

# MARION

## DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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NV Equipo Navazos Manzanilla en rama 'I Think' Jerez [Esp]

We're always thinking about Sherry. Properly salty, nutty, super-dry Sherry. This is one of our favourite examples - a bright and textured drink of outstanding quality, aged in the seaside town of Sanlúcar de Barrameda. Manzanilla's briny tang is a perfect match for a plate of olives and anchovies.

2018 Helm 'Central Ranges' Riesling Orange [NSW]

Ken Helm is the king of cool-climate Australian Riesling. One of Canberra District's leading lights, he's been producing examples of Germany's great white grape since 1977. The elevation of this site in Orange accentuates the cool climate nature of this wine - shimmering green apple and lime, small white flowers, brisk acidity -utterly thirst-quenching.

2017 Te Whare Ra 'Toru' Gewürztraminer/Riesling/Pinot Gris Marlborough [NZ]

Grown and made by passionate biodynamic farmers Anna and Jason Flowerday, 'Toru', meaning 'three' in Maori, is a beautifully balanced co-fermented field blend. This is a celebration of the best of these varieties - the fragrance of Gewürztraminer, the elegance of Riesling and the weight of Pinot Gris.

2017 Thierry Germain 'Cep by Cep' Anjou Chenin Blanc Loire Valley [Fra]

Oh Chenin, what can't you do?! Chenin Blanc comes in all shapes and sizes, and we're right in the middle of the spectrum here. Showing an appetizing balance of fleshy fruit and focused stoniness, the versatility of this Loire Valley staple means it drinks well with everything from roast pork to spicy noodles. Organically farmed, hand-harvested, and attention to detail that shows.

2016 Even Keel Chardonnay Tumbarumba [NSW]

As the winemaker behind the Mornington Peninsula's Polperro Wines, Sam Coverdale is crafting some of that regions most exciting offerings. With Even Keel, he's venturing into NSW, exploring even cooler climates and altitudes. Made using traditional Burgundian technique, this is a wine with finesse and presence, all white blossom, grapefruit and flint. Tumbarumba: fun to say, fun to drink.

2013 Matin Calme 'Osé' Grenache Blanc blend Roussillon [Fra]

Now here's something different for you. Take Grenaches Gris and Blanc, add a little Muscat and Macabeau, finally some Carignan from 100 year old vines grown under the Pyrénées Mountains and you've got one of the most interesting minimal-intervention wines we've seen. This wine is cloudy, it's textural, it's nutty, it's fruit rich - there's a lot to contemplate and we sure are happy to do so.

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2017 Onannon Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé Yarra Valley [Vic]

A friendship forged in the fires of winemaking - meet the trio that is Will Byron, Sam Middleton and Kasper Hermann! Year in, year out, the Onannon guys make rosé with intent - textural, flavoursome and food friendly. There's a little Merlot for flesh and some Cabernet Sauvignon for structure. Wild red berries and rhubarb, dry and gently creamy on the palate.

2017 Eminence 'Pinot X3' Pinots Meunier/Noir/Gris King Valley [Vic]

'Pinot X3' is a family affair. Young winemaker Clare Burder is working with fruit from her parent's mature vineyard on the cool, high plateau of Whitlands, within the King Valley region. A joyous, fragrant, super-light wine redolent of red berries, rhubarb and pink flowers. Drink gently cool with a plate of charcuterie on a Sunday afternoon.

2017 Commune of Buttons 'Field of Sparrows' Multi-varietal Adelaide Hills [SA]

Sophie and Jasper Button are part of the vibrant, close-knit community of winemakers in the Adelaide Hills' Basket Range. There's a spirit of camaraderie here, and a willingness to challenge and adapt, which makes this community the heart of Australia's avant-garde wine scene. 'Field of Sparrows' is a fleshy, spicy, crunchy blend of cool climate Syrah and Nero d'Avola.

2017 Tonic Wines Grenache Clare Valley [SA]

Delicate and fragrant. Is that your usual impression of Grenache? There are some exciting things a-happening with this old-school, old-vine variety in South Australia, no more so than by the fine folks at Tonic. There's no stewy-fruit sweetness here, just white strawberry and orange rind, turned red earth and savoury tannin. Light red to take you all the way to springtime.

2016 Philip Lobley 'Temptation' Cabernet Franc Goulburn Valley [Vic]

Phil Lobley's long tenure as a viticulturalist with De Bortoli puts him in great stead to find the best fruit around, such as this Cabernet Franc. Sturdy tannins and fleshy blackcurrant and plum fruit. It's very much a hands-off style; as Phil tells us, the wine was fermented outside 'under the sun and stars absorbing the energy of the cosmos and rays of the sun'.

2016 Elderton Cabernet Sauvignon Barossa Valley [SA]

The Ashmead's of Elderton are one of the Barossa Valley's benchmark winemaking families. The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, sourced from old vines across the region, shows ripe blackberry, black olive and sweet dried blackcurrant, with supple cocoa-like tannin. A must with Marion's grilled rump cap on a wintery eve.