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Your most trusted wine newsletter is back and we aim to bring value and quality through all our offerings in this latest edition.

Our Tasting Panel has reconvened for 2024 and come up with our best value white, rose and reds to kick off 2024 in style and quality. All wines submitted are tasted blind by 5 of Perth's best palates in order to provide you with the most honest and fair results.

FERVOR FUNKA RICHE CHARDONNAY 2023

"Fantastic Funka Chardonnay!"

Discover Fervor Wine, a masterpiece from the father-son team of Mike and Callum Garland, renowned for their expertise in Great Southern wines. Their Funka Riche Chardonnay, crowned the wine of the day, captivates with notes of ripe stone fruit, cashew, and flint. With a textured palate, hints of oak, and layers of complexity, it's an exciting and enticing wine that sparks conversation. Experience the refinement that sings in every sip—it's a true testament to their passion and skill.



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STELLA BELLA SSB 2023

"Refreshingly good!"

The bouquet unfolds with delightful scents of Nashi pear, Meyer lemon, and ripe stone fruits, enhanced by the fragrance of freshly picked kaffir lime leaves. On the palate, it captivates instantly with its pleasing weight and generous texture, offering a symphony of citrus and lychee flavors with a subtle undertone of musk. A refreshing natural acidity dances gracefully, leading to a soft and supple finish that lingers delicately on the senses.



VIA CAVES CABERNET MERLOT 2020

"Exceptional Value!"

Via Caves never fails to charm our panel, consistently emerging as the judges favourite. Once more, their submission takes the spotlight, showcasing exceptional quality at an unbeatable price point. With a complex blend of berry fruits, subtle herbal notes, and a touch of French oak on the nose. The palate embodies quintessential Margaret River Cabernet, unveiling layers of dark berries, exotic spice, and a background hint of oak, seamlessly integrated for a truly exceptional experience.



AMELIA PARK SSB 2023

"Wow!"

Amelia Park's 2023 SSB offers a delightful fusion of tropical fruit flavors intertwined with hints of apple and zesty lime. Its palate is invigoratingly crisp, leading to a smooth citrus finish that leaves you refreshed. Adding to its allure is a touch of complexity achieved through a portion of the wine undergoing wild fermentation in steel barrels, enhancing its aromatic profile.



GLEN GARVALD WHITE BLEND BY LEVANTINE HILL 2022

"Bordeaux Style Beauty!"

Have you tried Bordeaux white? This is one of the best renditions we have seen from an Australian producer. A wine for you chardonnay drinkers. A richer style of SSB with the addition of Muscadelle & Sauvignon Gris and aging in oak and puncheons, this wine has great depth and a creamy texture. Intriguing aromas of elderflower, kiwi, lemon zest and a hint of minerality. An elegant palate of tropical fruits, citrus fruits, cream fraiche and herbs. Truly unique and enticing!

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HAMELIN BAY CHARDONNAY 2022

***"Classic
Chardonnay!"***

Hamelin Bay has already made it through our tasting panel in last year's judging so we are glad to see it shine through again. 2022 Recently rated as the top 3 Margaret River Chardonnay by Huon Hooke, we're glad to see our panelists agree. A nose of stone fruits and lime with an inviting fragrance. On the palate all the hallmarks of great Margaret River Chardonnay; lemon zest, roasted cashews and a hint of oaky spice.



LIZ HEIDENREICH WINES RIESLING 2022

***"New Kid on
the Block!"***

This Riesling epitomizes Watervale's essence, boasting flavors reminiscent of lemon zest, crisp natural acidity, and a subtle hint of bath salts. Its cleanliness and freshness are undeniable, exuding a vibrant energy that accentuates the purity of its fruit. Thanks to its natural acidity, the wine lingers on the palate with persistence and length. Best savored in its youthful vibrancy or aged for 5-8 years, this wine promises an evolving journey. Over time, expect the acidity to transform into nuanced notes of toasted richness and buttery flavors, adding further depth to its character.



MARCHAND & BURCH VILLAGES ROSE 2023

"A trip to Provence!"

This Rosé is a delightful blend of Pinot Noir and old vine Grenache. It captivates the senses with an enchanting bouquet of forest berries, white strawberries, and cranberries, accented by the delicate fragrance of citrus blossom and rose petals. On the palate, vibrant notes of blood orange, pomegranate, and tangy Pink Lady apple take center stage, accompanied by a smooth, saline mineral acidity that entices you to keep sipping. This refreshing and bright wine is ideal for enjoying in its youth on a warm summer's afternoon, yet it promises continued delight over the next two years.



YABBY LAKE RED CLAW PINOT NOIR 2022

***"Light and
powerful!"***

Delight in the characteristic perfumed and fragrant aromas of this wine, where bright cherry and red fruits take center stage, perfectly complemented by subtle hints of spice and the gentle influence of French oak underneath. As you savor each sip, experience the long, silky palate that exudes an undeniable elegance and delicacy, enveloping your senses in a plush, velvety texture. The journey culminates in a finely poised finish, leaving a lasting impression of refinement and balance on the palate.

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***"Our Favourite
WA Rose!"***

Indulge in the enchanting bouquet of this wine, where lively aromas of blood orange, fragrant rosehip tea, tart cranberry, and ripe cherry dance together beneath a delicate veil of pale, copper pink. With each sip, revel in the light, yet sophisticated texture that graces the palate, offering a refreshing sensation that invigorates the senses. Savor the vibrant flavors that unfold on the palate, where the essence of blood orange, zesty mandarin, luscious white cherry, and delicate rosewater intertwine harmoniously. The experience is utterly delicious, inviting you to linger and luxuriate in the exquisite symphony of flavors and textures.



"Complex & Well Made!"

This wine boasts a bright straw color with a green hue, visually inviting. Its aroma is a lively blend of fresh tropical fruits with a subtle grassy edge, while on the palate, abundant flavors of tropical fruits and citrus dominate, enhanced by the complexity of new French Oak barriques. The finish is refreshing and crisp, completing the experience with a burst of freshness.



***"Tropical and
Balanced!"***

The 2023 Nautilus Sauvignon Blanc presents intense, lifted aromas that tantalize the senses, featuring lemongrass, fresh blackcurrant buds, and ripe grapefruit. On the palate, delightful lime zest flavors unfold with mouth-watering intensity, culminating in a strong textural component that adds depth and complexity to the finish.



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