathery and minty masterpieces that accompany lamb superbly.

2009	carriages cabernet merlot	goulburn valley	vic.	40.0
1992	virgin hills cabernet sauvignon shiraz malbec mer.	macedon ranges	vic.	190.0
2006	pimpernel cabernet merlot	yarra valley	vic.	68.0
2008	oakridge cabernet sauvignon	yarra valley	vic.	62.0
2008	oakridge 864 cabernet sauvignon	yarra valley	vic.	95.0
2003	domaine a cabernet sauvignon	southern tasmania	tas.	129.0
2009	balnaves <i>the blend</i> cabernet merlot	coonawarra	s.a.	38.5
2005	katnook estate <i>odyssey</i> cabernet sauvignon	coonawarra	s.a.	220.0
2009	penley estate <i>phoenix</i> cabernet sauvignon	coonawarra	s.a.	48.0
2005	parker estate <i>first growth</i> cabernet merlot	coonawarra	s.a.	250.0
2009	bremerton wines <i>tamblyn</i> cab. shz. malb. mer.	langhorne creek	s.a.	39.0
1991	henschke <i>cyril</i> cabernet sauvignon	eden valley	s.a.	320.0
2009	some young punks <i>fierce allure</i> cabernet sauvignon	mc laren valley	s.a.	65.0
2005	te mata <i>awatea</i> cabernet merlot	hawkes bay	n.z.	95.0
2007	te mata <i>awatea</i> cabernet merlot	hawkes bay	n.z.	115.0
2009	te mata <i>awatea</i> cabernet merlot	hawkes bay	n.z.	110.0
2001	chateau tour du haut moulin, cab. sauv. merlot, petit verdot	haut medoc	france	74.0

“impressively dark ruby/purple colour wines as well as admirable depth and concentration. this is clearly one of the top cru bourgeois, in fact in a blind tasting it would embarrass some classified growths” robert parker

⁴ www.erobertparker.com

nebbiolo - (a.k.a - chiavennasca/ spanna) - neb-ee-olo

this varietal is considered to be the noble grape of the north west of italy's piedmont region. its power among wine-lovers has been developed through fine examples of barolo and barbaresco. in australia, fred pizzini wines has the expertise and the knowledge of the variety to create an australian icon.

2004	mcivor estate	heathcote	vic.	70.0
2008	jasper hill georgia's paddock	heathcote	vic.	99.0
1999	jasper hill georgia's paddock	heathcote	vic.	165.0
2005	pizzini wines	king valley	vic.	95.5
2001	pizzini wines	king valley	vic.	120.6
2000	pizzini wines	king valley	vic.	130.5
2002	pizzini wines	king valley	vic.	145.0
1999	pizzini wines	king valley	vic.	155.0
2002	pizzini wines coronamento	king valley	vic.	185.0
2005	vietti perbacco langhe d.o.c.	piemonte	italy	117.1
2003	vietti barolo lazzarito serralunga d'alba d.o.c.g.	piemonte	italy	350.0
2006	roberto voerzio langhe vigna serra d.o.c.	piemonte	italy	151.6
2003	ceretto barolo zonchera d.o.c.g.	piemonte	italy	210.0
2004	produttori del barbaresco d.o.c.g.	piemonte	italy	190.0
1998	produttori del barbaresco d.o.c.	piemonte	italy	220.0
2001	produttori del barbaresco montestefano riserva d.o.c.g.	piemonte	italy	250.0
2004	renato ratti conca barolo	piemonte	italy	320.0

zinfandel - (a.k.a - primitivo) - zin-fan-del

a big, powerful and concentrated wine with dark plums, liquorice, spice, and cigar box characters with a full, rich and grippy palate with great length.

2006	rutherglen estates	rutherglen	vic.	85.0
2010	fratelli 'heathcote'	yarra valley	vic.	70.0
2002	smidge wines the tardy	south eastern australia	s.a.	95.0
2008	mc henry hohnen rocky road zinfandel	margaret river	w.a.	75.0

durif - (a.k.a -petit syrah) - du-riff

this variety was developed by dr. durif in the 1800's by crossing syrah with peloursin to create a mildew free variety for southern france. it was a mistake. nice error doc, tighter bunches didn't allow air flow and caused rot, however in drier, warmer climates like california and australia it thrives, producing full bodied, plummy, richly tannic marvels with more character than charlie sheen.

