

WAG CASTLEMAINE MARCH 2020
BLACKJACK IS RED
TASTING NOTES

NB. All Blackjack wines are un-fined and unfiltered.

1. BLACKJACK ROSA 2021

“Blackjack” was the name given to an American sailor, Santa Rosa Ramoy, who jumped ship and made his way to Castlemaine during the gold rush in the 1850’s.

Made from estate grown Cabernet grapes. Bright pink-crimson colour. Vibrant, with strawberry/cranberry nose and spice. Full yet crisp on the palate. Plenty of fruit, good palate weight, mouthfeel and a lingering finish.

Perfect with crispy salmon skin.

2. BLACKJACK CHORTLE’S EDGE SHIRAZ 2019

Due to some vintage problems, for the first time, this wine was made with some local Harcourt fruit brought in and mixed with some fruit from the vineyard.

True to form, soft and generous Shiraz flavours. The aroma is redolent with plum and dark berries, spioce and nutmeg. This all flows through to a full flavoured, creamy and soft palate.

Suggested cellaring: 2-4 years

3. BLACKJACK SHIRAZ 2019

This wine is exclusively estate grown and produced.

Grown on decomposed granite with vines spaced 1.5m apart.

Matured in American oak barrells for 22 months.

Brick red in colour with aromas of plums, blackberry and spice. Full and generous on the palate with sweet plum, dark berries and roasted nut flavours against background of creamy american oak tannins.

Bottle age will allow these flavours to coalesce further to add nuance and complexity.

Perfect with rare barbecued fillet steak and a red wine sauce.

Suggested cellaring: 4-10 years

4. BLACKJACK SHIRAZ 2009

This aged shiraz is for comparison with the current 2019 vintage.

5. BLACKJACK BLOCK 6 SHIRAZ 2019

This wine is exclusively estate grown and produced.

Grown on shale with vines spaced 2m apart.

Matured in French oak barrels for 22 months.

Crimson red colour. Clean and defined fresh summer berry and spice aromas on the nose. Palate is crisp, highlighting a core nucleus of dark berry fruits, plum, liquorice and star anise.

A savouriness adds complexity and depth. Fine grape and French oak tannins add structure to an already elegant finish.

Delicious with a classic veal Osso Bucco

Suggested cellaring: 4-10 years

NB. The 2 shiraz are grown from different clones which shows in the difference in colours.

6. BLACKJACK CABERNET MERLOT 2019

This wine is exclusively estate grown and produced.

Bright ruby red colour. Red currants, mint and herbs on the nose. Medium weight palate. Ripe juicy fruit flavours of red berries predominant on the palate against a supportive background of fine, firm tannins. Balanced and lingering finish.

Try with rosemary infused and garlic slow cooked lamb shoulder.

Suggested cellaring: 4-10 years.

7. BLACKJACK CABERNET MERLOT 2004

This aged Cabernet is for comparison with the current 2019 vintage.

8. BLACKJACK MR RAMOY

This wine is exclusively estate grown and produced.

This is the first vintage of this wine.

The first wine produced at Blackjack in 1992 was a blend of grapes from the whole Blackjack vineyard, a Shiraz/Cabernet blend.

This wine proudly replicates that 1992 vintage and is made from the Blackjack Shiraz, Block 6 shiraz, Cabernet and Merlot.

Fermented and aged in 100 percent new French oak.

Nuanced summer dark berry and plum aromas. Sweet spice, boysenberry and mulberry blended with a subtle dustiness and an array of fine grained tannins on the palate. Elegant and refined. A wine of depth and complexity.

Suggested cellaring: 4-12 years