



Welcome to the National Wine Centre of Australia.

Although a wine list is usually supposed to provide clarity to a drinker's decision making, we give you fair warning that reading this will most likely add to the confusion. Fear not, our staff know how to spell and use grammar when required, but with 120 white, rosé and red wines available by the glass, as well as a decent smattering of well-chosen sparkling, sweet and fortified options we wish you the best of luck in this endeavour.

Our advice is simple! Walk around our Wined Bar and look at all our pretty and enticing bottles and select something that jumps out at you and says "Drink me," but not in the *Alice in Wonderland* likely to shrink way but definitely in the *Alice in Wonderland* you will be taken on an amazing journey kind of way.

Enjoy!

*"If I ever found a pot of gold*

*I'd buy bottles untold of the nectar of the vines*

*'Cause I'm going to die with a twinkle in my eye*

*'Cause I sung songs, spun stories, loved, laughed, and drank wine"*

*The Cat Empire, 2003*



## NWC at Home



With the moon socially distancing itself from Earth right now, we have changed our model of masterclasses and ways educating people in the wonders of wine. We are conducting masterclasses virtually through Zoom each Thursday night covering each Australian region in alphabetical order. The perks of this is that we are opening a lot of really nice bottles. So if you want to join in on the fun and partake in a glass or two from a region that you might not be familiar with then feel free to sample a flight or a glass or two.

### Week 1: Gippsland

Wine Flights – Red or White \$18 ea.

2019 Bass River *Riesling*

2019 Mount Macleod *Gruner Veltliner*

2017 Cannibal Creek *Chardonnay*

2018 Bass Phillip 'Crown Prince' *Pinot Noir*

2018 Moondarra 'Old School' *Nebbiolo*

2018 Fleet Wines 'Silverwater' *Cabernet Sauvignon*



## Organic, Vegan, Biodynamic and everything else....

There has been a big push over the last few years for organic, biodynamic, vegan or sustainable produce. We have made the conscious decision to identify those that adhere to these standards for the ever more discerning customer. Please note that our position is that most of the wineries we showcase are family wineries or small wineries that do this not for riches but for the sheer love of their job and the bigger wineries are equally aware of the impacts they can have on the environment. Those who are not organic or biodynamic usually have very good reason for not being so and those wineries that do use sulphur or systemic sprays only do so when they need to and not just for the sake of it.



**Certified Organic** – To be certified organic you can go through two organisations in Australia (ACO and NASAA) and on a yearly basis (cost is upwards of \$1000 depending on the size of your production) you have your vineyards assessed and discuss the next 12 months management plan. There is a strict list of what products you can use in the vineyard. It takes three years to achieve full certification in Australia.



**Vegan** – Wine in its most natural form is completely Vegan, it is fermented grape juice and they use oak, concrete, clay or stainless steel to ferment the wine which is bottled in glass with a cork or stainless steel cap. Wineries can filter or fine their wine with egg whites, skim milk powder, gelatine or Isinglass (sturgeon swim bladder gelatine). If they do not use these methods then their wine will be vegan.



**Biodynamic**- Created by Rudolf Steiner in 1924, this is a form of agriculture that emphasises the use of manures and composts and treats animals, soils and crops as a single system. The principle also focuses on a planting calendar based on phases of the moon broken into root, leaf, flower and fruit days. Wineries need to go through similar processes with certification as applied in the Organic certification process.



**Sustainable**- This applies to people who practice biodynamic or organic methods but do not choose to be certified. Ron Laughton, Jasper Hill *"I'm not certified, and I don't wish to be", explains Ron, "I can stand up with my hand on my heart and say I've been doing it for nearly 40 years... I think those that are using chemicals on their vineyard should be licensed. Why should I be certified to be clean, and do nothing harmful in my vineyard?"*



### Sparkling Wine, Fizz, Champers & Bubbles

2015	Sittelle 'Grand Vintage Marie Christien Lugten' Pinot Noir, Chardonnay Pemberton, WA	12.5/60
N.V	Grey-Smith 'Blanc de Blancs' Chardonnay Mount Gambier, SA	11.5/54
2018	Billy Button 'Zero Dosage' Prosecco King Valley, VIC	11.5/52
N.V	Bleasdale Sparkling Shiraz Langhorne Creek, S.A	11.5/50

### Riesling (reez-ling) AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018	Helm Wines 'Classic Dry' <i>Riesling</i> Canberra District, ACT	3.8/7.5/14.2/57
2018	Tim Adams 'Skilly Ridge' <i>Riesling</i> Clare Valley, SA	3.3/6.5/12.5/50