2009	cape horn vineyard	goulburn valley	vic.	42.0
2007	valhalla wines	rutherglen	vic.	62.0
2008	campbells wines the barkly	rutherglen	vic.	73.0
2009	campbells wines the barkly	rutherglen	vic.	77.0

dessert wines

botrytis cinerea attacks grapes under certain conditions, shrivelling bunches and intensifying both sugar level and fruit characters. it often develops into marmalade or candied peel, also honeysuckle, vanilla, cumquat and toffee flavours.

2008	dal zotto <i>elena</i> pinot grigio (375ml)	king valley	vic.	49.0
2010	innocent bystander cordon cut viognier (375ml)	yarra valley	vic.	45.0
2003	villa la selva vigna del papa vin santo (500ml)	toscana	italy	98.5
2011	montevecchio moscato	heathcote	vic.	38.0
2007	m. chapoutier muscat de beaumes de venise (375ml)	rhône valley	france	63.0
2006	m. chapoutier muscat de beaumes de venise (375ml)	rhône valley	france	75.0
2005	le tertre du lys d'or sauternes(375ml)	sauternes	france	96.5
2005	le tertre du lys d'or sauternes (750ml)	sauternes	france	165.2
2002	reisling <i>vendanges tardives</i> (750ml)	alsace	france	176.0
2001	trimbach gewurtztraminer <i>vendanges tardives</i> (375ml)	alsace	france	80.0
2009	chateau gravas sauternes sem. sauv.	sauternes-barsac	france	64.0

the wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks and large wooden casks. the vineyard has very chalky ground which produces and aromatic wine full of finesse and a long powerful finish.

port

50ml

port is a portuguese fortified wine from the douro valley in the northern provinces of portugal. there are many stories as to how the great ports of the douro are made. one tells of the ageing of the must, if the crew walking through the vat are going in the wrong direction, the flavour profile will not be up to scratch, quirkiest than jack nicholson. chris killeen tried some of these methods over the years and tried to emulate the style, using authentic portugese varieties along with shiraz, durif and grenache. taste his legacy.

n.v.	stanton & killeen wines classic tawny port	rutherglen	vic.	9.5
2005	stanton & killeen wines fortified	rutherglen	vic.	11.0
1999	stanton & killeen wines fortified	rutherglen	vic.	16.0
1995	stanton & killeen wines fortified	rutherglen	vic.	17.0
1991	stanton & killeen wines fortified	rutherglen	vic.	19.0
n.v.	quinta do valado 10 y.o. tawny port	duoro	portugal	11.5
2007	quinta do vale meao vintage port d.o.c.	duoro	portugal	15.0

muscat

50ml

muscat a petit grain rouge is the variety that produces the famous rutherglen muscat, as the name suggests they have a deep auburn colour when ripe, moving towards a deep brown to almost black colour when left on the vine over extended periods . muscat almost always has a pronounced sweet floral aroma with christmas cake and hints of rose petal when young.

n.v.	morrison's	perricoota	n.s.w.	5.0
n.v.	stanton & killeen wines classic	rutherglen	vic.	9.5
n.v.	chambers grand	rutherglen	vic.	27.5
n.v.	merchant prince	rutherglen	vic.	25.0

tokay

50ml

muscadelle is a white grape that has a distinct green tea aroma with a slight hint of fish oil when crushed. in australia, the grape is used to make a popular fortified wine, formerly called tokay, but due to the lawmakers concessions, we will be calling it the unappealing name topaque. aging in smaller barrels over extended periods causes the tea leaf and fish oil into malt, toffee, butterscotch and marmalade characters.

n.v.	stanton & killeen wines classic	rutherglen	vic.	9.5
n.v.	campbells <i>rare isabella</i> tokay	rutherglen	vic.	25.0

cognac, named after the town of cognac in france, is the most famous variety of brandy, produced in the wine-growing region surrounding the town from which it takes its name, in the french departments of charente and charente-maritime. the town of cognac is one of only three officially demarcated brandy regions in europe; the others are the french town of armagnac and the spanish town of jerez.

vs. very special, or *** (three stars) where the youngest brandy is stored at least two years in cask.

vsop. very superior old pale, where the youngest brandy is stored at least four years in cask, but the average wood age is much older.

