

RED WINE

- 2016 Fickers** Pinot Meunier (Yarra Valley , Victoria) ~ **48**
Anthony Fickers makes self-confessedly “smashable” wines. This, his 2016 Pinot Meunier, is just that. Blueberries, mulberries, hints of herbaceous flora and exotic spices. Pretty punchy on the nose with some real character. Glides along with sweet and spicy fruit, a tail of soft tannin trailing behind. Certainly Smashable.
- 2015 Boya** Pinot Noir (Leyda Valley , Chile) **63**
The Produced by Francisco Ponce Sanhueza Boya Pinot Noir has a fruit-driven profile with aromas of strawberries, raspberries and mild sour cherries. Light and refreshing, it has a light-bodied palate and just enough acidity. Well balanced, clean and expressive.
- 2016 Garagiste Le Stagiaire** Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula , Victoria) **56**
The fruit for the La Stagiaire Pinot predominantly comes from Garagiste’s Balnarring and Tuerong vineyards, with a small proportion of Merricks and Red Hill. The grapes were sorted then mostly destemmed and fermented in small open fermenters using indigenous yeast, minimal hand plunging, and the must/wine spent 22 days on skins. This is brilliant value Mornington. Super delicious, aromatic and sweetly fruited, showing an abundance of dark cherry and poached plum aromas, with subtle clove and cinnamon spice complementing in the background.
- 2016 Save our Souls** Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula , Victoria) **59**
The divine combination of William Downie (De Bortoli and now his own label) and Jason Searle has resulted in this purposefully affordable and definitely excellent Pinot Noir by Save Our Souls. A light and delicate red wine, there are flavours of redcurrant and cranberry with a little oakiness.
- 2015 Provenance** Pinot Noir (Golden Plains , Victoria) **64**
Winemakers Scott Ireland and Sam Vogel have blended fruit from three different plots in Victoria Darriwill, Sinclair and Hently, to achieve a thoroughly attractive Pinot Noir. A fragrant bouquet followed by a juicy palate of red cherry, plum and spice, the finish with a slight twist of citrus.
- 2016 Telera Su Mar** Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula , Victoria) **110**
Everything about this vintage was favourable, flowering, fruit set, intermittent rain and steady ripening season produced simply stunning fruit from a very happy healthy Vinyard. Expect complexity, richness, structure and balance in spades. Su Mar is made from a clonal blend of estate-grown handpicked grapes. It’s wild fermented in an open vat, and pressed and aged for 12 months in selected French oak. An alluring wine of spice, berry and savoury intensity, with a balanced and silky finish.
- 2013 Paringa Estate “Estate”** Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula, Victoria) **165**
Paringa is one of Australia’s best and most consistent Pinot producers. This wine has complex lifted aromas of red fruit/ dark cherries supported by spicy savoury oak. The palate has attractive spicy dark cherry flavours, fine grained tannins that combine to produce a lovely textural mouthful. The poise & balance of this wine make it one of our favourites.
- 2012 Craggy Range Aroha** Pinot Noir (Martinborough, New Zealand) **198**
The 98/100 scoring 5 star Aroha is quite a savoury Pinot with hints of brambles, toast, dried herbs and yeast extract together with dark berry, plum and a distinctive floral note. Very complex wine with a very silken texture.
This is a world class wine and far better than most Burgundy at the same price...
- 2013 Ten Minutes By Tractor McCutcheon Single Vineyard** (Mornington Peninsula, Victoria) **159**
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The devotion to detail in every way, from the vineyard management, the wine making process to bottling, labelling and marketing of the wines was exemplary in every way. This winery remains one of the absolute stars of the Victorian wine scene. The **2013 McCutcheon** is lightish in colour with three parts savoury, one part pretty, the combined effect irresistible. It tastes mostly of crushed dry leaves, woody spices, smoky oak and foresty notes, though a sweet, strawberryed exuberance keeps the mood chipper. The **2013 Wallis** is satiny and delicious with brilliant extension of flavour. Style and substance. Sweet-sour berries, crushed dry spices, wood smoke and undergrowthy/foresty notes. It starts well and gets better and better.
- 2013 Bindi Block 5** Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **179**
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2013 Bindi Original Vineyard Pinot Noir (Macedon Ranges, Victoria) **159**

Michael Dhillon continues to fashion exceptional wines from his small parcel of land a short drive from here. As always his wines have extraordinary depth, complexity & weight. High in demand these wines sell out upon release. The Composition and Dixon are the most approachable even at their young ages. They both have delicate perfume & silky palates. The Original Vineyard is just classic textbook varietal Macedon Pinot. The Block 5 has more fruit power & tannin and often requires more time to develop the same delicacies as the others.

