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The 2015 and 2016 vintages in the Southern Rhone of France are considered two of the best in the past 15 years. We have waited a while for these vintages to come to Australia and they have been worth the wait. We have secured 2 great wines from some very famous producers. Both wines are based on Grenache from similar regions within the Rhone, but they offer two very different styles. One very modern; quite full-bodied and fleshy; the other a medium-bodied style which is floral, vibrant and incredibly refreshing. These two wines will be perfect for any dinner party and you will be able to choose which style you prefer, but I am guessing you will love both.

We have then chosen two Australian wines, as the quality of the wines have never been better. In the past, Australia has been criticised for producing wines that are too big and too heavy, but this is no longer the case. In fact, it is very hard to find those wine styles, as consumers and winemakers alike are moving towards more fresher and vibrant styles. We have chosen two great modern examples; a sensational Chardonnay from the Margaret River and an awesome Cabernet Sauvignon from South Australia.

Enjoy, **Matt the Bullionaire**

2017 WALSH & SONS BURNSIDE CHARDONNAY *Margaret River*

2014 SALOMON ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON *Finnis River, South Australia*

2016 DOMAINE CHARVIN "LE POUTET" *Cote Du Rhone, France*

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2017 WALSH & SONS BURNSIDE CHARDONNAY *Margaret River*

A husband and wife team with a long family tradition of winemaking in the Margaret River. They have sourced the fruit from the Burnside vineyard, which they helped to plant with their parents in 1981.

This wine is all about freshness and drinkability. Think passionfruit, lemon and citrus on the nose, followed through with great acidity and freshness on the palate. This is a powerhouse wine, supported by very high-quality oak that adds a nice richness, with slight cashew, roasted hazelnut overtones. There is a concentration of flavours and a vibrancy which you really only see from an old and mature vineyard.



2014 SALOMON ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Finnis River, South Australia

A fantastic example of a South Australian Cabernet from the masters of Gruner Veltliner in Austria. Through a love affair of Australia and Penfolds, this winemaking family, with over 220 years in Austria, purchased a block of land near McLaren Vale and planted a vineyard in 1995.

There is a richness to this wine which is so enjoyable. It is very deep red in colour, with expressive aromas of blueberry and blackcurrant, with hints of dark chocolate. However, it is on the palate where this wine really shines, as it is just so drinkable.

A very classy, elegant, moorish glass of wine.



2016 DOMAINE CHARVIN "LE POUTET" *Cote Du Rhone, France*

Grenache / Mouvedre / Syrah / Carignan

Laurent Charvin runs this small family estate located in the north of Chateaufort-du-Pape. Their Le Poutet is always regarded as one of the better wines from this region. Helping this is the age of the vineyards, 40-90 years old.

They always aim to produce finely styled Grenache-based wines showing great depth and finesse. A very floral perfumed wine that is just a joy to drink. It is medium bodied but very polished and elegant and it has this amazing length. You don't need to be big to make a huge impression and this wine is a great example.



2015 DOMAINE LES HAUTES CANCES, CAIRANNE, COTES DU RHONE, "CUVEE TRADITION" *France*

Grenache / Mouvedre / Syrah / Cinsault / Carignan

A small family-run estate located in the village of Cairanne in the northern sector of the Cotes du Rhone, near the village of Gigondas. The vineyards are managed using organic principles and yields are kept low, with an average age of 48 years, with several plots reaching the grand old age of 100.

The wines are made in a very modern way, but still retaining the freshness and vitality that you want in fine wine today. Bright purple in colour. Prominent aromas of blackberry, liquorice, smoked meat and violet. A full bodied finish with spicy firm tannins, and a meaty quality and good length.

Very, very good!

Enjoy the wines!

Matt



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