### Sauvignon Blanc (savvy-bee) AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018	Wines of Merritt <i>Sauvignon Blanc</i> Margaret River, WA	3.3/6.5/12.5/50
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### Semillon (sem-ih-yon) AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018	Thomas Wines 'Braemore' <i>Semillon</i> Hunter Valley, NSW	3.3/6.5/12.5/50
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### Pinot Gris (French) & Grigio (Italian) AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2019	Fleet Wines <i>Pinot Gris</i> Mornington Peninsula, VIC	3.3/6.5/12.5/50
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### Alternative White Varietals AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018	Shut the Gate <i>Fiano</i> Clare Valley, SA	3.3/6.5/12.5/50
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### Chardonnay..nay AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018	Clarence House <i>Chardonnay</i> Tasmania	3.6/7.2/13.7/55
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**Rosé with an 'ay'** AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018 Spinifex *Grenache* 3.0/5.9/11.2/45  
Barossa Valley, SA

**Pinot Noir (French) , Pinot Nero (Italian) & Spätburgunder (German)**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018 Aunt Alice 'Black Maggie' *Pinot Noir* 3.6/7.2/13.7/55  
Robe, SA

2017 Byrne 'Gisborne' *Pinot Noir* 3.8/7.6/14.5/58  
Sunbury, VIC

**Italian alternative varieties** AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2016 Collector 'Rose Red City' *Sangiovese* 3.0/5.9/11.2/45  
Canberra District, ACT

2018 Boireann La Cima Superiore *Barbera* 3.5/6.9/13.2/53  
Granite Belt, QLD

**French, Spanish and other alternative varieties**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018 Mutual Promise *Gamay* 3.6/7.2/13.7/55  
King Valley, VIC

2017 Mount Majura *Tempranillo* 4.6/9.2/17.4/70  
Canberra District, ACT

2015 Scion *Durif* 3.8/7.6/14.5/58  
Rutherglen, VIC

**Grenache (French), Garnacha (Spanish) & Cannonau (Italian)**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2017 Alann Fion 'PJ Limited' *Grenache* 3.8/7.6/14.5/58  
Barossa Valley, SA



**GSM, GMS, MGS, MSG, SGM, SMG & now MCG Blends but no SCG**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2016 Ironcloud 'Rock of Solitude' *Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro* 3.3/6.5/12.5/50  
Geographe, WA

**Cabernet Sauvignon.. please don't say CARRRRR – bonnay**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018 Nocturne *Cabernet Sauvignon* 3.3/6.5/12.5/50  
Margaret River, WA

2016 Redman *Cabernet Sauvignon* 3.6/7.2/13.7/55  
Coonawarra, SA

**Cabernet Sauvignon Blends.. sometimes accidentally**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2015 David Franz 'Plane Turning Right' *Merlot Blend* 2.8/5.5/10.5/42  
Barossa Valley, SA

**Shiraz Blends, for when you run out of Shiraz**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2018 Nick Spencer 'Dry Red' *Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon,* 3.0/5.9/11.2/45  
*Touriga*  
Gundagai, NSW

2017 Max & Me 'The House Blend' *Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz* 4.6/9.2/17.4/70  
Eden Valley, SA

**Shiraz (shir-ahz ... mate) & Syrah (see-rah)**

AVAILABLE IN TASTE, ½ GLASS, GLASS & BOTTLE

2015 Salomon Estate 'Finniss River' *Shiraz* 3.4/6.8/13/52  
Southern Fleurieu, SA

2017 Bleasdale 'Generations' *Shiraz* 3.3/6.5/12.5/50  
Langhorne Creek, SA



### Sparkling Wine Flight - \$18

- N.V Grey-Smith 'Blanc de Blancs' *Chardonnay*  
Mount Gambier, SA
- 2015 Sittella 'Grand Vintage Marie Christien Lugten' *Pinot Noir & Chardonnay*  
Pemberton, WA
- N.V Bleasdale Sparkling *Shiraz*  
Lanhorne Creek, SA

### Sweet Wine Flight - \$18

- 2017 Heggies Vineyard 'Botrytis' *Riesling*  
Eden Valley, SA
- 2017 Fighting Gully Road 'Moelleux' *Gros Manseng*  
Beechworth, VIC
- 2015 De Bortoli 'Noble One' Botrytis *Semillon*  
Riverina, NSW

### Fortified Wine Flight - \$18

- M.V Pfeiffer 'Classic' *Muscat*  
Rutherglen, VIC
- 2016 Kalleske 'J.M.K VP' *Shiraz*  
Barossa Valley, SA
- M.V Talijanich 'Julian James' Liqueur *Shiraz*  
Swan Valley, WA