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We're back!

We have put together our wine panel, a combined 180 years of wine tasting experience, bringing you 12 of their top picks rated out of 20 points for October. These are tasting palates which you can definitely trust. As with all our tasting panel wines, the wines are tasted blind (covered by paper bags), so there is absolutely no bias, favouritism or influence of those wines selected! To keep things fresh, as we bring you a new selection of wines monthly from the panel, we will invite a new guest/ wine maker which will provide fresh contribution. From the 40 wines presented to the panel only 12 were selected with a scoring out of 20 points and here they are...

Barossa Shiraz!

BISHOP 2020 SHIRAZ - BAROSSA, SA

Coming in hot this tasting was Ben Glaetzer's 2020 Bishop Shiraz. This vintage of Bishop is amazingly expressive and approachable for a wine of such depth. With deep ruby colour, it is both bright and complex and with convincingly silky texture. Flavours of dark cherry, blackberry, dark chocolate and multiple dried spices are supported by restrained tannin. Look for the classic calling card of palate length and persistence.



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WEST CAPE HOWE BOOKS END 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A lovely bouquet of dense dark berry fruits aromas such as ripe blackberry and blackcurrant with some dark plum characters along with a complexing hint of black olives and an attractive lift of violets. The palate offers the berry fruit flavours so typical of Cabernet along with its great tannin structure. It has red berry fruits, 'bramble' berry and blackcurrant/cassis flavours along with a hint of earthiness; there's also some light dusty characters from its period of oak maturation to add to its complexity. There's a dark chocolate character and those drying, quite chewy tannins that contribute to its great persistence and palate length and will ensure it ages well.



NIKOLA ESTATE 2021 CHARDONNAY

A clear pale lemon Chardonnay, with aromas of Rockmelon, fig & nougat. A flavorsome and textural palate with well integrated balance - notes of grapefruit amongst French Oak. Persistence of this Chardonnay is great and has lovely follow through



STELLA BELLA'S SKUTTLEBUTT 2022 SBS

A pale straw wine to the eye, presents lovely gooseberry and tropical fruit notes. Stella Bella have done it yet again with this wonderfully balanced SBS. The wine provides great depth is textural and persistent. Retained citrus with revealed notes, acid is soft but fruits create a desirable balance for the well made SBS.



LEVANT BY LEVANTINE HILL PINOT NOIR

Bright cherry and raspberry fruit aromas rise to the front with background hints of rosemary, lavender, rose petal and dark chocolate sitting above an underlying steely note. An intense entry onto the palate with fruit-forward red cherry, plum and rhubarb flavour. This Pinot Noir is well-framed, poised and structured with weighty fruit emboldened by a base of firm tannins and fine acidity. Great cellaring potential of 8+ years.

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WAS ~~\$29⁹⁹~~
MEMBER PRICE
\$23⁹⁹ EA

REGULAR PRICE
\$25⁹⁹

WEST CAPE HOWE STYX GULLY 2019 CHARDONNAY

Pale light gold to the eye. Citrus, flint and fresh peaches aromas make for a stylistic Chablis-esque palate. Toasted nuts and peach come together to make a creamy wine with stimulating acidity.



WAS ~~\$32⁹⁹~~
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\$28⁹⁹ EA

REGULAR PRICE
\$30⁹⁹

TALISMAN 2019 MALBEC

A beautiful deep ruby hue with a bouquet of blackberry, plum and black pepper. Oak driven tannins deliver a medium bodied Malbec with decent length, perfect match for a protein source meal.



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\$21⁹⁹ EA

REGULAR PRICE
\$24⁹⁹

FLAMETREE 2018 SHIRAZ

Using certain techniques to provide more perfume drive, and less emphasis on the power of the wine has allowed for this Shiraz to pleasantly surprise our panel. A complex nose with floral notes, strawberries & raspberries, cocoa powder. The pallet offers a hint of lime while providing a slightly meaty grip, with savoury notes of pepper and spices.



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\$19⁹⁹ EA

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\$22⁹⁹

HOWARD PARK MIAMUP 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A deep ruby red with great elegance and perfume as we expect from such a great Cabernet Sauvignon region in Margaret River. Violets, black cherry and vibrant black cherry make for a stunning fragrance. The palate delivers a great oak balance, polished and tight. The 2019 vintage is a very integrated and structured cab sauv, with light tannins.



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ALKOOMI FRANKLAND RIVER 2021 CHARDONNAY

Alkoomi have been driving home some unbelievable Chardonnay's over the years, and it goes without saying that their 2021 didn't let us down. Buttery grapefruit twined with citrus notes and brioche make for an extravagant nose. The palate combines a beautiful balance of citrus tones and fresh peach making for an integrated wine using great fruit with excellent depth and interest.



WISE WINES LEAF 2021 RIESLING

Lifted aromatics with ripe lemon & lime notes. That zesty lime carries over to the palate elegantly while also providing lovely definition and Riesling varietal characters. A silky smooth finish signs off on a very well made wine.



SIDEWOOD SPARKLING PINOT CHARDONNAY NV



We must be nearing summer as the tasting panels nose's perked up when tasting this sensational NV Pinot Chardonnay out of Sidewood in the Adelaide Hills. A balance of 60% Pinot and 40% Chardonnay provides a bouquet of strawberry, rhubarb and hay. The palate is a creamy, melting moment in your mouth, with subtle tropical notes and great acidity. A bright, elegant and lifted sparkling.

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