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THE WINE LIST



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New Waves in Australia



New Waves in Australia is inspired by passionate winemakers who think outside the box, who break the status quo. Stepping away from classic varietals and wine making techniques, these wines have been carefully selected by our sommeliers to offer in insight into what these great winemakers have achieved.

white

half-glass 10 glass 20

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- 2017 Schönburger, Barringwood, Barrington, Tasmania
This German varietal has a light weighted palate with soft apricot, white stone fruits, almonds and waxy floral notes finishing with a touch of sweetness.
- 2017 Chenin Blanc, Tripe Iscariot 'Absolution, Karridale' Margaret River, W.A.
Produced from old vine Chenin Blanc, this example shows ripe pear, peaches and apricot blossom with nuances of almond, sitting on a mid-weight frame with a long finish.
- 2017 Viognier Blend, Ravensworth 'Grainery' Canberra District, N.S.W.
Textured and weighty while maintaining a refreshing and racy acidity. Magnolia and beeswax clustered alongside peach, persimmon and quince.

amber

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- 2016 Semillon Blend, Ruggabellus 'Sallio' Barossa Valley, S.A.
Abel Gibson is one of the fore runners for skin contact whites. This wine sees old vine parcels of Muscat and Semillon co-fermented to be blended in with Riesling. Three days of skin contact leaves the wine with a soft tannin structure supported by red apple skins, quince and golden pear.

red

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- 2018 Pinot Noir, William Downie 'Cathedral' Upper Goulburn, Victoria
After several years living and working in Burgundy, William Downie established his own label in 2003. This wine is made in the most natural way to create a complex, bright and aromatic light-bodied wine. Think raspberry, blood plum and cherry blossom.
- 2018 Cabernet Franc, Murdoch Hill, Adelaide Hills, S.A.
White strawberries, raspberries and macerated cranberries merge with violets and bell pepper. Easy drinking with dusty tannins and a gloss like texture.
- 2015 Grenache Blend, La Violetta 'Almirante y Obispo' Geographe, W.A.
Grenache, Mataro and Tempranillo co-fermented, come together seamlessly to create a wine of juicy ripe fruit with an old world rusticity. Red plum and wilted violets, wild gamey notes with a textured palate.
- 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon, Timo Mayer, Yarra Valley, Victoria
The antithesis of Australian Cabernet, this example has a core juicy black fruit, gentle florals, graphite and tobacco. Medium bodied, strongly structured tannins with driving acidity.

wines by the glass

sparkling / champagne

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| 2013 | Chandon 'Rockpool Cuvée' Brut, Whitlands Plateau, Victoria | 19 |
| | <i>Created by Rockpool's Wine Directors, this traditional method sparkling expresses fresh pear, honeysuckle, white nectarine, lemon tart and white lilies on the nose. The palate is dry lending itself to seafood dishes.</i> | |
| NV | Gosset 'Rockpool Cuvée' Extra Brut, Epernay, Champagne, France | 29 |
| | <i>The oldest producer in Champagne offers a wine of true distinction exclusively for the Rockpool Group; a livelier, lighter departure from the house style, lemon curd and lightly toasted brioche dominate the palate.</i> | |
| NV | Ruinart 'R de Ruinart' Brut, Reims, Champagne, France | 36 |
| | <i>Coming from one of the oldest houses in Champagne. This wine offers a developed and savoury style of champagne. Lemon peel, croissant and roasted pecan on the palate while still retaining acidity, one for the connoisseurs of Champagne.</i> | |
| MV | Krug 'Grand Cuvée' Brut, Reims, Champagne, France | 89 |
| | <i>A rare opportunity to sample a remarkable champagne house. Red apple skins, yellow nectarine, nougat, honey and blanched almonds sit over a pillow like texture with a fine mousse and a vibrant line of acidity.</i> | |

sherry

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| NV | Fino, Equipo Navazos 'La bota de Fino #68' Spain | 15 |
| NV | Manzanilla, Equipo Navazos 'Manzanilla I Think' Spain | 10 |

sake

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| 2014 | Moriki Shuzo 'Tae no Hana Kimoto' Junmai Kimoto, Muroka Nama Genshu
Mie Prefecture, Japan | 13 |
| | <i>Both the production methods and taste represent a very classic style of Sake. Floral notes with a hint of spice and pear and a delicate lingering finish.</i> | |
| 2017 | Chikuma-Nishiki 'Kizan Sanban' Junmai Ginjo, Nama Genshu
Nagano Prefecture, Japan | 18 |
| | <i>North of Tokyo, roughly two hours drive, is once known for popular skiing destination. Deep snow country provide pure, pristine water which create this light and clean Sake. Match with our Four Raw Taste of the Sea as well as King Fish and Black Sesame.</i> | |
| 2016 | Saito Shuzo 'Eikun Ichigin' Junmai Daiginjo, Kyoto Prefecture, Japan | 180ml / 72 |
| | <i>This is only the Sake that has been awarded Gold Medals for 14 consecutive years. Incredibly elegant and delicate Sake should be consumed by itself as an Aperitif or with freshly shucked oysters.</i> | |