xo extra old, where the youngest brandy is stored at least six, but average upwards of 20 years.

extra a minimum of 6 years of age, this grade is usually older than a napoleon or an XO.

borderies (4160 hectares total) the smallest cru, eaux de vie from the borderies are the most distinctive, with nutty aromas and flavour, as well as a distinct violet or iris characteristic. cognacs made with a high percentage of these eaux de vie, for example, "cordon bleu" by martell, are dominated by these very sought-after flavours.

napoleon 1804	cognac	france	8.0
martell <i>cordon bleu</i> old classic cognac	cognac	france	9.5
martell v.s.o.p	cognac	france	12.5
hennessy v.s.	cognac	france	9.5
hennessy v.s.o.p.	cognac	france	16.0
hennessy x.o.	cognac	france	27.5
hennessy <i>paradis</i>	cognac	france	43.0
chateaux tariquet	armagnac	france	8.0

calvados

30ml

calvados is distilled from specially grown and selected apples, of which there are over 200 named varieties. It is not uncommon for a calvados producer to use over 100 specific varieties of apple to produce their calvados. The apples used are either sweet (such as the rouge duret variety), tart (such as the rambault variety), or bitter (such as the mettais, saint martin, frequin, and binet rouge varieties), with the latter category of apple being inedible.

a small drink of calvados taken between courses in a very long meal, sometimes with apple, supposed to re-awaken the appetite. calvados can be served as, blended in drinks, between meals, as a digestive, or with coffee.

charles de granville 2yo calvados	castelnau d'auzan	france	8.0
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grappa

30ml

grappa is a fragrant grape-based pomace brandy of between 37.5% and 60% alcohol by volume, of italian origin. literally "grape stalk", most grappa is made by distilling marc (skins, stems and seeds) left over from pressing. It quickly became commercialised, mass-produced, and sold worldwide. some grappa, known as prima uva, is made with the whole grapes. the flavour of grappa, like that of wine, depends on the type and quality of the grape used as well as the specifics of the distillation process.

lis radris	41%	fantinel	italy	8.0
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vodka

30ml

vodka is a distilled beverage. it is a clear liquid which mostly consists of water and ethanol purified by distillation – often multiple distillation – from a fermented substance, such as grain (rye or wheat), potatoes or sugar beet molasses, and an insignificant amount of other substances such as flavourings or unintended impurities. vodka usually has an alcohol content of 35% - 50% by volume. the classic russian, lithuanian and polish vodka is 40% 80 proof. this has been standard ever since the russians introduced production in 1894.

grey goose	40%	france	10.0
belvedere	40%	poland	12.0
absolut <i>original</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>citron</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>kurant</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>mandarin</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>pears</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>peppar</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>raspberry</i>	40%	sweden	8.5
absolut <i>vanilia</i>	40%	sweden	8.5

gin

30ml

gins originated in the netherlands in the 17th century. it is a common misconception that the word gin derives from the swiss city, geneva. in fact, the word gin derives from the french word of juniper. gin is a spirit flavoured with juniper berries. distilled gin is made by redistilling white grain spirit and raw sugar cane which has been flavoured with juniper berries.

south gin	40.2%	n.z.	10.5
gabriel boudier sloe gin	25%	france	9.5
gabriel boudier saffron gin	40%	france	9.5
bombay sapphire	40%	england	8.0
tanqueray	40%	england	9.0
tanqueray no. ten	40%	england	12.5
hendricks gin	40%	scotland	13.5

tequila

30ml

tequila was first produced in the 16th century near the location of the city tequila, which was not officially established until 1656. tequila is an agave-based spirit made primarily in the area surrounding tequila, 65 kilometres in the northwest of guadalajara and in the highlands of the western mexican state jalisco. the volcanic soil in the region surrounding tequila is particularly well suited to the growing of the cactus-like blue agave, and more than 300 million of the plants are harvested each year.

