



Rob's Thirst of the Month

Winery Wine Varietal Varietal 2 Vintage Wine Region Stars RRP Rating
Tasting Notes Drink by

Alkoomi Wines Black label Riesling 2016 Frankland River \$24.00 93

One sniff and you know you are in Riesling fragrant and lifted very varietal blossom lime zest. Very fine in the mouth lovely balance of fruit acidity fleshy but not clumsy in any way and has elegance with mouth watering acidity to close. 2025

Angullong Pinot Grigio 2016 Orange 4 \$20.00 90

Too good for grigio this has more flavour and structure than the typical example. Touch of citrus oil, yellow stone fruits with the flavours sitting very well composed, complete and ripe, medium long. 2018

Castle Rock Estate Riesling 2016 Porongurup \$25.00 94

Plenty of regional brightness and very well pitched in focused fruits.

The aromas are mid point in the 2016 offering with ripe fruits, complexity not funky with rose, talc and citrus that follows onto the palate with precise ripe fullness and length. 2023

**D'Arenberg The old bloke and 3 Shiraz Roussanne 2011 McLaren Vale 5
\$200.00 93**

Wow this is complex and unique, pomegranate fruits mineral, oyster, seaside iodine and dark fruit and cherry paste. The palate has a unique texture with the acid profile subtly more intense but still a serious red wine, very even, very elegant long flavour. 2022

Grosset Alea Riesling 2016 Clare Valley 5 \$36.00 95

Flowery lime top notes gin and tonic type fruit notes leads to a wine with enormous texture and so subtle sweetness with very good texture and the fruity notes trail off with acidity adding a lime sherbet treble to the bass line body of generous texture. 2020

Juniper Estate Estate Malbec 2014 Margaret River \$37.50 92

Very interesting wine. Aromas are fruit quality intense, fine and well grown showing violets and cassis with lashings of sweet oak vanilla and caramel. The palate is well balanced sweet fruit runs the length showing violets purple fruits up front with the with the oak holding it down not heavy very tightly structured oak sits on the fruit with lovely finish. Needs 12 months subtle smoked meats from oak on nose and palate. 2020

Juniper Estate Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Margaret River \$70.00 93

Vibrant bright red fruits raspberry, mineral, purity and mineral spice oak spice aromas even as a four year old. The fruit is lovely and the oak has great presence. The flavours run long and fine red berry briar, dark tobacco and the oak tannins unite to give a firm finishing red with ripe fresh red fruit compote, mineral tannins to close wed to cranberry acidity. 2018

Lost Lake Wines Pinot Noir 2014 Pemberton 5 93

A lot complexity and excellent quality showing balance ripe fresh red and black cherry fruit aromas with varietal concentration and appealing fragrance. The palate has structure, is at the bigger end of the pinot sect rum, well-balanced, red cherry blood orange fruits silky tannins with lovely roundness, well judged oak builds the wine but never dominates creating a very complete complex finish. 2020

Lost Lake Wines Shiraz 2013 Pemberton 5 \$25.00 95

Takes the black berry and spice and fruit paths, backs it with oak and makes a complete wine. The palate has intensity with a cooler edge black berry and plenty of savoury smoked meats medium bodied ripe tannins intense without being heavy gentle pepper tobacco and sweet oak. 2022

Lunar Eclipse Grenache 2016 South Australia \$19.00 91

Pale dry in style all the way through from the watermelon with a dash of rosewater aromas to the palate, which adds orange juice and campari herbs and spices to the favours. 2017

Moppity Vineyards Lock & Key Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 Hilltops5 \$80.00 93

Subtle but intense with varietal focus showing cassis dark cherry chocolate aromas. The palate is very elegant, varietal focused length of black currant flavour with very even fruits matched to fine tannins. 2028

Peel Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 Peel 5 \$40.00 92

Colour shows some development yet the aromas are very fresh for 2010 quite bright raspberry cranberry red fruits with a leafy background. The palate is highly individual, excellent structure; flavours are slowly maturing very solid and medium length with chalky tannins and fresh finesse to close. 2025

Petaluma Hanlin Hill Riesling 2016 Clare Valley \$28.00 94

Yellow blossom aromas very similar to the scrub in flower above the vineyard and immediate drink now generosity. The palate is on song with the riesling qualities of fruit acidity and floral flavour intensity, appealing intensity, mouth coating quality to the flavours which is a good and rare thing in Riesling. A good drink a showing its variety. 2024