rosé

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| 2017 | Pinot Noir, Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey 'Rosé de Pinot' Bourgogne, France | 24 |
| | <i>Produced in miniscule amounts, this rare bottling displays rockmelon, cherry and red roses. The palate is refreshing and dry, light bodied with beautiful texture.</i> | |
| 2017 | Cabernet Franc Blend, Thibaud Boudignon, Anjou, Loire Valley, France | 19 |
| | <i>Thibaud produces a traditional rosé reflected in this herbaceous and fresh palate of cucumber and crunchy red berries. An array of spices accompanies a dry and refreshing finish.</i> | |

wines by the glass

premium white half-glass glass

2013 Chardonnay, Pyramid Valley 'Lion's Tooth' Canterbury, N.Z. 25 50
From one of the bio-dynamic producers of New Zealand; ripe nectarine, buttered popcorn and baked golden apple aromas dominate the wine. Wonderfully rich and textured, a stunning pairing for either lobster with herb butter or roasted snapper.

white glass

2018 Riesling, Grosset 'Rockpool' Clare Valley, South Australia 16
A unique collaboration between Jeffrey Grosset and Neil Perry, this classic Clare Valley Riesling shows lime zest and grapefruit pith.

2017 Riesling, Keller 'Limestone' Kabinett, Rheinhessen, Germany 23
Keller is the one of the most sought after producers in Rheinhessen. This is the lightest and most elegant white from their portfolio. A touch of sweetness on the palate is balanced nicely with crisp acidity, making it a perfect accompaniment for seafood dishes with a touch of spice.

2017 Schönburger, Barringwood, Barrington, Tasmania 20
This little-known varietal produces an incredibly aromatic white as one of the parents of Schönburger is actually Muscat. It has a light weighted palate with soft apricot, white stone fruits, almonds and waxy floral notes finishing with only a hint of sweetness.

2015 Melon de Bourgogne, Pierre-Luneau Papin 'Terre de Pierre' 18
 Muscadet-Sèvre-et-Maine, Loire Valley, France
One of the unsung heroes of the Loire Valley, this nearly forgotten variety has a round texture on the mid-palate leading to soft almond pith, hints of brioche and gentle citrus.

2015 Koshu, Grace, Katsunuma, Yamanashi, Japan 22
This indigenous varietal has been cultivated for over 1,000 years in Japan and Grace Winery is the leading producer located in the foothills of Mt. Fuji. This is an elegant, delicate and subtle white wine can be pared with raw fish and oysters.

2017 Sauvignon Blanc, Domaine Christian Salmon, Sancerre, Loire Valley, France 19
Grapefruit and lime zest gives way to guava, white melon and elderflower. Finishing with a distinct minerality and high acid, an outstanding wine.

2017 Chenin Blanc, Tripe Iscariot 'Absolution, Karridale' Margaret River, W.A. 20
Produced from old vine Chenin Blanc, this example shows ripe pear, peaches and apricot blossom with nuances of almond, sitting on a mid-weight frame with a long finish.

2016 Alvarinho, Luis Seabra 'Granito Cru' Vinho Verde, Portugal 23
Known as Albariño in Spain, this is another great example of this varietal grown on a pure granitic soil. An enticing wine at once being creamy and intensely mineral with notes of citrus fruit, apricot and honey. Great texture and complexity, managing a terrific balancing act of softness, freshness and fragrance.

2017 Viognier Blend, Ravensworth 'Grainery' Canberra District, N.S.W. 20
Made by enthusiastic winemaker: Bryan Martin at Clonakilla. The wine has texture and weight of Viognier while maintaining a refreshing and racy acidity comes from Roussanne. Magnolia and beeswax clustered alongside loquat, persimmon and quince.

2016 Chardonnay, Ten Minutes by Tractor, Mornington Peninsula, Victoria 21
From one of Australia's iconic Chardonnay producers; ripe nectarine, popcorn, and baked apple aromas dominate the wine. Wonderfully weighted and a stunning pairing for either the lobster thermidore or roasted snapper.

wines by the glass

premium red half-glass glass

2005 Malbec, Wendouree 'Pressing' Clare Valley, South Australia 30 60
A reference point for a classic Australian producer. This is sitting in a key drinking window with 13 years behind it. Sourced from low yielding vines, that are now beyond a century in age which bare incredibly intense fruit. Full bodied with opulent, ripe dark fruits such as cassis, kirsch and blackberry combined with sweet oak spice.

red glass

2018 Pinot Noir, William Downie 'Cathedral' Upper Goulburn, Victoria 20
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2017 Pinot Noir, Tolpuddle, Coal River Valley, Tasmania 36
This project from Shaw+Smith is now coming into its 7th year and only increasing in popularity. A cool climate Pinot Noir that emerges with energetic crushed red fruits such as strawberries and rhubarb. Light and elegant in style with refreshing acidity and intergraded tannins.

