

MARION

DEADMAN'S DOZEN

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2018 Jamsheed 'Hippy Flip' Chardonnay/Riesling Pét-nat Yarra Valley vic

If you were waiting for a sign that the festive season is well and truly on its way, this is it. A fun yet thoughtfully made blend of Chardonnay and Riesling fermented in bottle to give it some fizz. Take the advice of winemaker Gary Mills and 'drink in the park, in the sun, with friends!'

2015 Chevalier 'La Noë' Muscadet Côtes de Grand Lieu 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 Éric Chevalier has both. Expect vibrant citrus, salinity and texture - classic Muscadet characters that are perfect for classic Muscadet pairings of oysters and raw seafood.

2018 Reed 'White Heart' Riesling Geelong vic

Sierra Milne has travelled the world making wine and so chooses different regions for different varieties here in Australia. The 'White Heart' Riesling, a single vineyard wine from Geelong, is gently fruity and gently sweet yet well balanced. On the palate it is textural, with citrus in abundance and a stony minerality on the finish. Open with your next Thai curry.

2016 Fleet 'Amis' Pinot Gris Gippsland vic

Lisa and Justin Jenkins' dream to start their own wine label started while they worked in some of Melbourne's best restaurants. And now they're doing it! Based in Gippsland, their wines show purity of fruit and focussed winemaking. Just ever so slightly pink, this Pinot Gris is floral on the nose with pear, quince and a dry finish.

2016 Pianogrillo Grecanico Sicily ITA

You say Garganega, I say Grecanico. You say Veneto, I say Sicily. Although it may sound unfamiliar at first, this Sicilian white is actually made from the same grape that makes Soave in the northern Italy. This expression is light and fresh, with white stone-fruit, green almond and a slight creamy texture.

2014 Vinea Marson Friulano '#7' Alpine Valleys vic

Taking inspiration from his own North-East Italian heritage and the history of this Friulian grape variety, Mario Marson has made a Friulano that has spent seven days in contact with its skins, extracting colour and texture. The resulting wine is full bodied with poached pears and orange blossom followed by a long and snappy finish.

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2017 SC Pannell 'Pronto Rosa' Montepulciano/Barbera Adelaide Hills SA

After winning the Jimmy Watson award, winemaker of the year in 2015 and scores of awards since, it could be argued that Steve Pannell is one of the best winemakers in the country right now. With this rosé he is able to communicate his love for the McLaren Vale and alternative grape varieties. Pale in colour and dry on the palate there are strawberries and cream aplenty.

2016 Guimaro Joven Mencía Ribeira Sacra ESP

Importer Scott Wasley gets very excited when talking about Mencía from Guimaro, describing them as being 'alive, wild and free, [a] pure expressions of the countryside in which they are grown.' Aromatic on the palate with fresh blossom that's balanced by fresh sour cherry and savoury tannins. We serve it slightly chilled and drink it in abundance.

2016 Brezza Langhe Nebbiolo Piedmont ITA

The Brezza Langhe Nebbiolo is gathered from seriously good vineyards in Barolo yet is made to be an elegant and visceral expression of the variety. Seeing no time in oak and released in the springtime it is floral on the nose with violets and rose, plush red fruits and an attractive earthy character. We suggest pairing this with summer vegetables, like our French bean and Manchego dish.

2017 Shadowfax 'Minnow' Red Mourvèdre blend Multi-regional vic

With the 'Minnow' red, Shadowfax are showing off their classic southern French varieties of Mourvèdre, Grenache and a little bit of Roussanne to make an immensely gluggable wine. Vibrant on the palate with a core of blue fruits there is spice aplenty with balancing tannins and a savoury finish.

2016 Sam Vinciullo 'Warner Glen' Merlot/Cabernet Margaret River WA

Sam Vinciullo is making some of the most exciting 'lo-fi' wines in Australia at the moment. All organically grown and made without using any sulphur, these wines show precision and attention to detail. Merlot dominant with Cabernet Sauvignon making up the balance, it is bright and supple, earthy and dark fruited.

2015 Guy Farge Syrah Ardèche FRA

Ardèche, an up and coming appellation in the Northern Rhône, is becoming known for its floral expressions of Syrah. This wine from Guy Farge is fresh and joyous with intense aromas of violette, blueberry, black plum and a twist of red cherry supported by liquorice and black pepper.