

MARION

DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2017 Blackwood Hill Pet Nat Rosé Pinot Noir blend Yarra Valley [Vic]

If your experience of Pet Nat is that of murky, strangely coloured, slightly sweet fizzy 'wine' then you are in for a super-delicious surprise with this version from Blackwood Hill. Made from Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc, it has aromas of dried strawberries and rose petals - clean, pure and dry.

2016 Wittmann '100 Hügel' Trocken Riesling Rheinhessen [Ger]

Wittmann are the pioneers of organic and biodynamic viticulture in the Rheinhessen, Germany's largest grape-growing region. With the '100 Hügel' Riesling they have craftily combined the natural citrus acidity with texture from ageing in old oak barrels. This wine is bright and vibrant, over-delivering with every sip.

2016 Stift-Goettweig 'Messwein' Grüner Veltliner Kremstal [Aut]

Stift-Goettweig is a Benedictine monastery with an incredibly long history of winemaking that dates back to the 11th century. Now run by superstar winemaker Fritz Miesbauer, the Messwein or altar wine is expressive and racy with a white pepper spice, green apples and grapefruit.

2017 Bream Creek Schönburger Bream Creek [Tas]

Schönburger is an obscure modern grape created in Germany in the late 1970's. It is a cross between Pinot Noir, Chasselas Rosé and Muscat of Hamburg, typically grown in cool climate regions. An aromatic and full bodied wine with tropical elements of guava, white stone fruit and brown pear.

2016 Cochon Volant 'Blanc' Grenache Blanc/Viognier/Marsanne Languedoc [Fra]

The 'Cochon Volant' or 'flying pig' is the perfect fuller bodied white for those that don't want to drink Chardonnay this winter. Organically grown in an historic vineyard, it speaks of its warm-climate origins with a generous palate weight, aromas of white flowers, and zesty citrus acidity.

2011 Torzi Matthews 'Vigna Cantina' Trebbiano Barossa Valley [SA]

Despite being one of the planet's most planted grapes, there are few people growing Trebbiano in the Barossa Valley. 'Vigna Cantina' pays homage to Dominic Torzi's southern Italian tradition and is perfect for al fresco dining. It is delicate and savoury - a perfect match with Marion's Flametail Snapper and Clams.

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2015 Domaine Bel Éouve Coteaux d'Aix en Provence Rosé Provence [Fra]

Light pink, dry and from Provence - what more could you want to remind you of the sunshine and the warmer months? Aromas of red fruits and blossom with raspberry on the palate, all balanced with a zippy acidity. Bel Éouve refers to the beautiful oak trees that line the vineyard.

2016 Appellation Pinot Noir Ballarat [Vic]

We all know regional wines from Mornington or the Yarra Valley but how often do we drink wines from Ballarat? This Pinot Noir could just be the wine to convert you to the region. Made by Owen Latta and with minimal sulphur added it is dark fruited and spicy with fine tannins. Try with our confit duck and cannellini beans.

2014 Château de Belleverne Beaujolais-Villages Gamay Beaujolais [Fra]

Chateau de Belleverne's Beaujolais-Villages shows all the attributes of what we have come to expect from the region. It is light and fresh with bright red forest fruits, a tickle of savory herbs and stony minerality. A great example of why Gamay is so hot right now.

2015 Billy Button Nebbiolo King Valley [Vic]

Joanna Marsh was once told 'no one will forgive a winemaker if they make a bad Nebbiolo' - advice that has influenced and driven this wine. 'The Elusive' has dried rose petal aromatics and delicate red fruit while still showing a savoury spice and firm tannins. This is a favourite here at Marion and we suggest drinking it with our grilled Lamb Arrosticini.

2016 Flotsam & Jetsam Cinsault Swartland [RSA]

With Flotsam & Jetsam, Chris and Suzann Alheit pick their Cinsault early and whole bunch ferment it, resulting in a light wine with bright red fruit and a slight hint of savoury spice. They recommend 'for normal levels of enjoyment, pour it in your glass and drink it. To ramp it up, pour it on your friends, pets and house plants.'

2014 Swinney 'Tirra Lirra' Cabernet/Tempranillo blend Frankland River [WA]

Swinney are a family run winery in the Frankland River who have been growing grapes for four generations. 'Tirra Lirra' has concentrated dark fruits of blackcurrant, black berries and dark cherries showing mocha and sweet spice - a heady wine for the cold evenings.