



the bullionaire

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Here comes Winter ...

Kim Bickley is on board again, having been with Bullion Cellars since the start of our unique wine venture. I love talking all things wine with her. Whilst no longer working in a restaurant, she is still heavily involved in the wine industry, consulting for one of the larger wine companies in Australia and working closely with her partner in the Hunter Valley - (Andrew Thomas Wines, one of the better winemakers in Australia). She has an incredible palate and like always has chosen a great pack. Wines with a little more texture and complexity as we head into the cooler months.



The three reds, include a Malbec from Argentina, a Grenache blend from McLaren Vale, paying homage to the great wines of Priorat, at a fraction of the price and an intriguing Southern Italian red from a grape variety I bet you have never heard of, but after tasting you will be looking for others. The white wine is a sensational “sec” or dry Chenin Blanc from the Vouvray in the Loire Valley of France. 4 Great Wines to enjoy.

Matt the Bullionaire



2020 DOMAIN PICHOT COTEAU DE LA BICHE SEC *Vouvray, France*

The Pichot family is one of the oldest in Vouvray with origins as viticulturists and restaurateurs going back to 1739. Harvesting is mostly done by hand and yields are kept low. All vineyards are now farmed organically. Aromas of pear candied fruit and spice, with hints of honey and that distinctive chalkiness that is so typical of great Vouvray. Fine, brilliantly focused flavours with exceptional texture and length shows the tension typical of great dry Vouvray.



2019 JED LIMITED RELEASE MALBEC *Mendoza Argentina*

Jed is the private label of a Sydney based importer owned by three Australian winemakers. Malbec is Argentina's flagship varietal and thrives at high altitudes. This is a very fruit forward, juicy style showing ripe plum notes, with echoes of darker fruits such as blackberries and cherries. On the medium to full bodied palate there are hints of dark chocolate and it has a smooth, elegant finish. A real crowd pleaser and a thoroughly enjoyable wine.



2019 MINISTRY OF CLOUDS GRENACHE CARIGNAN *McLaren Vale, SA*

Grenache 69% / Carignan 31%

This is Ministry of Clouds homage to the Spanish wines of Priorat, combining old bush vine Grenache and spicy dry grown Carignan. Both parcels are hand harvested and fermented in traditional open vats, then gently basket pressed.

From the Grenache component you get an alluring sour cherry and spicy raspberry lift, with a serious lick of dried herbs and amaro bitters from the Carignan. Serve slightly chilled – around 15-16 degrees to preserve the aromatics.



2019 TOMBACCO AGLIANICO DEL BENEVENTANO *Campania, Italy*

Tombacco is a long-established family business in Veneto producing their own wines and blending and bottling other people's wines in much the same way as the “négociants” of France.

It is a big, rich wine that is very smooth. A dark, deep ruby red with clear purple tones. This wine is clear and complex with enjoyable hints of cherry and red berry notes, followed by a marked vanilla and spicy note.

Enjoy the wines! **Matt**



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