



the bullionaire

BULLION 200

Australians Wines are all the Rage!



In our last Sommelier Selection, we provided all European Red wines, whilst in this selection by Uber Sommelier **Matt Dunne** (pictured), he has done the opposite and chosen all Australian red wines. When we tasted through a large number of wines on a Saturday afternoon, it was these three reds that really stood out, plus it is nice to support some local wineries who are doing it a bit tough now, with COVID and the bushfires from earlier in the year. Matt has selected a Pinot Noir, a Shiraz / Syrah and a Cabernet Franc; all great wines, but all offering something a little different and unexpected. For the white wine he also went a little left of centre, with a Sauvignon Blanc from Northern Italy. More in tune with a Sancerre or Pouilly Fume than Marlborough, and in our opinion, all the better for it.



So here are four great wines to enjoy with family, friends, or if you are unlucky enough to be in lock down, by yourself.

Matt the Bullionaire



2018 THE OTHER WINE CO. CABERNET FRANC

Kangaroo Island – South Australia

This is a separate project by Shaw + Smith in the Adelaide Hills.

The aromatics really hit you as soon as you open the bottle. It is dark and brooding, but the nose is fresh and inviting. Juicy black fruits think blackcurrants are combined with floral, violet notes, with a spicy chocolate, dried herb type finish. I look for complexity in a wine, and this wine has it in spades. If you like Cabernet Sauvignon you will love this wine, as it offers something a little different and more!

This is the second vintage of this wine, and likely to be the last for a while, as the vineyard was severely damaged in the Bushfires of 2020. A great Shame.



2019 HUGHES AND HUGHES PINOT NOIR *Tasmania*

Brothers Matthew and Jonathan Hughes established the Mewstone Vineyard in 2011 on the banks of Tasmania's D'Entrecasteaux Channel in the tiny hamlet of Flowerpot. The Hughes & Hughes range of wines is what they are concentrating on as this vineyard gains a bit of age and brings together fruit sourced from around Tasmania. In 2019 James Halliday voted them "Best New Winery".

It has a beautiful ruby hue. There's bright red fruits and earthy undertones. The tannins are fine and highlight the earth and spice, balanced by length and intensity, making this a very versatile wine. Only 6540 bottles were produced without fining.



2018 YABBY LAKE VINEYARD SYRAH *Mornington Peninsula*

The Yabby Lake Vineyard was established by the Kirby family in 1998, in the Mornington Peninsula. Led by winemaker Tom Carson, they have built a reputation for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of great purity and character under its Single Vineyard and Single Block release labels.

But it is not Pinot Noir we have chosen but their Syrah. Again, a little left of centre, but it is an amazing wine, and with the spelling of "Syrah" over "Shiraz" they are telling you to expect a medium bodied spicier Shiraz, than the warmer regions. They are certainly on trend, with a lovely perfumed and spicy Syrah, medium-bodied in style. The palate is concentrated and silky, with finely structured tannins, bright fruit characters and wonderful elegance and depth.



2018 INAMA VULCAIA SAUVIGNON IGT VENETO *Northern Italy*

From one of the best white wine regions in Northern Italy, Veneto, where the white wine Soave is made, this relatively new winery, has been making a Sauvignon Blanc since 1991. It has a humble IGT classification, as they are not permitted to use the Soave name, but if you like whites with a bit of texture, complexity and character, then you will love this wine.

It has an intense yellow colour, with a nose of citrus and apples, with a prominent mineral edge. These mineral characters carry over to a full-bodied palate and a pretty sensational glass of white wine, and not a gooseberry in sight!

Enjoy the wines! **Matt**



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