



## ***Rob's Thirst of the Month***

Winery - Wine - Vintage - Region - Variety - Score - Price - When to drink

**Seppelt *Drumborg Vineyard* 2015 Henty Riesling 95 \$39.99 2035**

One truly spectacular Australian Riesling with rose, sherbet and lime bath salts. Lovely finesse ripe fruited palate layers of citrus, lemon blossom and feijoa flavours with a fine minerally acidity. Exceptionally complex, subtle, really unique regional style, pristine tight and great aging ability and early drinking pleasure.

**Juniper Estate *Estate* 2012 Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 91 \$60.00 2022**

Appealing fruit complexity depth and concentration gravelly minerality, tapenade and black currant subtle leafy fruits. Very good line and length of flavour, elegant fine mineraly firm tannins with briar and dark fruits with a ripe generosity.

**Heemskerk 2015 Tasmania Coal River Valley Chardonnay 95 \$49.99 2026**

Historically one of our best Chardonnays, sourced from tiny vineyards across Tasmania. Balanced complexity and age ability led by fine French oak with a beautiful complexity notes of struck match, grape fruit, green apricot fruit complexity and oatmeal. In the mouth it is tightly structured, tangy acidity and the taut citrus flavours of good burgundy, long and refined now it will gain weight and expression drink after 2017. Time will offer you a great drink.

**Topper's Mountain *Wild Ferment* 2013 New England Nebbiolo 90 \$38.00 2019**

Raspberry and citrus spear mint aromas savoury minerals in the back ground low oak and looking like it should. Good line of flavour and texture in the mouth this light bodied wine has very good fruit length with great energy from front to back. The tannins are the fine, grainy and the savoury expression worth a try catches the varietal texture and structure.

**Coldstream Hills *Amphitheatre* 2013 Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 94 \$150.00 2022**

This is impeccable Burgundian intensity of a dark brooding fruits, strawberry into beetroot like red fruit intensity, dark spices from India and Asia. Great Pinot is not much about Pinot it is about the vineyard with complexity. Very stylish, long, firm, the mouth feel is initially silky, lovely varietal purity, turning smoked meats and game cloaked in fine grained grape and oak tannins and structured balance of fruit oak tannins.

**Higher Plane *The Messenger* 2012 Margaret River 92 \$65.00 2019**

*Blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot*

This is complex, not definitively fruity it offers depth and complexity with mulberry black berry black currant and a swirling meat stock edge to the mix of aromas. Very good in the mouth, starts friendly and generous very easy to enjoy with good length of complex dark fruit, middle palate chocolate briar savoury flavours with fine firming tannins.



**Pepper Tree *Venus Block* 2015 Orange Chardonnay 90 \$35.00 2019**

Sweet fruits, stone fruit and a little citrus with balanced oak arrives as an aroma of subtle grace, full of interest and begging you taste it. The palate is complex peachy fruits fruity and full up front with medium length.

**Jim Brand Ius 2014 South Australia Merlot 87 \$12.99 2017**

Black currant, berry fruits, tapenade and very good for the money. The palate is juicy mouth filling plum flavours with the taste and texture most people describe as being desirable, rare that you find it and rarer that it is at this value.

**Shaw Vineyard Estate *Estate* 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon 91 \$25.00 2019**

From a ripe year this wine has presence. Black currant thyme bay leaf savoury aromas leads to ripe black currants silky tannins, glycerol fruit ripeness, juicy middle fine grained chalky tannins.

**Landhaus Adelaide Hills 2015 Gruner Veltliner 92 \$20.00 2017**

Spends 4 months in mixed age oak which adds savoury complexity to the varietal cucumber and white pepper fruit aromas. In the mouth cucumber and white fruits with texture, medium bodied with a youthful donut, old oak stopping the flavour on the back of the middle palate before the citrus cucumber savoury flavours on the finish.

**Crabtree Wines *Watervale* 2015 Riesling 95 \$26.00 2023**

The rich Watervale fruits in this wine have more orange blossom and hints of lime, feijoa, apple and custard apple. The fleshy palate is quite unique to this property with a wonderful weight of creamy fruit evenness and length of stone fruit flavour and a fine elegant acidity. The easy drinking qualities of this wine mean it will be drunk young but it has the weight and balance to age.

**Baileys of Glenrowan Rutherglen 2014 Petite Sirah 96 \$27.00 2028**

Cracking colour with purple fresh bright rim of a keeper. The aromas are bold graphite cola, tarry fresh fruit aromas. The palate is almost restrained after the nose, refined tension and balance of ripe fruit oak, real vineyard linear grainy grape tannins full bodied dark cherry and ripe black plum with a lingering plummy fruit finish. A very authentic made in the vineyard style with understated oak, very balanced.

**Moorooduc Estate Mornington Peninsula 2014 Pinot Noir 92 \$35.00 2018**

Appealing stemmy dark spice fills in the sweet fruited elements of the aroma with a stern intensity. In the mouth ripe berry fruits raspberry red currant and spice from the stems shading and adding nuance to the finish. Impressive ripe balance and stemmy complexity. Beguiling complexity.

**Zonte's Footstep *Violet Beauregard* Langhorne Creek 2013 Malbec 92 \$25.00 2013**

Amazing floral aromas with violets, crushed rose, plum, black currant and free from the sappy leafy edge some exhibit. The mouth feel and texture are extraordinary. Silky talc, powder fine, even and long with black currant, a lick of sappiness and licorice flavours and a touch of spice on the finish.



**[Kalleske](#) *Fordson Single Vineyard* 2014 Barossa Valley Zinfandel 92 \$24.00 2018**

Fruit cup with raspberry pith and pulp, peppery characters of zinfandel vibrant and fresh. Soft tannins not over done fresh fruit cup flavours with easy drinking joy, backed the oak off to encourage the berry fruits, medium long juicy up front just a joyous glass of wine. A smart wine thanks to understated winemaking.

**[Annie's Lane](#) *The Locals* 2013 Polish Hill River Cabernet Sauvignon 94 \$22.99 2018**

Classic cabernet sauvignon varietal whispers in the glass black currant blue berry, gum leaf, bay leaf, cardamom. The palate has excellent balance with well integrated fine grained tannins and an elegant temperament which creates a bundle of long middle palate black fruits. Ripper wine and ripper price.

**[Ravensworth](#) 2013 Murrumbateman Riesling 95 \$25.00 2024**

Restraint, purity and finesse with lemon butter essence aromas unfolding slowly into maturity as a three year old in 2016. In the mouth the perfect balance of lemon restraint and finesse, rich yet fine, balanced and fresh with a detailed finish, ripe lemons minerals and talc.