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New Wines to welcome the New Year

Well, here we go again, another year and another great selection of wines. I cannot understand a life without drinking wine and enjoying great meals with family and friends. So, it saddened me when I read in 2024 that wine sales in Australia have fallen. This is following a global trend as people drink less, but better-quality wine, combined with a general trend of the younger generations drinking more spirit-based drinks. I feel like it is up to us, the more enlightened amongst the general population, to take up this slack, drink a little more wine and convince our children, nieces, nephews, younger work colleagues and grandchildren to put down their tequila and take up a glass of wine. You could tell them the famous quote from Hemmingway, "I drink beer when I am thirsty, whiskey to get drunk and wine for enjoyment," but then you would have to tell them about Hemmingway!

Let's begin with the two red wines, a great Grenache, Syrah blend from the Cote Du Rhone, a long-time regional favourite of Bullion Cellars and a striking Pinot Noir from the Coal River in Tasmania. The Cote Du Rhone Village level wine drinks better than a lot of wines coming from the more fancied village names and we have a lovely elegant Pinot Noir that is really on point, plus offering a bit of age coming from the 2019 vintage.

The two white wines include a Chardonnay from a great producer in the Chablis region of France and a Gruner Veltliner from the top producer of this variety in Australia.

I hope you will enjoy the wines as much as we have.

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Coal River in Tasmania



2021 DAUVERGNE ET RANVIER *Cotes Du Rhone Villages, France*

Dauvergne Ranvier is the association of two wine industry experts who decided to create their own brand by purchasing unbottled wines from different winemakers and villages and then labelling under their own label.

Lots of freshness and deliciousness in this wine that exudes blackberry and raspberry, a bouquet of red berries and a hint of liquorice. On the palate we find the fruitiness, accompanied by flavours of spices and garrigue on a full and round palate, with beautiful balance.



2019 MORNINGSIDE PINOT NOIR *Coal River, Tasmania*

Morningside Vineyard is located at Tea Tree in southeast Tasmania's Coal River Valley wine region. The 2019 Morningside Pinot Noir receives 10-20% whole bunch maceration, and the fruit is given a four-day cold soak, followed by wild-yeast fermentation over 7-10 days. The wine is matured for 12 months in seasoned French oak barriques. Delicious dark fruit like blackberries and black currants complemented by a gentle mocha finish. Elegant, refined, and delicious.



2021 CHRISTOPHE PATRICE CHARDONNAY *Vin de France*

A native of Beine in the Chablis region, Christophe Patrice began working in the family business with his father and uncles in 1996. Expect plenty of minerals with ripe tropical fruit overtones, a touch of melon with a green apple zip to it. The wine has a great palate weight and is quite full bodied, with very crisp acidity and a cracking finish as you would expect from Chablis.



CRFT 2024 GRÜNER VELTLINER *The K1 Vineyard, Adelaide Hills*

CRFT has become something of a Gruner Veltliner expert in Australia. They currently release four different Gruner's from four different vineyards. This wine has been sourced from a very famous vineyard called K1. They are trying to achieve a more textural style of Gruner. Expect a nose of citrus and floral notes with honeydew melon and peach. The palate, as expected is textural, with fine acid, white pepper, lime, and pear.

Enjoy the Wines,
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