jose cuervo gold	40%	mexico	8.0
mi amigo genuine silver tequila	38%	mexico	9.0
1800 reposado tequila reserva	38%	mexico	10.0

rum

30ml

the precursors to rum date back to antiquity. development of fermented drinks produced from sugarcane juice is believed to have first occurred either in ancient india or china, and spread from there. an example of such an early drink is brum. produced by the malay people, brum dates back thousands of years. marco polo also recorded a 14th-century account of a "very good wine of sugar" that was offered to him in what is modern-day iran. the first distillation of rum took place on the sugarcane plantations of the caribbean in the 17th century. rum is produced from sugarcane by-products such as molasses and sugarcane juice by a process of fermentation and distillation. the distillate, a clear liquid, is then usually aged in oak and other barrels. the majority of the world's rum production occurs in and around the caribbean and in several south america countries, such as colombia, venezuela, guyana and brazil, though there are rum producers in places such as australia, fiji, india, reunion island and mauritius.

bundaberg	40%	qld.	8.0
havana club especial dark	37.5%	cuba	8.5
bacardi superioire blanc	37.5%	puerto rico	8.0
malibu coconut rum	40%	barbados	7.5
sailor jerry spiced rum	40%	carribbean	9.5

the first written record of whisky comes from 1405 in ireland, where it was distilled by monks. it is also mentioned in scotland in 1496. however it is thought that whisky had already been around for at least several hundred years prior. when or where whisky was first distilled are unknown and the local, undocumented beverage production during the period makes identification of the drink's origin difficult. additionally, it is possible that different groups discovered processes of distillation completely independently of one another.

whiskey (irish), or whisky (scottish gaelic), refers to a broad category of alcoholic beverages that are distilled from fermented grain mash and aged in wooden casks. different grains are used for different varieties, including: barley, malted barley, rye, malted rye, wheat, and maize (corn).

malt is whisky made entirely from malted barley and distilled in an onion-shaped pot still.

single malt whisky is malt whisky from a single distillery. however, unless the whisky is described as "single-cask" it will contain whisky from many casks, and different years, so the blender can achieve a taste recognisable as typical of the distillery. In most cases, the name of a single malt will be that of the distillery (the glenlivet, bushmills), with an age statement and perhaps some indication of some special treatments such as maturation in a port wine cask.

grain is made from malted and unmalted barley along with other grains, usually in a continuous "patent" or "coffey" still. until recently it was only used in blends, but there are now some single grain scotches being marketed.

bourbon

jim beam	40%	kentucky	u.s.a.	8.0
wild turkey 86.8	40%	kentucky	u.s.a.	8.5
makers mark	43%	kentucky	u.s.a.	9.5
woodford reserve	43.2%	kentucky	u.s.a.	12.0

tennessee20

jack daniels	40%	tennessee	u.s.a.	8.5
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rye

canadian club	38%		canada	8.5
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irish

jameson	40%		ireland	8.5
bushmills black bush	40%		ireland	9.0

australia

hellyers rd peated	46%		tas.	9.5
sullivans cove	40%		tas.	9.0

blended

johnnie walker red	40%		scotland	8.0
johnnie walker black 12yr	40%		scotland	9.0
johnnie walker blue 25yr	40%		scotland	25.0
rare j&b	40%		scotland	9.0
benriach 10yr	43%		scotland	9.5
chivas regal 12yr	40%		scotland	9.5
dimple 15yr	40%		scotland	10.0

single malts

glenkinchie 10yr	43%		scotland	10.0
glenmorangie 10yr	40%		scotland	12.0
laphroaig 10yr	40%		scotland	13.0
glenfiddich 12yr	40%		scotland	10.0
strathisla 12yr	40%		scotland	10.0
cardhu 12yr	43%		scotland	11.0
glenlivet 12yr	40%		scotland	12.0
oban 14yr	43%		scotland	13.5
lagavulin 16yr	43%		scotland	15.0

a liqueur is an alcoholic beverage that has been flavored with fruit, herbs, nuts, spices, flowers, or cream and bottled with added sugar. Liqueurs are typically quite sweet; they are usually not aged for long but may have resting periods during their production to allow flavors to marry.

