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DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2018 BK Wines Pétillant Naturel Chardonnay

Adelaide Hills SA

What's cool in wine you may ask? Pét-Nat!! For those not in the know, Pét-Nat, or Pétillant Naturel, is made by fermenting the grape juice almost to dryness and then finishing the ferment in the bottle - this way the carbon dioxide created can only go back into the juice creating bubbles. BK Wine's Pét-Nat has custard apple and lime on the palate, and is as dry as the Nullarbor Plain.

2016 Bolfan 'Breg' Welschriesling/Pinot Grigio/Müller-Thurgau

Zagorje CRO

Tomislav Bolfan sees his biodynamic practice as a return to nature, producing wines that will create a happy future. Uninspired with the quality of wine on the Croatian market, he wanted to make a breakthrough with fresh, young and brilliant wines. This Welschriesling blend [unrelated to Riesling] is light in body with apple and fresh lemon, multi-layered, savoury, briny and floral.

2016 Barco Del Corneta 'Cucú' Verdejo

Rueda ESP

Named after the sound that the frogs make in the vineyard, the 'Cucú' dances the fine line of being a serious expression of Verdejo while still maintaining freshness. Aperitif in style and perfect with fresh vegetables, you can expect bitter almond, lime, grapefruit and fresh herbs.

2017 Billy Button 'The Mysterious' Malvasia

Alpine Valleys VIC

Tucked away in the Victorian high country, Billy Button are focusing their winemaking on unusual grape varieties in an up-and-coming region. This Malvasia is a 'hands off' wine that is crisp and savoury yet still allows the fruit to shine through. It finishes with a silky texture that is sure to please.

2015 Le Fay d'Homme Muscadet Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie

Loire Valley FRA

Muscadet takes a skilled hand to craft well, and is better still with the advantage of old vines and ancient granite soils. We are very lucky that winemaker Vincent Caillé has both. Expect vibrant citrus, salinity and texture - classic Muscadet characters that are perfect for classic pairings of oysters and raw seafood.

2017 Yelland & Papps 'Second Take' Vermentino

Barossa Valley SA

Yelland & Papps have left this Vermentino for 231 days on its skins! This is unusually long for a wine of any kind - red, white or rosé. The resulting wine is textural yet approachable with ginger, mandarin and white pepper on the nose. On the palate it is fresh and vibrant with lemon drops and stone fruit.

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2017 Mas Que Vinos 'Ercavio' Tempranillo rosado

La Mancha ESP

From high altitude La Mancha in central Spain comes the 'Ercavio' rosado, made from organically grown Tempranillo [locally known as Cencibel]. The continental climate here is perfect for ripening the grapes whilst retaining acid. Light in colour, fun and vibrant with strawberries and cream, and a refreshing finish.

2013 Devevy Hautes-Côtes de Beaune

Burgundy FRA

The Pinot Noir found in the Hautes-Côtes de Beaune may lack the prestige of its neighbouring appellations however it does offer a real taste of Burgundy. You can expect pomegranate, tobacco and charcuterie characters with a touch of eastern-spice and firm, savoury tannins. An exciting wine from a quality driven producer - Burgundy to go with steak.

2016 Henty Farm Pinot Meunier

Henty VIC

The Henty region claims to be the coldest grape growing climate within the whole of Australia - perfect for producing very high quality Pinot Meunier. Typical for the variety, this wine has lifted cherries and dried herbs on the nose, and is light in body with balancing savoury, earthy tannins. Drink with your next Korean BBQ feast.

2016 Alpha Box & Dice 'Enigma' Barbera

Adelaide Hills SA

Alpha Box & Dice love to explore the possibilities European grape varieties have to offer when grown in an Australian setting. The 'Enigma' is a lo-fi aromatic wine with violet, strawberry and rhubarb. On the palate it is medium bodied with fresh acidity, red fruit and, in AB&D's own words, 'pink lemonade'.

2016 Ben Haines 'B Minor' Mourvèdre/Grenache/Shiraz

Nagambie Lakes VIC

Ben Haines has cemented himself as one of Australia's exciting winemakers. He sources fruit from vineyards in cool climates all around Victoria and makes wines focused on sustainable agriculture. This wine is pretty, with fine tannins and an earthy, herbal character. A great warm weather red wine as it balances body with freshness.

2017 Awake for the Rave Tempranillo

Rioja ESP

After briefly working for a large industrial winery Gonzalo Gonzalo returned home, turned to biodynamics and now produces some of Spain's best natural wine. This is a fruit driven expression of Tempranillo that embraces freshness - expect dark cherry, blueberry and bramble, and a touch of spice.