

Australian Wines Tasting Notes May 30, 2015

Ice Breaker Jansz Brut Rose NV and Premium Cuvee NV

The term *Methode Tazmanoise* is used to describe the sparkling wines being produced on the island of Tasmania. The Brut Rose is described as having a vibrant yet delicate pink hue, fine persistent bead and a suggestion of Turkish Delight and rose petal florals in the nose, combine with mousse creaminess and strawberries on the tongue to leave a refreshing, mouth-watering finish. The Premium Cuvee has honeysuckle and citrus scents which are immediately apparent with slight aromas of nougat, roasted nuts and a sniff of strawberry from the Pinot Noir. Delicate fruits and creaminess wash through the mouth leaving a lingering finish of citrus and nougat. Alcohol 12.5% for both.



1. Yalumba Y Series Viognier 2014

The appearance is of pale straw with green hues. The nose is honeysuckle and jasmine with poached quinces and mandarin peel. The taste of grapefruit pith, lemongrass and stone fruit flavors while the texture adds layers of fruit persistence. The wild yeast fermentation and aging on lees are responsible for delivering a rich silky mid-palate. CC loves this wine. Alcohol 13%.



2. Vasse Felix Margaret River Chardonnay 2012

This 100% Chardonnay was aged for nine months in 100% French oak barrels of which 45% were new and 55% were one to two years of age. The appearance is pale straw with a green tinge while the nose has vibrant fruit fragrances of pineapple, white peach and delicate fresh ginger with wild mushroom nuances. The palate is bright, fresh and luscious with white peach and mushroom notes. Alcohol 13%.



3. Clarendon Hills Blewitt Springs Grenache 2007

This 100% Grenache from 90 year old vines was aged 18 months in French oak barrels creating an appearance that is deep, bright ruby with aromas of blackberry, blueberry, spice cake, licorice and black cardamom. The taste features a dense mouthful of blackberry and blueberry. Velvety tannins add shape and a serious weight to the fruit which clings impressively on the long, sappy smooth finish. Alcohol 14.5%.



4. Shirvington McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

The Shirvington Cab is deep garnet-colored with a note of a black current cordial, chocolate-mint and cloves with underlying cedar and marmite-toast hints. Medium to full bodied with plenty of juicy, black current flavor in the mouth with a long finish. Alcohol 14.5%.



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5. Shirvington McLaren Vale Shiraz 2009

This Shiraz is very deep purple-black colored with aromas of crème-de-cassis, blackberry compote, dried mulberries and spice cake. The palate is very full bodied and voluptuous, packed with warm blackberry and spice flavors. The finish is long and complex with some oakiness. Alcohol 15.0%.



6. Clarendon Hills Brookman Syrah (Shiraz) McLaren Vale 2007

This Syrah is described as inky ruby in color with as nose of spice-driven scents of cassis, dark cherry, violet, black olive with a strong undertone of smoky minerality. The palate is a flood of black current, blueberry, chocolate, oak, allspice, black pepper, licorice and a hint of Szechuan spice. Alcohol 14.5%



7. Two Hands Bella's Garden Barossa Valley 2012

This is a single vineyard Shiraz that is deep garnet-purple in color with aromas of blue fruit preserves, licorice and mocha. Stains the palate with sweet dark fruit and cocoa and the abundant fruit is well matched by firm, rounded tannins and refreshing acid before finishing with a velvety mouth-feel with great length. Alcohol 15.5%



8. Mollydooker Blue Eyed Boy, McLaren Vale 2013

The delicious berry fruit and spice flavors of the cooler climate wine from the Joppich Vineyard in Langhorne Creek gives the Blue Eyed Boy its crowd appeal. This Shiraz is bursting with generous amounts of fresh plum and blueberry, accompanied by spice and licorice. Supple texture and a creamy finish features layers of biscuit cream and espresso coffee. A well weighted wine with a truly elegant finish.

