

MARION

DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2018 Dhiaga Gewürztraminer Pét-Nat

Henty VIC

Justin and Joyce from Dhiaga [Dee-a-ga, meaning divine] aspire to make wines 'worthy of the gods'. To achieve this, they run their farm following the lunar calendar, and in the winery they use as little sulphur as possible. This sparkling has a nougat creaminess with lychee and musk lollies. They suggest you give it a little roll before drinking - like a Coopers ale!

2018 Hillside Riesling

Clare Valley SA

The Hillside Riesling is crying out for some spicy Thai food, offering a contrast and balance to the heat. Young and fresh with a gentle kiss of sweetness it is abundant with lemon, lime and apple on the palate showing off the best of the Clare Valley region.

2016 Bellefontaine Sauvignon Blanc

Languedoc FRA

Bellefontaine celebrate the natural crisp acidity, herbaceousness and purity of Sauvignon Blanc. In this wine there is an underlying ripeness that's balanced with zesty citrus and has a long finish on the palate. Drink with fresh goats's cheese.

2016 Range Life Garganega

King Valley VIC

For those that are not familiar with Garganega, it is known as the key grape in Soave and has been described as being something in between a Pinot Grigio and a Chardonnay. This wine is dry, and is given a creamy texture and complexity through regular lees stirring.

2014 Domaine Rimbert 'L'Agathe' Clairette blend

Languedoc FRA

Here at Marion we love Southern French white wines! Rimbert's 'L'Agathe' is biodynamically grown and made from Clairette, Roussanne, Vermentino and Grenache Blanc. It is generous and full bodied on the palate with ripe lemon and sweet spice that is balanced by a green apple acidity.

2015 Kurt Angerer Roter Veltliner

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Roter Veltliner, an ancient grape [unrelated to Grüner Veltliner], is once again available due to the efforts of winemakers, like Kurt Angerer, searching for traditional varieties. This example is textured and savoury with a stony minerality - like cool water flowing over river rocks.

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2017 Rolet Arbois Trousseau Rosé Arbois FRA

We love cool wines and this is a cool wine made from Trousseau, grown in the Arbois in the east of France. Showing great typicity of the variety, this wine is light in colour and dry and racy on the palate with red fruits of cranberry and strawberry.

2017 Il Modo 'Anfora' Greco Heathcote VIC

The Il Modo 'Anfora' Greco is an exploration of old-world tradition in a new world setting. The grapes have spent 100 days on their skins and are fermented in handmade amphora resulting in the wine being crunchy and savoury with red apple skin and dried herbs.

2018 Little Things 'Joy's Wild Fruits' Pinot Noir blend Adelaide Hills SA

James Madden has made the shift from working the floor as a sommelier to working in his organic vineyard. With 'Joy's Wild Fruits' he has made a very light red wine from Chardonnay, Savagnin and Pinot Noir. Serve it chilled and drink it at your next picnic with friends.

2018 Konpira Maru 'Icarus' Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot Kilmore VIC

Best buddies Al and Sam are known to push the boundaries with everything that they do. To make the 'Icarus' they took over a vineyard that was at the point of abandonment and brought it back to life. And we're glad that they did because this wine is expressive and grippy with an abundance of blue and dark red fruits.

2017 Camporsino Chianti Sangiovese Tuscany ITA

The Camporsino Chianti could be considered the perfect weekday wine. Made from 100% Sangiovese grown within the Chianti Classico boundaries it truly is the little engine that could - offering amazing value. It is vibrant with black cherries and raspberries, tobacco and earthy tannins.

2016 Valle Reale 'Passi Reale' Bianco Trebbiano/Chardonnay Abruzzo ITA

The 'Passi Reale' sees Trebbiano and Chardonnay grapes slightly dried before they are vinified. This technique gives the wine extra texture and complexity with some sweetness, yet keeps the natural acidity high - perfect with prosciutto and fresh figs.