

2020 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION



2017 CHARDONNAY

Hewn from a symphony of clones including 26% Mendoza, an abstemious yielder of concentrated flavours, this stunning chardonnay was hand-harvested and aged for 12 months in French oak, 25% new. What I like about it is the nutty warmth. Plenty flavoursome, with nectarine and peach in the back seat, riding shotgun to nougat, toasted hazelnut and creamy cashew flavours. Very fine. Stunning length and intensity. Kerpow! Ned Goodwin

SECOND HIGHEST SCORE FOR A CHARDONNAY

TOP 15 AUST WIDE



2017 PINOT NOIR

Just when I was becoming a tad disillusioned with Adelaide Hills pinot, along comes this. Yes, there's plenty of sap and crunch across red fruit allusions all, yet the pose is one of restraint. Nothing overt; no regional sarsaparilla. Most striking is the extraction regime. Svelte and balletic, even. Diaphanous and expansive, the tannins are real. Tactile. Moreish. What I want! A melody of clonal fruit received a 4-day cold soak before a natural fermentation and 18-23 days on skins, before 10 months in a French oak cave. Others take note. Ned Goodwin



2013 BELTANA BLANC DE BLANCS

This expansive, rich wine has spent an extended 5 years on lees which for me, considering the acid levels, pH and fruit ripeness even in cooler Australian zones, seems just about the maximum level of ambition. A fully loaded nose oozes toasted nuts, marzipan, spiced quince and tarte tatin flavours across a creamy, broad-shouldered core of nourishment. This stains the cheeks and swoons the nose. Ned Goodwin



NV ALTAIR BRUT ROSE

Hewn of a base of '16: 55% chardonnay, 30% pinot noir, in addition to older reserves (15%), this is a gorgeous salmon hue flecked with amber. Gentle scents of crushed strawberry, loganberry and a thread of herb are woven by a needle of vibrant acidity and mineral crunch. Subtle, refined stuff. Just enough toast. Dosage nestled in. This attests to Deviation Road being among Australia's very top sparkling wine producers. Ned Goodwin



2017 SOUTHCOTE BLANC DE NOIRS | 94 POINTS

2018 PINOT GRIS | 92 POINTS

2018 GRUNER VELTLINER | 92 POINTS

2016 MARY'S RESERVE SHIRAZ | 91 POINTS

2016 LOFTIA VINTAGE BRUT | 91 POINTS