2015 Corvina Blend, L'Arco 'Valpolicella Ripasso' Veneto, Italy 23
The little brother of the famous Amarone: Ripasso has similar characteristics, such as bitter almonds, brown spices and a warm finish. Perfect paring with our wood fired grilled 36 Month Fillet.

2013 Garnatxa, Joan d'Anguera 'Finca L'Argatà' Montsant, Spain 19
Two brothers, Joan and Josep took over their Father's vineyard to create this complex 100% Grenache. Medium bodied with ripe plum, dark cherry and lighter notes of black pepper, ending on subtle powdery tannin.

2018 Cabernet Franc, Murdoch Hill, Adelaide Hills, South Australia 20
White strawberries, raspberries and macerated cranberries merge with violets and bell pepper. Easy drinking with medium tannins and a gloss like texture.

2016 Malbec, Catena, Mendoza, Cuyo, Argentina 18
Perfect for our burgers or any number of our steaks this wine shows juicy blackberry and mulberry, violet notes with gentle tannins and serious length over a medium plus body.

2016 Cabernet Blend, Si Vintners 'Si Red' Margaret River, Western Australia 16
This Bordeaux style blend has heady aromas of liquorice, plums and chocolate. On the palate, smooth and mellow with grippy tannin leading to an earthy finish.

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon, JB Neufeld, Yakima Valley, Washington, U.S.A. 43
Yakima Valley is the center of Washington wine production and this dry climate is particularly ideal for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Wine is lush and ripe, but with real grip and palate weight. It's not ashamed of a little pleasant green and graphite character.

2015 Syrah, Man O'War 'Dreadnought' Waiheke Island, New Zealand 23
Perfumed with cherries, black pepper and delicate oak spice. This cool-climate Syrah carries olive tapenade and smoked meat on the palate with a tight tannin structure.

2015 Shiraz, Oliver's Taranga 'HJ' McLaren Vale, South Australia 29
Expressive and bold, dark fruits drive the bouquet. Licorice, dark chocolate and briar are long lasting on the palate. With over 170 years of viticulture running in the Oliver family, this wine is not one to miss.

wines by the glass

premium dessert

glass

2013	Muscat, Klein Constantia 'Vin de Constance' Constantia, South Africa	50
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Klein Constantia revive an age old style which was first produced around 300 years ago. A sweet wine produced from late harvest Muscat, a wine which develops a level of complexity and richness which rivals the greatest sweet wines of the world. Rich and luscious honey and quince marmalade, following through to a long finish of candied ginger and cinnamon spice.

dessert

glass

2018	Riesling, Frogmore Creek 'Iced Riesling' Coal River Valley, Tasmania	15
2015	Petit/Gros Manseng, Domaine de Souch, Jurançon, France	18
2016	Chenin Blanc, Château Pierre-Bise 'Les Rouannieres' Coteaux du Layon Loire Valley, France	19
2016	Furmint Blend, Diznókó <i>Late Harvest</i> , Tokaji, Hungary	20
2016	Welschriesling Blend, Kracher 'Beerenauslese Cuvée' Burgenland, Austria	22
2007	Semillon Blend, Château Coutet, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France	35
2009	Semillon Blend, Carmes de Rieussec, Sauternes, Bordeaux, France	17

fortified

glass

NV	Tawny, David Franz 'Old Redemption, XO' Barossa, South Australia	14
NV	Muscat, Skillogalee 'Liqueur Muscat' Clare Valley, South Australia	16
NV	Muscat, Campbells 'Merchant Prince Rare' Rutherglen, Victoria	44
2007	Touriga Nacional Blend, Yarra Yering 'Potsorts' Yarra Valley, Victoria	24
NV	Topaque, Campbells 'Liquid Gold' Classic, Rutherglen, Victoria	14
1995	Grenache Blend, Les Vignerons de Maury, Roussillon, France	22
NV	Jean Bourdy 'Galant des Abbesses' Jura, France	20
	<i>This unique wine has 25 spices and herbs added, then placed into a cask 1/3rd full of aged mark to rest for an additional three years. Layers of complex dried figs and prunes, finishing with shaved chocolate. Best matched with our classic date tart.</i>	
NV	Port, Quinta do Vallado '30 Years Old Tawny' Douro, Portugal	60
2009	Port, Dow's 'Late Bottled Vintage' Douro, Portugal	12
2008	Port, Croft 'Quinta da Roêda' Douro, Portugal	24
NV	The Rare Wine Co. 'Thomas Jefferson, Medium Dry' Madeira, Portugal	24
1987	Pedro Ximénez, Toro Albalá Don PX 'Gran Reserva' Montilla-Moriles, Spain	26