- 2013 Mr Mick** Tempranillo (Clare Valley, South Australia) **43**
 Crafted in typical Mr Mick style, this wine has subtle French oak flavours with smooth tannins, distinctive varietal character of cherries and strawberries, a hint of spice, cola and a long lingering finish. Super easy drinking and spot on with a steak.
- 2014 Radio Boka** Tempranillo (Valencia, Spain) **44**
 Brilliant entry level Tempranillo with dusty cherry-cola nose and a truly slurpable palate of soft fleshy raspberries, melted chocolate and touches of Indian spice market thrown in for good measure. Brilliant everyday wine.
- 2014 Fattoria Di Bagnolo Chianti** Sangiovese (Tuscany, Italy) **59**
 Composed of predominately Sangiovese this Chianti also includes a small portion of Colorino and Merlot with maturation taking place French oak for 6 months. Deep dark red black tinged colour with a bright dark red hue. Fragrant aromas of ripe dark cherries and dried herbs emerge from the glass followed by some meaty cedar like characters and spicy lightly scorched earth end notes..
- 2015 Simao & Co** Tempranillo (Rutherglen) **61**
 Simon Killeen, formerly of Stanton & Killeen, has decided to go out on his own and launch his own wine brand. It's a brave step but he's taken to it like a duck to water. Simão (Portuguese for Simon) & Co. is his vessel for telling the story of the region. In what is only a matter of months since the first release of a Simão & Co. wine, he has taken the wine trade by storm. Hot, whole berry ferment, 30% new oak barriques with some stored in tank. A ripping tempranillo with light tannin structure, almost cabernet-esque. Super food friendly
- 2015 Pondalowie "MT"** Tempranillo (Bendigo, Victoria) **63**
 This '15 is glorious with its enticing inky red colour. It's fragrant, all dark red cherry and Satsuma plum fruit, and earthy with that distinct and delectable tempranillo sarsaparilla character. This is the first vintage of the MT has been matured in oak barrels. A classic loaded with clove & nutmeg spices with grainy, powerful, earthy tannins. A great local expression.
- 2007 Dehesa La Granja** Tempranillo (Castilla y Leon, Spain) **78**
2002 Dehesa La Granja "Seleccion" ~ Tempranillo (Castilla y Leon, Spain) **119**
 Time honoured cellar maturation is key to the 2002's detailed and complex bottle-aged style. With age, as the tannins melt, Fernández's Selección become deliciously mellow & tender, with a deep, velvety texture and flavours of ripe plums, smoky oak, truffle & roasted meat. Supremely elegant, round and complex with plenty of old school going on. The 2007 is brilliant ruby with smoke & spice accented aromas of redcurrant & cherry with a hint of vanilla in the background. Juicy & focused on the palate, offering lively red fruit flavors that become sweeter with air.
- 2014 Glenwillow** Nebbiolo (Bendigo, Victoria) ~ **49**
 The Yandoit Valley is situated between historical Castlemaine and cosmopolitan Daylesford, about 40kms drive from here. This is a distinctly Australian version of Italian Nebbiolo style. It is medium-bodied wine perfect for lunch and all day sipping as well as paired with lighter red meat dishes. The palate is long and rich with subtle floral and savoury flavours and a hint of red cherry. There are fine grained tannins and a great acid structure.
- 2014 M.Chapoutier Bila Haut** Syrah, Grenache, Carignan (Bendigo, Victoria) **41**
 this is a fun little middle of the road red out of Roussillon. A blend of mainly Grenache follow by lick of Syrah and Carignan, expect aromas of fresh herbs, raspberry and spice. A great two bottle bottle.
- 2016 Ique** Malbec (Mendoza, Argentina) **52**
 IQUE 'ee-kay' is a rich, full bodied Argentinian Malbec, full of purple plum and dark cherry fruit with light smoky overtones. A heart warming wine, with gentle tannins, a perfect introduction to Malbec.
- 2011 La Purisima En Esencia Dulce** Monastrell (Yecla, Spain) **78**
 Smells of blueberry and cowhide, with lovely spice and sweet, supple ripe tannins. Fresh finish with good acidity. Great balance. 13% alcohol, and 70 grams/litre residual sugar, so there is a definite richness and succulence in every glass.
- 2013 Syrahmi** Mourvedre (Heathcote, Victoria) **79**
 Bright dark raspberry red in colour the perfumed nose of ripe berry fruits, with dried herbs, savory turned earth spice and a meaty small goods character. Soft sweet entry & long mid palate make way for velvet like fine tannins.
- 2015 Sorrenberg** Gamay (Beechworth, Victoria) **107**
 The nose of the 2015 Gamay presents with cherry and forest fruits. Following on to the palate which at first appears light but surprises you with vibrant fruit combining with white pepper to produce a long lingering mouthfeel. Soft acid and refined tannins round this wine out nicely.
- 2005 Marcarini La Serra Barolo** Nebbiolo (Piedmont, Italy) **210**
 Deep and earthy with lightly smoky liquor of wild raspberry, poppy seeds, fine floral notes, orange rind, herbal & fresh. It is lean & crisp, juicy fruit has a lovely herbal character, fine tannins, very well balanced in the mouth. Great length to the sour cherry and slightly gamey fruit. Generous and rich with an intense, ethereal bouquet.

