

best value.

OUR 100 NOTES ALL PROVIDE GREAT VALUE, BUT THESE WINES ARE EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD BUYS



97 – 99 points
Exceptional.
Wines that have won a major trophy in an important wines show, or are of that standard.



95 – 96 points
Outstanding.
Wines of gold medal standard, usually with a great pedigree.



94 points
Outstanding.
Wines on the cusp of gold medal status, virtually indistinguishable from those receiving 95 points.



90 – 93 points
Highly recommended.
Wines of great quality, style and character, and worthy of a place in any cellar.



2017 Mount Trio Vineyard Great Southern Chardonnay

65% Mount Barker, 35% Frankland River, 50% fermented in mostly new French oak, 50% in tank with French oak staves, 33% of the barrel-fermented portion underwent mlf. Adroit winemaking courtesy of vast experience and a cool vintage has produced a high-quality chardonnay at a bargain price. It is an elegant wine with stone fruit, melon and citrus flavours, the oak handling a match for the fruit. 13% alc.

RRP \$17.50 / 2023 / Mount Trio Vineyard ★★★★★
mountriovinewines.com.au



2017 Innocent Bystander Yarra Valley Arneis

Arneis is a cool climate variety in Italy, and this first vintage adds to pre-existing evidence that it is also the case here. It's got a particular texture, and has positive fruit flavours. A wine to watch. 12.5% alc.

RRP \$25 / 2020 / Innocent Bystander ★★★★★☆
innocentbystander.com.au



2017 The Collective Wine Company Millon Estate Clare's Secret Rosé Grenache

Pale blush pink. The wine seems to have been picked at the right time to promote freshness while not leading to unripe or thin flavours. The bouquet is of red flowers/roses, and acidity drives the length very well. A surprise packet.

RRP \$15 / 2019 /
The Collective Wine Company ★★★★★☆
thecollectivewinecompany.com.au



2016 Laurel Bank Riesling

Gold medal Winewise '17, elite gold Tasmanian class Canberra Riesling Challenge '17. The fragrant, flowery bouquet has wafts of lime, lemon and fresh-cut apple, the palate with superb balance and length, the finish with the type of acidity that only Tasmania achieves, and then only by winemakers with an unerring eye for detail. 12.8% alc.

RRP \$25 / 2029 / Laurel Bank ★★★★★
laurelbankwines.com.au



2016 Toolangi Vineyards Yarra Valley Pinot Noir

MV6, hand-picked, destemmed, wild yeast open-fermented, matured for 10 months in French barriques (10% new). Light, clear red-purple; bright, fresh red fruits on the fragrant bouquet and palate alike; light to medium-bodied; has good length and mouthfeel. Excellent value. 13.8% alc.

RRP \$28 / 2029 / Toolangi Vineyards ★★★★★
toolangi.com



2015 Hirsch Hill Estate Yarra Valley Shiraz

Estate-grown. The aromas and flavours are from left-field, and not easy to do a forensic examination. Both the palate and bouquet have a savoury character with notes of earth, black olive, dark plum fruits and high-toned spices. Rolled into one stream, they are very attractive. I'm intrigued. 14% alc.

RRP \$20 / 2035 / Hirsch Hill Estate ★★★★★☆
hirschhill.com



2016 Chain of Ponds Novello Adelaide Cabernet Merlot

Destemmed, 8 days on skins, matured in French oak for 10 months. I can't fathom why this has such a low price. It's rich and supple, with layer upon layer of luscious cassis/Ribena fruit offset by a precisely judged framework of savoury herbal fruit and ripe tannins. Will go the distance many times over. 476 dozen made. 14% alc.

RRP \$16 / 2031 / Chain of Ponds ★★★★★
chainofponds.com.au