coffee

kahlua liqueur	20%	mexico	7.5
tia maria	20%	jamaica	8.0
vok crème de cacao	20%	n.z.	7.0

cream

hellyers rd distillery cream liquor	17%	tas.	8.5
baileys irish cream liqueur	17%	ireland	7.5

fruit

cello limoncello	25%	n.s.w.	7.0
suntory <i>midori</i> melon liqueur	20%	japan	7.5
suntory <i>mohala</i> mango liqueur	23%	japan	7.5
suntory <i>rubis</i> strawberry liqueur	23%	japan	7.5
suntory <i>the blue</i> curacao	23%	japan	7.5
suntory <i>lena banana</i> curacao	23%	japan	7.5
gabriel boudier cherry	25%	france	7.5
gabriel boudier de pêches	25%	france	7.5
gabriel boudier de pommes	25%	france	7.5
gabriel boudier de lychee	24%	france	7.5
cointreau liqueur	40%	france	8.0
grand marnier triple orange liqueur	40%	france	8.0
chambord raspberry liqueur	16.5%	france	8.0

anise

barbaresso ouzo	37%	greece	7.5
opal nera original sambucca liqueur	38%	italy	7.5
molinari sambucca extra liqueur	40%	italy	8
white galliano sambucca	38%	italy	7.5
black galliano sambucca	38%	italy	7.5

other herbal

d.o.m. bènèdictine liqueur	40%	france	7.5
green chartreuse liqueur	55%	france	9.5
jägermeister	35%	germany	7.5
gabriel boudier crème de menthe	25%	france	7.0

nut flavoured

frangelico original hazelnut liqueur	20%	italy	7.5
toschi nocello walnut liqueur de noix	24%	italy	7.5

whisky

southern comfort	30%	u.s.a.	8.0
glayva liqueur	35%	scotland	7.5
drambuie liqueur	40%	scotland	7.5

other

stones original green ginger wine	13.9%	vic.	7.0
gabriel boudier liqueur de vanilla	25%	france	7.5
disaronno amaretto original	28%	italy	7.5

cocktails

oscar's own

paddlewheel punch (mocktail) 8.5
a refreshing non-alcoholic blend of strawberries, orange, cranberry and pineapple juices, dry ginger ale and a hint of cloves.

castro's echuca holiday 15.0
havana club especial dark rum, cherry and rose water, mint, muddled orange and lime.

pimm's on the wharf 16.5
pimm's no.1 infused with muddled orange, lime lemon and mint, garnished with cucumber and finished off with dry ginger ale.

steamboat delight 20.0
kahlua, bailey's, crème de cacao and rose water, blended with ice and dusted with chocolate powder and rose petals.

sex on moama beach 13.5
absolut original vodka, midori, chambord, pineapple and cranberry juice shaken over ice.

murray breeze 16.5
absolut original vodka, grapefruit and cranberry juices, topped with a lime wedge.

bloomin' oscar 16.5
absolut pears, lychee liqueur, apple juice, lemon juice and sugar syrup, shaken over ice

old faves

bloody mary 16.5
absolut original vodka, lemon juice, worcestershire sauce, tabasco sauce, and a pinch of salt and pepper in a tall tumbler.

champagne cocktail 13.5
grand marnier, a dash of bitters and a brown sugar cube topped up with yarrabank cuvee.

boat-makers old fashioned 16.0
makers mark bourbon on ice with bitters, sugar syrup and orange zest. delicious!

cosmopolitan 15.0
absolut original vodka, cointreau liqueur, a lime wedge muddled in glass, with cranberry juice added.

margarita classic or frozen 15.5
mi amigo tequila, cointreau liqueur, lemon and lime juice. can be made either in the classic style or blended with ice.

white lady 16.5
tanqueray gin, cointreau liqueur, lemon juice, shaken over ice and served in a martini glass.

martini 18.0
your choice of grey goose vodka or tanqueray gin, this martini can be served sweet, dry or dirty, shaken or stirred, and can be served with olives or a twist of lemon.

espresso martini 15.0
absolut original vodka, kahlua, crème de cacao and a fresh coffee shot, all shaken and served icy cold.

french martini 15.0
absolut original vodka, chambord liqueur and pineapple juice served in a martini glass.

caipirovska 16.5
grey goose vodka, lime wedges and brown sugar. all ingredients are muddled together and served over ice.

mojito 16.5
the refreshing classic, with havana club especial, mint leaves, lime wedges, and brown sugar.

strawberry daiquiri 16.0
bacardi blanc, cointreau liqueur, suntory rubis strawberry liqueur, strawberries, lime juice and sugar.

mango daiquiri 16.0
bacardi blanc, suntory mohala mango liqueur, mango cheeks, lime cordial and a dash of grenadine.

ow toblerone 20.0
a mixture of bailey's, kahlua, tia maria, crème de cacao and chocolate, blended with ice.