



the bullionaire

BULLION 25B

Great Australian Wines ...

We are focusing on Australia again this selection, with three wines coming from the Great Southern land. When we started Bullion Cellars, our focus was very much on the international wines and whilst these wines are still an important part of what we do, we will never forget about our Aussie wines. At the moment, there are a lot of strong headwinds against the local wine industry, from vineyard and grape over supply issues, to shrinking export markets, but the quality of our wines has never been better. In the 1990's it was all about full bodied South Australian reds, the bigger the better, but now, there is a focus on elegance and cooler climate wines from a wide diversity of regions. South Australia is still dominant, but they are now making wines which are far more drinkable and approachable, nicely matched with the newer cooler climate regions like Tasmania, Orange and the well-established regions of Mornington and the Yarra Valley. In this selection we have a great cross section of wines from these regions.

A Barossa Valley Blended red with equal parts of Shiraz. Grenache and Mourvedre. A great Grenache, Carignan red wine paying homage to my favourite wine region, Priorat in Northern Spain, and a sensational cool climate Chardonnay from the Coal River in Tasmania. We then finish with a Spanish twist with a really engaging Tempranillo from Rioja.

I hope you will enjoy the wines as much as I do.

Matt, The Bullionaire.



2023 MASSENA MOONLIGHT RUN *Barossa Valley, SA*

Shiraz 42%, Mataro 30%, Grenache 28%

For most of the late 20th Century, Barossa Valley Shiraz was all the rage. The bigger the better, until people started to realise these are nice wines to taste, but not to drink. Well, the Barossa Valley has gone back to the future and re-discovered some truly remarkable old Vine Grenache vineyards. This wine is roughly an equal blend of Barossa Valley Shiraz Mataro (Mourvèdre) and Grenache, with the Grenache coming off extremely old vines, well over 100 years (but more like 150). This is a beautiful red wine, full of energy and precision. Intensely aromatic, youthful, with an elegant nose that dishes up scents of Christmas cake like plums, blueberries and liquorice followed by subtle incense infusions of vanillin cedar and spice.

2022 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. They use 80 plus year old bush vine Grenache planted in a northerly block of McLaren Vale, blended with a parcel of Carignan from the winemaker's own estate.

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. The palate is long and lithe, with a depth of fruit intensity and very fine tannins. Serve slightly chilled – around 15-16 degrees to preserve the aromatics.

2024 CLARENCE HOUSE CHARDONNAY *Coal River, Tasmania*

Clarence House was built in 1830 on land which was originally the market garden for the city of Hobart. Present owner David Kilpatrick first planted vines on the north-east slopes of the property in 1998.

Wonderfully complex, with citrus and stone fruit tempered by mineral and spice notes.

Fine but flavoursome, with apple and citrus, a whiff of fennel, and spicy oak. There's a nice energy and crunch, flinty feel, and a tight finish of impressive length. Style plus, and a lovely wine to drink.

2021 MAISULAN 6 MESES RIOJA TEMPRANILLO *Spain*

Luis and Eva (A husband and wife team) farm 70 acres in the mountains around El Villar, a tiny medieval town of 370 people in the Sub Region of Rioja Alavesa. They aim to make wines that fully expresses the character of the place they are both from, starting in the vineyards.

Biodynamic is all the rage, with no chemicals used (pesticides, fertilizers, additives) with all the vineyards dry farmed and all the grapes hand harvested. In the winery, those grapes undergo spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts.

This is pretty sensational wine. Dark ruby in the glass, this wine has a nose of blackberry and spicy overtones. It is equal parts fruity and savory, offering flavours of black cherry, fig, dried Mediterranean herbs and olive tapenade. Everything you associate with great Spanish wines. It finishes with grippy tannins that coat the palate with vibrant acidity and a feeling of energy and brightness.

Enjoy the Wines,
Matt, The Bullionaire



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