Petaluma White Label Chardonnay 2015 Adelaide Hills \$22.00 92

Quality aromas lees, barrel ferment gives stoner fruit with butter caramel oak and a very graceful palate with classic style, the palate is excellent value as it is complex long and well balanced medium weight chardonnay. 2017

Petaluma White Label Chardonnay 2016 Adelaide Hills \$22.00 89

Generous fruit oak notes very modern and stylish with oak balances to the stone fruit aromas which follows on the plate with good flavour weight and balance and very honest appealing style. Very good value. 2018

Petaluma Chardonnay 2015 Piccadilly Valley \$40.00 92

A wine of substance and personality with a lot going on French oak white butter, lovely barel fermented aromas of white butter, coconut ice almost creamy vanilla and ripe stone fruits. The winemaking execution is excellent, the palate is full bodied very structured along, and the acidity pulls the fruit along with barrel ferment complexity on the finish. 2020

Sandalford Estate Reserve Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2016 Margaret River \$20.00 89

At the top end of the quality for price. Passion fruit and pineapple with articulate grace and a mouth of fresh tropical good weight on the bigger side lunch will look good with this. Serve chilled as it has plenty of flavours. 2017

Scotchmans Hill Bellarine Chardonnay 2014 Geelong 5 \$35.00 95

Great chardonnay has many elements including is a silky texture to charm you on first sip with length that encourages appreciation and details in the flavours and texture as it slips off the back of your tongue with nougat and almost creamed honey lingering flavours than a bright fruity acidity. More Meursault on mainland Australia, Chablis, or Tasmania. Very Moorish and fresh finishing. 2020

Scotchmans Hill Bellarine Shiraz 2013 Geelong 5 \$39.00 95

A terrific wine, clean and pure. Cool climate Shiraz white pepper, red fruits and smoked meat savoury elements with mocha oak and subtle rancio. The palate is very dense for a cool climate shiraz, silky tannins and closed red fruits and needing time to unfold to give the tannins and very good red fruit intensity time to shine. Drink 2018 and decant. 2028

Tahbilk Riesling 2016 Goulburn Valley 3 \$18.90 90

A lot of punch in the floral fruit aromas, very rich stone fruits into floral notes. The full flavoured expression is on the palate as well kaffir lime and pineapple richness in the middle palate. 2018

Taylors Winemakers Project Viognier 2014 Clare Valley \$24.00 91

Whole berry pressed is a great euphemism. From the first, sniff its exotic apricot, yellow peach and pot pouri. The plate is about fruit weight fullness and even textured fruits with yellow notes yellow peach ripe apricot and a flash of vanilla oak to close the finish. Balances low ripeness, alcohol, and ripe fruits. 2018

Voyager Estate Chardonnay 2014 Margaret River 4 \$45.00 90

Very approachable with stone fruit layers, lees and overall honeyed white fruit complexity. Good middle palate weight with mandarin acidity and pear citrus fruits, youthfully disjointed amongst all Very approachable with stone fruit layers, lees and overall honeyed white fruit complexity. Good middle palate weight with mandarin acidity and pear citrus fruits, youthfully disjointed amongst all the slick smoothness with the oak tannins a little prominent and coarse to close. Best in 2017.

Voyager Estate Broadvale Block 5 Chardonnay 2014 Margaret River 5 \$65.00 95

This has an especially fine fruit aroma with fresh brightness lime, citrus and a pretty honey lees top note. The citrus fruit length is fresh and modern picked on the cusp of ripeness and shapely, layers of white stone fruit flavours, gentle in youth it pulls up gracefully in the mouth with oak tannins and lingering youthful balance. Will cellar well. 2022.

Voyager Estate Project Old Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Margaret River 6 \$90.00 96

"Pale colour, briar, mineral, mulberry, black currant and marzipan into purple fruit aromas. Very good drive on the palate, fine and elegant tannins, excellent length of flavour as near to ethereal as red wine gets with firming tannins to close. 2035

Woodlands Margaret Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Margaret River 5 \$45.00 92

This is the drink sooner edition from Woodlands and offers great value and quality as a restaurant wine on release. Ripe, generous and easy going on release it is balanced and food friendly, fleshy and harmonious in expression. In the mouth, full and fleshy into almost black cherry berry fruit with sweet oak adding plumpness to the soft structured tannins and fleshy fruits. Generosity personified with regional dignity intact so it is still fresh and medium full bodied. 2020