2008	Mauro Veglio	Barolo Arborina	Nebbiolo	(Piedmont, Italy)	182
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The **Mauro Veglio** family has been growing grapes for generations. In 1992 they decided to stop on-selling their grapes to concentrate on making their own wine - and in 20 years they have become one of the leaders in Piedmont. The **2008 and 2010 Arborina's** are Ruby red coloured with garnet reflections, fresh scents of small red fruits, raspberry, redcurrant and wild roses that evolve into licorice and spice notes. Very complex and extremely delicate at same time, it shows all the elegance of La Morra terroir. When the wine first enters the market it is fresh and a little austere, but still harmonious and balanced. With time the wine softens a little, but maintains the initial character for many years, particularly if stored in an ambient place that is fresh and humid without temperature variations. The 2010 is a powerfully built wine that is still tightly wound. The **2009 and 2010 DOGC Barolo's** both have fresh scents of small red fruits, raspberry, redcurrant and wild roses that evolve into licorice and spice notes. Classic tar compounds drive the wines along..and whilst the 2009 is currently singing, the 2010 is still quit firm and tannic. Delicious wine.

2015	killiecrankie	Ruby	Shiraz, Merlot, Cabernet	(Heathcote, Victoria)	62
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Killiecrankie Wines is the venture of John Monteath and Claire Hull. Grapes are sourced from a limited number of meticulously tended vineyards in the Bendigo and Heathcote wine regions. The wines are made in the true garagiste style with hand plunged ferments, basket pressing and minimal intervention. The resultant wines are elegantly proportioned with fine texture and balance. A fun, flexible medium bodied red with plenty of red fruits and savoury spice.

2011	Pyren Vineyard	Broken Quartz	Shiraz	(Pyrenees, Victoria)	37
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Crozes-esque white pepper, to super low alcohol and high acidity. Yet, clearly, in amongst the difficult vintage there was clearly rigorous selection. Instead it is light, pretty, stony, peppery and a little herbal – yet still quite beguiling. Sure there are sharp edges, but the mid palate is juicy and generous. Amazingly generous really. Stunning value.

2015	Luke Lambert	Crudo	Shiraz	(Yarra Valley, Victoria)	52
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Crudo is crafted in a pretty similar way to Lamberts Syrah, but with less whole bunch (20% here) and shorter time on skins, followed by early bottling to secure the wine's animated primary fruit. Expect cherrystone and summer berry flavours

2012	Turners Crossing		Shiraz Viognier	(Bendigo, Victoria)	54
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This has a medium red purple hue with great aromatics of cherry and mulberry, the pallet shows spice, white pepper, blackberry and a hint of pink musk stick. The tannin is beautifully integrated and delivers great length & mouth feel.

2014	Santa & D'Sas		Shiraz	(Heathcote, Victoria)	62
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Wonderful fruity and forward powerhouse from a new player in the Heathcote region. Big powerful and punchy in style with classic shiraz fruit and a mild tannic finish.

2013	Vina Marson		Shiraz, Viognier	(Heathcote, Victoria)	64
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Ruby red in colour, the 2012 Syrah possesses attractive notes of plum, tar, black olive and sweet vanilla. This funky wine has a dark and attractive palate of blood plum, dark chocolate with a sweet and toasty finish. A delightful expression of Shiraz from one of Australia's most renowned Shiraz regions with just a lick (7%) of Viognier to round the edges.

2007	Downing Estate		Shiraz	(Heathcote, Victoria)	74
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The convergence of climate, soil and landscape gives rise to a regional Heathcote 'terroir' that creates notable fruit driven wines of outstanding quality, depth and character. It was the terroir and the proven pedigree of the Heathcote region's wines that attracted Joy and Bob Downing to the area. Deep black cherry in colour this sturdy red offers hints of coffee and leather, high aroma of white pepper and sweet cherries. Big rich palate with chocolate cherry ripe and a silky tannin finish.

