



# the bullionaire

BULLION 24B



*ChaLou Vineyard*



**Matt Dunne** is with us again at the tasting table and during our discussions we have decided to continue with 2 reds and 2 whites in his selection. Whenever we look to start on a new wine selection, the first thing we look for is quality, then the second, is whether it offers value, and these wines offer plenty of both.

The two reds both come from Australia. One is a fragrant and floral Shiraz / Syrah from the very trendy Hughes and Hughes boys of the Coal River in Tasmania. The second is a very structured and elegant red made by a winemaker and a sommelier, who just happens to be the partner of Matt Dunne. It is a rather unique single varietal wine made from Mourvèdre, which you normally see blended with Grenache, but from this duo you get a lovely midweight wine. The two whites are from the Pinot family, a Pinot Blanc from Alsace in France, and a Pinot Grigio from Northern Italy. Both wines offer excellent minerality and complexity.



## 2022 ALBINO ARMANI PINOT GRIGIO *Friuli-Venezia Giulia - Grave, Italy*

The family of Albino Armani have been making wine in Northern Italy since 1607. That is a long time. The vines are cultivated using traditional agriculture and the harvest takes place when the grapes reach optimum ripeness. The winemakers want to let the fruit shine through. What you get is plenty of minerality and stone fruits on a full-bodied palate with just a touch of almond nuttiness at the back palate.



## 2012 SCHOFFIT PINOT BLANC AUXERROIS *Alsace, France*

The Schoffit Family are newcomers to Alsace, having been established in 1986. They have some 19 hectares of vineyards based around the village of Colmar. The wine Matt has chosen, is from a blend of Pinot Blanc and Auxerrois vines, averaging 50-70 years old on gravelly soil. The soft, honeyed apple and stone fruit is delicious but restrained. There is a beautiful texture and layers of mineral and spicy/herbal notes that dominate the palate.



## 2022 HUGHES & HUGHES SYRAH *Coal River / Tamar Valleys, Tasmania*

Brothers Matthew and Jonathan Hughes are the team behind this wine label that are very quickly becoming the next rising stars of Tasmania.

This Syrah is a new wine for this winery, and it is a picture-perfect example of cool climate Syrah / Shiraz. Think floral, seductive aromas that flow through to an elegant medium bodied palate that is just delicious. The source fruit from vineyards in the Coal River and Tamar Valleys. This is the Hughes boy's homage to the great wines of the Northern Rhone.



## 2023 THE SOMM & THE WINEMAKER MOURVÈDRE *Canowindra, NSW*

This is a collaboration of two school friends who both have careers in wine. One as Sommelier in Sydney (Louella Mathews) and the other as a winemaker in Orange NSW (Nadja Wallington).

The focus of this wine is all about mid weight drinkability. Expect plenty of red fruits on a medium weight palate. It has this distinctive spiced clove, black pepper kind of thing. But then the red fruits kick in with cherries flowing through to a lovely mouth feel.

Enjoy the Wines,  
**Matt, The Bullionaire**



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