

Wine Appreciation Group February 2023



Suzie and Christine present “Lloyd’s Choice” of varietal wines for Summer drinking.

1. Pirie Sparkling NV
2. Isabelle Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2022
3. Pizzini King Valley Riesling 2021
4. Devil’s Corner Chardonnay 2022
5. Dominique Portet Fontaine Rose 2022
6. Yering Station Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2021
7. Gravedigger Shiraz Heathcote 2019

Pirie Sparkling NV - 12.0%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: Northern Tasmania

Taste Characteristics: Fresh citrus, minerals, green apple, complex yeast autolysis, creamy, toast, bread

Pirie Non Vintage Northern Tasmania is widely recognised for the quality of sparkling wine produced in the true cool climate of 41-42°S. The first Pirie Sparkling (1995 Vintage) did much to establish this reputation. Today the story continues with Pirie Non Vintage, a full flavoured Cuvee from Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, boasting complexity from base wines produced in the unique sparkling terroirs of the region.

‘...Clean dry finish with a moderately creamy mouthfeel, medium to long baked bread, yeast lees and light toast aftertaste. Best 2022-2025’ (Lloyd, Dan Murphy)

Isabelle Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – 13%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: Marlborough, New Zealand

Taste Characteristics: Grapefruit, tropical green fruit, gooseberry, flinty, minerality, creamy

Fruit was selected from our Estate, where sustainable vineyard practices are followed. The calcium rich clay and limestone within the vineyard soil imparts a distinctive minerality and concentration to our wines. Low interventions and traditional techniques in the winery preserve single vineyard 'charm'. We endeavour to offer unique wines that enhance typical Marlborough characteristics with complexity and finesse.

One of the original wineries of the fabled Marlborough region of New Zealand. Isabel Estate remains true to its roots creating exceptional wines that are 100% estate-grown, estate-made, and estate-bottled...

This sauvignon Blanc ascends with lush aromatics of tropical green fruit, grapefruit and gooseberry, balanced with a structural flinty minerality and creamy textured finish. Drinks beautifully young but also develops intriguing characters with age. (Dan Murphy)

Pizzini King Valley Riesling 2022 – 11.9%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: King Valley, Victoria

Taste Characteristics: citrus, lemon, lime, apple, mineral, tangy

Diversity, Expression, Purity. Our place in the King Valley – with its gently undulating slopes providing a wide range of microclimates – is the perfect home for creating nuanced and characterful wines. Our crisp and elegant Riesling – the first variety we planted in 1978 – benefits from a slightly higher elevation and north easterly aspect, that reveals vibrant, citrus notes and a fresh acidity. Drink now or cellar up to 10 years.

"Racy lemon and lime flavours meld into crunchy apple and mineral characteristics. Dry finish with crisp acidity providing plenty of zip to a tangy aftertaste".(Lloyd, Dan Murphy)

Devil's Corner Tasmania Chardonnay 2022 – 12%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: East Coast and Tamar Valley, Tasmania

Taste Characteristics: citrus, lemon, grapefruit, green apple, ripe melon, creamy, zesty

In growing our grapes where the fertile ground meets the rugged sea, each Devil's Corner wine bears the mark of our home in the wild: bold and humble, fearless yet considered. A youthful, dry chardonnay with melon and nectarine aromas, this wine is equal parts creamy and crisp, with a palate of bright citrus notes and refreshing cool-climate acidity. A uniquely Tasmanian Chardonnay, from a place unlike anywhere else.

"A bright and light style with crisp green apple, zesty lemon and ripe melon flavours. Hardly any oak, with a tight finish". (Herald Sun)

Dominique Portet Yarra Valley Fontaine Rose 2020 – 13.5%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: Yarra Valley, Victoria

Taste Characteristics: Ripe fruit, creamy, acidity

From centuries-old French wine heritage. Dominique and Ben Portet have created a new family tradition in Victoria's renowned Yarra Valley. The wines under the Dominique Portet label are a testimony to both quality and commitment.

Long regarded as Australia's first true Provence style – and arguably most successful - dry Rose. Pale pink with ripe fruit, a creamy and generous mouthfeel, followed by lip-smacking acidity on the long dry finish.

"A blend of 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet and 15% Shiraz. Finishes dry with refreshing acidity and a highly flavoursome aftertaste. My favourite Rose". (Lloyd, Dan Murphy)

Yering Station Pinot Noir 2021 – 13.5%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: Yarra Valley, Victoria

Taste Characteristics: red berry, red cherry, strawberry, silky, tannin.

Yering Station is renowned as Victoria's first vineyard, its vines first planted in 1838. Today, Yering Station is proudly owned and operated by the Rathbone family with a passion and a dedication to quality.

Fruit from the 2021 vintage was sourced from our revered low cropping Central Valley vineyards. Matured in French Oak puncheons for nine months, this classic Yarra valley Pinot Noir offers uplifted red berry aromas and a long, rich and silky palate. Drinking beautifully now, this wine will also age gracefully over the next ten years.

"Light in body, savoury red cherry, strawberry flavours. Finishes with good freshness, polished tannins and an elegant, yet lengthy aftertaste". (Lloyd, Dan Murphy)

Gravedigger Shiraz Heathcote 2019 – 14.5%

Source: Dan Murphy

Region: Heathcote, Victoria

Taste Characteristics: Dark chocolate, blackcurrant, spice, fruity.

Legend has it that an unsuspecting gravedigger made a fateful discovery when the ground in the grave he was digging gave way beneath him to reveal a cave. This cave would later form Seppelt's The Drives on Cemetery Road – a labyrinth of underground cellars dug by goldminers which house some of the finest wines Seppelt has produced.

Gravedigger Shiraz is rich and layered, with dark chocolate, blackcurrants and spice. Sourced from one of Australia's most renowned growing regions Heathcote.

"This would be, in my opinion, the best quality and value Shiraz in the whole store. Well balanced, fruit driven and a great aftertaste". (Lloyd, Dan Murphy)