2009	Domaine Clusel-Roch		Cote-Rotie	(Northern Rhone Valley, France)	149
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Their most prized wine comes from a small, .7 hectare plot of old Cote Rotie vines. These old vines were planted in 1935 by Gilbert's grandfather. Their Cote Rotie uses 4% Viognier. The wine is vinified in a combination of concrete & steel vats. The Cote Rotie spends close to 2 years in oak; 20% new. Remaining barrels range from 1 to 5yrs old year.

2014	Micheal Hall	Stone Well	Shiraz	(Barossa Valley, South Australia)	94
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2014	Micheal Hall	Flaxman Valley	Shiraz	(Barossa Valley, South Australia)	102
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A study in terroir. As you drink a bottle of wine you not only enjoy the toil of the winemakers and farmers that have collaborated together to bring the grapes to harvest, but also the soil and weather conditions in and around the vineyard. These two wines by Michael Hall are an excellent example of this. Both wines are made by the same winemaker in the same style, fruit picked for both at optimum time (March 4 for the Stone Well and April 4 for the Flaxman's Valley). These wines both enjoyed fair winter rains; a warm first week of September promoted early budburst, a hot summer was broken by rain mid-February and cool temperatures thereafter. All destemmed, fermented in closed puncheon and open fermenter. Matured in French oak. **The Flaxman's Valley** exhibits sour plum and soy, pepper and dried fennel and chalky iodine minerality. Whilst the **Stone Well** shows fresh plum, black cherry and blackberry, leather and cedar, talc tannins.

- 2012 Warrenmang Black Puma** Shiraz (Pyrenees, Victoria) **109**
 True to Warrenmang's philosophy of traditional wine making, the grapes are hand picked from low yield vines, then hand plunged twice daily on skins and basket pressed. Matured for over 30 months in French oak at the Avoca property on which legend tells of the large black cat still roams to this day.
- 2006 Jasper Hill Emily's Paddock** Shiraz Cabernet Franc (Heathcote, Victoria) **220**
2003 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **191**
2005 Jasper Hill Georgia's Paddock Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **182**
 The **2006 Emily's** is searingly intense and firm with dark, minty and brambly flavours of cassis, blackberries and plums backed by suggestions of dark chocolate, mint, menthol, vanilla and cedar. Its polished and refined. The **2003** exhibits an inky/blue/purple color along with a big, sweet nose of lead pencil shavings interwoven with charcoal, blackberries, cassis, licorice, and a touch of oak. The **2005** is powerfully built with deep rooted fruit, black berry fruits, black & white pepper and a slight vanilla edge.
- 2008 Syrahmi "La La"** Shiraz (Heathcote, Victoria) **195**
 Young gun ex-bendigo winemaker has hand crafted this extraordinary wine. The **La La** is a single vineyard wine from a brilliant vintage that spends 36 months in new French Oak and a further 2 years in bottle before being released. It initially offers smoky bacon fat, violets, sweet raspberries and licorice. Upon opening up it reveals Asian spices, dried herbs and further meaty nuances. A seamless and velvety palate with a long lingering finish. It received a massive 96/100 from James Halliday recently and he considered it to be the equal best Australian Shiraz released that year. At less than a third the price of Penfolds Grange this is a truly amazing local wine. 600 bottles made.
- 2015 Jamsheed La Menace Rouge** Cabernet Sauvignon (Yarra Valley, Victoria) **49**
 A switch up in vineyard source this year; 2013 is 100% Cabernet drawn from the Yarra's Fundar vineyard. Handpicked and destemmed, fermented as whole berries with indigenous yeasts in stainless tanks and left to on skins for 40 days extended maceration. Dark fruited with a drinkable lightness and savoury spice, it's a quintessential Jamsheed wine that truly expresses the soil with class-leading flair. La Menace Rouge or "The Red Menace" is winemaker Gary Mills' reference to both the Cabernet grape and his dearly departed dog Rocket.
- 2012 Warrenmang GP** Cabernet Sauvignon (Pyrenees, Victoria) **69**
 A well balanced blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Shiraz, each variety fermented and pressed separately, and aged for up to 24 months on French and American Oak. Light spice with a dry finish. Super food friendly and one of our favourites.
- 2015 Eden Hall Springton** Cabernet Sauvignon (Eden Valley, South Australia) **46**
 A pretty classic cool climate Cabernet Sauvignon out of the Barossa ranges. A bright purple-crimson colour, red cherry fruit, savoury spice and something akin to confection on the nose followed up by juicy black fruit on the palate with that cabernet grip.
- 2006 Grand Puy Lacoste 5eme Cru** Cabernet Sauvignon (Pauillac, Bordeaux, France) **198**
 A simply stunning expression of Pauillac (East Bank) Bordeaux full of blackcurrant, cassis, cigar box and some earthy characteristics. Softening full bodied and tannic structure.

"Age appears best in four things: old wood to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust and old authors to read."

-Francis Bacon