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Springing in the Wines ...



Matt Dunne is back with us again and there is a strong Tasman slant with his selection; two Aussie wines and one Kiwi selection, rounding out with an Italian red from Piedmont. As we head out of winter and into the warmer months, he has chosen wines that are more medium than full bodied, but wines that pack a punch and over deliver on flavour and complexity. Complexity and structure are what we look for in great wines, and the four wines Matt has chosen cover all the bases. We start with a Kiwi Chardonnay from Hawkes Bay and one of the top wineries in the world.

The two Australian wines are a Grenache and Shiraz both from South Australia and both made in a similar mindset, moving away from the blockbuster styles from years past. Over the top used to be good and under statement was bad, but thankfully this trend has ended and a more thoughtful winemaking philosophy has gained traction in Australia. The last red is a Dolcetto d'Alba from Northern Italy and a great example of the region and style.

Enjoy the Wines and stay Safe!



2019 BRUNO ROCCA TRIFOLE DOLCETTO D'ALBA *Piedmont, Italy*

The Rocca Family have been making wines in the Barbaresco region of Piedmont since 1834. Dolcetto d'Alba is a DOC classification that ensures only the Dolcetto grape variety is used in a defined region around the village of Barbaresco. It has a deep dark red colour with bright purple red hues. Dark cherry aromas mix with liquorice, fresh herbs, earth and spicy characters. This wine is medium to full bodied with a vibrant acidity finishing off the palate creating a great mouthfeel and an added level of complexity that I look for in a wine.



APHELION CONFLUENCE 2020 GRENACHE *McLaren Vale, South Australia*

Apheleon is a small husband and wife team that began its life with a small parcel of Grenache in 2017 and from there they have never looked back.

It is handpicked from 85-year-old bush vines and a single vineyard in the highest point of the Blewitt Springs district of McLaren Vale. This is a complex, aromatic and very food friendly wine that evolves in your glass. Vibrant red and purple hues with raspberry, spicy and liquorice aromatics jumping out of the glass. The palate shows nice length and complexity without being heavy or cloying. A wine of great balance and just a joy to drink.



2018 HEAD THE CONTRARIAN SHIRAZ *Barossa Valley, South Australia*

Alex Head came into the wine industry with a degree in biochemistry and a passion for the wines of the Northern Rhone, especially the Shiraz based wines of the Cote Rotie. He produces high quality Barossa style wines with a very European slant, favouring elegance, complexity and flavour over just power and excessive oak and alcohol. This wine is gloriously rich and supple. Medium bodied with a velvety mouthfeel of dried herbs, spice, sweet dark fruits and chocolate.



2020 CRAGGY RANGE KIDNAPPERS CHARDONNAY *Hawkes Bay, NZ*

Founded in 1998 by the Peabody family by way of the US / QLD and now Hawkes Bay. From the very beginning their goal was to be one of the top wine estates of the world, and by any judgement they have achieved this goal. This Chardonnay is sourced from their Te Awanga Vineyard near Cape Kidnappers in the Hawkes Bay. (hence the name). There is a richness of fruit that dominates the wine, with oak to support the flavours but not dominate. You get plenty of white peaches and melons, balanced by a pithy grapefruit texture, with an ever so subtle almond flavour. Excellent acidity and freshness makes this a great wine to match with most seafoods.



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