



THIRST OF OCTOBER

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Tasting Notes

Vasse Felix	Heytesbury	2015	Chardonnay		80.00	13.00	2025	96
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The fine aromas combine barrel ferment lees and oak to create subtle notes of grape fruit, lemon and vanilla pod oak. The palate is fine, firm balanced and yet layered which is a remarkable balancing act and long with citrus flavours and tannin edge that support long fruit flavours that finish with citrus. If you want mouth filling Margaret River this is not your wine but if sophistication restraint and delicacy of great wine appeals, this is your baby.

Vasse Felix	Tom Cullity	2013	Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec	150.00	14.50	2045	96
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While it starts out with showing cabernet aromas, there is a deeper rich black fruit layer. Cedar, minerals fruits, blueberry, black currant pastes join the black currant fruit harmony to give volume. The palate is finely wrought and has fuller texture hinting more at a finer Bordeaux such as Leoville las cas than classical left bank so there are tannins black fruit very deep in the middle palate and generous aligning fruit ripeness, tannins and oak to create a plush texture and an al dente palate to close with fine finish.

Southern Highland Wines	Oldbury Reserve	2016	Sauvignon Blanc	24.00	12.80	2018	95
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The best sauvignon blanc I have seen from the Highlands and this maker...ever. Very good intensity with generous ripe varietal tropical fruits showing abundant ripe passionfruit and pineapple. The palate has richness, concentration and intensity of ripe tropical fruit with concentration and weight. A solid wine with abundant middle palate flavours and a gentle finish. Great summer drinking here.

Philip Shaw	No 89	2013	Shiraz Viognier		50.00	13.80	2026	94
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The aromas are the complete cool climate shiraz of violets, smoked meats, red berry, sandalwood and peppery spice. The fine grained tannins are medium/ full bodied with even length and rich, yet refined, flavours of dark berry, bitter chocolate and apricot with concentration and great length thanks to the complex tannin profile. Finishes sandalwood, dark chocolate and youthful.

Domaine Naturaliste Artus 2015 Chardonnay 45.00 13.00 2019 93

If ever a chardonnay needed decanting it this wine as it changes with air and time in the glass more than many. Struck match and orange zest fruit notes with oak giving a good Chinese tea, milk chocolate, moccha oak notes. The lavish palate has length and depth, struck match notes flinty in the middle and the butterscotch milk chocolate oak adds to the pear fruits. If you like chardonnay with richness this is for you.

Vasse Felix Margaret River 2015 Chardonnay 37.00 13.00 2020 93

Complex positive intensity of fruit and creamy barrel ferment oak notes. The palate is creamy elegant yet generous and silky and very controlled in its complexity with the delicate satin texture yeast lees driving the wine skimming over waves of oak and white nectarine fruits in your mouth to complete finish.

Domaine Naturaliste Floris 2015 Chardonnay 30.00 13.00 2019 92

Grapefruit reaching in to peachy ripe fruits with subtle struck match winemaker note. The mouth, good mouth feels a silky soft ripe flowing fruit complexity, easy to drink, creamy up front and unfolding into grapefruit and citrus on the finish, which gathers enough flavour, and texture to be very food friendly and complete.

Chandon Brut NV Pinot Noir Chardonnay 31.99 12.50 2017 92

Very positive and polished with fruity red fruit notes of pomegranate, slight smoky note that creates 'look at me' personality. The palate is elegant with a touch of tannin dryness and not too sweet, the fruit runs through watermelon and pomegranate and finishes fruit flavoured and dry, not sweet.

**Apogee Wines Vintage Deluxe 2013 Chardonnay Pinot Noir Pinot Meunier
49.95 12.00 2018 92**

Generous complexity and doughy intensity, play dough and plasticine in a positive sense from the yeast development showing well. The palate is graceful, notes of fresh fruits, some citrus, blood orange and lemon and some red fruits strawberry and raspberry. But not over bearing up front with the body of the wine evolving into yeasty richness.

Clover Hill Methode Traditionelle 2012 Chardonnay Pinot Noir Pinot Meunier 45.00 12.50 2018 92

The aromas show fruit richness into black olive development with a spicy edge. The palate has balance in the champagne manner, excellent structure and length, very fine integrated acidity yet the fruit is quite primary with white and yellow fruits. Lovely texture.

Vinden Estate Wines 2016 Verdelho 26.00 13.00 2017 90

Very tropical custard apple, polished ripe fruits with a rich ripe and oily palate that on first sip is creamy long and lunch wine and will match food really well, sophisticated fresh wine and long in flavour.

Baillieu Vineyard **2015** **Pinot Noir** **35.00** **13.00** **2018** **90**

Gum leaf edged, red fruited, short bread biscuit, vanilla oak aromas. The palate is ripe upfront berry fruits quite firm in texture and dry on the medium long finish with tough oak biscuity notes lingering to close.

Baillieu Vineyard **2015** **Chardonnay** **35.00** **13.00** **2017** **90**

Rich yellow fruit, balanced oak complexity. Ready to drink, well made medium bodied oily texture with ripe yellow fruit with a toasty oak note and vanilla brulee to close.

Taltarni **Cuvee Rose** **2011** **Chardonnay** **Pinot Noir** **24.00** **12.00** **2017** **88**

Raspberry sorbet fruit and freshness leads to a raspberry and strawberry fruits align in middle palate with soft acidity and creaminess.

Chandon **Sparkling with Orange Bitters NV** **Chardonnay** **Pinot Noir** **31.99** **12.50**
2017 **88**

A very adventurous wine that offers a new way with fizz. Gentle orange, mandarin citrus botanical aromas, well balanced sweetness and citrus flavours and very subtle bitterness, meaning less bitter than a gin and tonic. I would drink over ice as the back label says.

Elgee Park **Family Reserve** **2015** **Chardonnay** **50.00** **13.50** **2017** **88**

Deep colour, deep oak lees notes almost into champagne spectrum. The palate has depth and fatness with length and creamy texture with fleshy fruit fat firm and forward.

Wicks Estate **2015** **Chardonnay** **25.00** **12.50** **2017** **87**

Grape fruits and flinty notes herald the modern Australian chardonnay style with the tropical notes coming through on the middle palate with pineapple before the dry finish.

Red Hill **Estate Range** **2014** **Pinot Noir** **22.00** **14.00** **2017** **87**

Deep colour with raspberry into maraschino cherry fruit aromas, earthy stables and rich upfront broad and finishing earthy band-aid stables on the finish. Could be burgundy.