

MARION

DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2015 Hoddles Creek Blanc de Blancs Yarra Valley [Vic]

Since 1997 the D'Anna family have been hand pruning their vines and hand harvesting their grapes from one of the highest and coldest vineyard sites in the Yarra Valley. This sparkling wine is elegant, fine boned and savoury with a dry saline finish. It is made in the traditional method, but from Pinot Blanc rather than the classic trio of Pinot Noir, Meunier and Chardonnay.

2017 Borrowed Cuttings Piquepoul Cowra [NSW]

We all love wine that pairs well with oysters but what about one that's MADE by an oyster farmer? Steve Feletti from Moonlight Flat Oysters wants this wine to act as a pedestal that will highlight and elevate the seafood rather than become the focal point. It's light and bright, with a little squeeze of lemon - the perfect seasoning for oysters!

2015 Simao & Co 'White' Riesling blend North East [Vic]

Simon Killeen's aim for this wine is simple - to be delicious and to showcase the vineyards of North East Victoria. Cool nights and high altitude in the King Valley have resulted in this Riesling dominant blend having racy grapefruit acidity. There is an attractive balance between the aromatic characters and fruit weight on the palate - a definite favourite here at Marion.

2016 Bertrand Bespoke 'Field Blend' Chardonnay/Viognier Heathcote [Vic]

Gilles Lapalus, one of the creators of Maidenii vermouth, claims to have been born in a barrel and thus has winemaking [or at least wine] running through his veins. With this field blend he has combined Chardonnay, Viognier and a little Riesling together to create a wine that is textural, with a flavour profile reminiscent of a baked peach tart.

2016 Wilimee Chardonnay Macedon Ranges [Vic]

Ben Ranken has produced a truly special Chardonnay sourced from his family property north-east of Lancefield in the Macedon Ranges. Late summer nectarines and lightly spiced oak play across the palate. Well-proportioned and total class, it really is an expression of an experienced winemaker given free reign to do what they do best.

2016 Philippe Collotte Marsannay Pinot Noir Rosé Burgundy [Fra]

Marsannay is one of the few appellations in Burgundy that makes white, red and rosé. It is clear that Philippe Collotte takes rosé production very seriously. Made from Pinot Noir, it is dry and balanced with red forest fruits and strawberries. It becomes immediately obvious this isn't a fun-in-the-sun frivolous wine, but rather one that is crafted and thoughtful.

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2017 Dub Style 'Tangerine' Viognier

McLaren Vale [SA]

Don't suppose you have some stuffy friend who is still dubious of this... *polite cough* orange wine phenomenon? You'll be able to fool them into giving this straw coloured skin contact wine a whirl. They simply won't be able to resist the fresh citrus notes and chalky tannins which beg you for another sip. Drink with chilli barramundi, fennel, blood oranges.

2015 Toolangi 'Estate' Pinot Noir

Yarra Valley [Vic]

At Toolangi vineyard they don't have big dreams... hey just want to be the best of the best! For that they know that it all starts in the vineyard - everything else is just an enhancement. Owners Gary and Julia grow premium fruit and leave the rest of the process in the hands of the winemakers. Brooding but still young with a velvety body to boot, it's everything you want... in wine form.

2016 Cottanera 'Barbazzale' Nerello Mascalese/Cappuccio

Sicily [Ita]

We get very excited about Sicilian wines here at Marion, particularly those made from varieties native to the still-active volcano Mount Etna. Cottanera Barbazzale, made from the on-trend grapes Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio, shows floral aromatics and a palate of dark fruits. It is wild and rustic with rippling tannins to boot.

2016 Valentine Grenache

Heathcote [Vic]

From a small vineyard in Heathcote, winemaker Dominic Valentine has created a wine that challenges the conventional aspects of an Australian Grenache whilst adhering to his one desire to produce a 'balanced, smashable wine'. This wine is bright and elegant, a heart-stalling wine from our favourite winemaker heart-throb.

2016 Moss Wood 'Amy's' Cabernets

Margaret River [WA]

The grapes for this Bordeaux blend [Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Merlot] are sourced from the Glenmore property of farmer Amy Bell. Powerful for a Cabernet of this region, it reflects a woman who was strong and independent long before Beyoncé made it fashionable. Deep red in hue with dark fruits and lush cassis on the palate, Amy's is certainly one to warm the cockles in the coming winter months.

2014 Rieussec 'Carmes de Rieussec' Sauternes 375ml

Bordeaux [Fra]

Carmes de Rieussec is named after the historic owners of the estate in the 18th century - the Carmelite monks. 2014 was a superlative year for Sauternes and this wine shows the best characteristics of the vintage, a delicate balance of weighty fruit and lashings of honey. Why not settle in for the night with a wedge of Berry's Creek Tarwin Blue cheese and a glass or two of this. It's a match made in heaven. Promise.