

# MARION

## DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2018 Jülg Trocken Riesling

Pfalz Ger

Weingut Jülg's vineyards are situated right on the French border - so much so that half the grapes for this wine are grown in Alsace! Winemaker Johannes Jülg learned his trade working with some of the greatest Riesling producers in Germany including Keller. His Trocken Riesling is fruit driven and racy with lemon and lime.

2019 Schmölder + Brown 'Schatz' Sylvaner

King Valley Vic

Sylvaner, rarely planted outside of Europe, is starting to be grown around Australia with young producers like Jeremy and Tessa of Schmölder + Brown seeing it's potential. The 'Schatz' is dry and textural with mountain flowers, fresh apple, zesty acid, and a slight grippy chalkiness on the palate. A classic food pairing is with poached trout or even a Wiener schnitzel.

2017 Ziereisen 'Heugumber' Gutedel

Baden Ger

Hanspeter Ziereisen has taken the notoriously neutral grape Chasselas, known locally as Gutedel, and made a complex wine full of character. The 'Heugumber' [meaning Grasshopper] has spent time on lees in stainless steel creating both texture and purity of fruit. It is dry, full of character and fresh on the finish.

2019 Chalmers Vermentino

Heathcote Vic

In a manner of speaking, the Chalmers family are responsible for most of the Australian grown Vermentino you will see on any wine list, having imported and championed the variety for many years. First planted in 2002, their grapes are purchased by many different producers hoping to make their mark with the variety. The family expression of the locally grown Sardinian grape is savoury and refreshing with sea spray, citrus and soft herb.

2019 Fleet Pinot Gris

Mornington Vic

Lisa and Justin Jenkins have made a Pinot Gris that is packed with spice, heady florals and ripe pear. Half the fruit has seen some skin contact giving the wine a salmon coloured tinge and a hint of tannin. This wine loves spicy foods! Take this wine with you to your next Asian feast.

2019 Latta Wines 'Rattlesnake' Multi-varietal

Ballarat Vic

Wunderkind winemaker Owen Latta makes 'Rattlesnake' with a particular style in mind and thus the grape varieties change every year. This vintage sees Viognier, Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewürztraminer spend time on skins, with Pinot Noir playing a supporting role. It is vigorously aromatic and orange in colour, with stone fruit and a gently herbal character. Maybe not the right wine to take to family dinner with the grandparents.

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2019 Valentine Wines Grenache rosé

Heathcote Vic

We love Dom Valentine's wines here at Marion! This is a dry, modern and food friendly rosé that is defined by its full texture. It has cranberry and cherry on the palate with dried herbs and a gravelly finish. Drink with fresh autumn vegetables.

2019 Riposte 'The Dagger' Pinot Noir

Adelaide Hills SA

Riposte wines are father and son team, Tim and Nick Knappstein, who have a rich history in the industry - Tim is a third-generation winemaker. With 'The Dagger' Pinot Noir they have captured the cool climate region of the Adelaide Hills to make a youthful, early drinking wine that's all about bright, vibrant fruit.

2016 Gota de Arena 'Entre Suelos' Tempranillo

Castilla y Leon Spa

The Gota de Arena Tempranillo is a bold and rugged example of the red wines from Castilla y Leon in northern Spain. It is aromatic with lilac, red fruit, tobacco leaf and a hint of oak. It is dark in the glass and on the palate, medium bodied with plush brambly fruit and smoky charcuterie all supported by savoury tannins.

2018 S.C. Pannell 'Basso' Garnacha

McLaren Vale SA

A big name in the world of Australian wine - Steve Pannell's passion for Grenache shines in this bright, red fruited example. The medium bodied palate shows plums, cherries, liquorice and a savoury earthiness. The fruit is held together with a brilliant natural acidity that races down the tongue and finishes with strong grippy tannins.

2016 Historical Red Shiraz blend

Heathcote Vic

The Historical Dry Red pays homage to the red blends of the past. This wine, made up of Cabernet, Shiraz, Mouvèdre and Nebbiolo, is rustic and spicy with blackberry and blackcurrant. Winemaker Gilles Lapalus used the warm 2016 vintage to his advantage, picking the grapes early to make a full wine with balance and poise. This wine will appreciate a barbecued rump steak.

2018 Epsilon Shiraz

Barossa Valley SA

After selling their grapes for many years Aaron and Julie Southern started to make their own wines in 2004. They want to tell their story of the Barossa Valley and of family run and hand-tended vineyards with wineries attached. This Shiraz is the result - rich and opulent with fennel, dark plum, blueberry and pepper.