

## CellarHand Summer Style Guide

Here's a short guide to some of the most refreshing wines kicking round at CellarHand, to make sure this summer's as beautiful in your glass as it is in the vineyards. It features **sparkling wines, aromatic whites, rosés, light reds, magnums** and a **cocktail** option - all at pourable prices.



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## SPARKLING

### 2011 Punt Road Chardonnay Pinot Noir Yarra Valley RRP \$31

Traditional method sparkling wine made with 86% Chardonnay and 14% Pinot Noir grown on a couple of blocks of Punt Road's Napoleone vineyard in Coldstream. The team took a shorter free-run cut at the press to minimise phenolic extraction. A small portion was fermented in old French hogsheads before the blend spent four years in bottle on lees in a cool underground cellar. It shows flint, brioche, hazelnut kernel and a zing of lemon zest carried on a fine mousse and racy acidity make for a very classy Yarra sparkling.



### NV Piron Crémant de Bourgogne Beaujolais RRP \$37

Crémant de Bourgogne is a hit-and-miss appellation but can be a great bargain when you find something well made that taps into the impeccable Chardonnay potential of the region. This is 100% Chardonnay sourced from the village of Corcelles, from soils that are a mix of clay and limestone. The vines face north-northwest, ensuring slow ripening and good acid retention. Made in the traditional method over 12 months, the wine is given only a very light dosage at final bottling.

## AROMATIC WHITES

### 2014 Geoff Weaver Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills RRP \$28

Runner-up for the title of **James Halliday's** Australian Sauvignon Blanc of the Year. *Dry-grown 37yo vines give moderate yields at low pH levels; an aromatic, flowery bouquet leads into a crisp, juicy palate that continues to accelerate all the way through to the finish and aftertaste. Fastidious winemaking has thrown all the emphasis on varietal fruit. A master of his art. 96 points. James Halliday*

### 2015 S.C. Pannell Sauvignon Blanc Adelaide Hills RRP \$28

Sauvignon Blanc from the recently crowned **Gourmet Traveller WINE Australian Winemaker of the Year**.

*Smells very Australian to me. Smoky and not at all Marlborough. Big and boisterous and round with masses of guava fruit and extract. Pink cactus. Real beginning, middle and end. Proper wine – with lots of pink grapefruit. Quite a rich nose. Intense. 16.5/20 Jancis Robinson*



### 2013 Bründlmayer L+T Grüner Veltliner Kamptal RRP \$29

“Shows its class from the word go, a reflection of the ever-smiling, gentle personality of owner/winemaker Willi Bründlmayer,” wrote **James Halliday** recently of the entry-level Riesling from this Kamptal estate – a place that **Jancis Robinson** calls “a beacon for Austrian wine”. This crisp, approachable Grüner

oozes the same class, with its nose of fresh citrus, green apples, snap peas and rosewood leading into a palate of fresh, crisp, sappy fruit before hints of minerals and spice chime in on the finish.

**2014 Gunderloch Jean Baptiste Riesling Kabinett Rheinhessen RRP \$34**

Johannes Hasselbach of Gunderloch combines a lightness of touch with quiet confidence and sharp instincts, making wines that look oh-so-comfortable in their own skin. This is the fruity Rheinhessen white that almost beat the Mosel at its own game in this vintage, taking out third place in the Kabinett class of the Berlin Riesling Cup. It has gentle citrus fruit aromas, soft acidity, gentle sweetness and hints of spice and kernel.

**2015 Frankland Estate Riesling Frankland River RRP \$28**

“A wine that has now become so consistently great, it is a liquid tribute to the dedication of the Cullam family, to their vineyard and winemaking,” wrote Nick Stock of the 2014 release of Frankland Estate’s Isolation Ridge Riesling. This wine, a new addition to the range, continues that tradition and uses select blocks from Isolation Ridge and other estate vineyards.

*It has quite a bit of texture with its chalky mouthfeel, and also a fair amount of bathroom perfume and spicy peppery flavours. Lime, mouth perfume, slightly jagged, but shapely acidity, and a cranking savoury quinine laced finish. It has plenty of character. 91 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*

**2015 clos Clare Watervale Riesling Clare Valley RRP \$31**

*Touch of fenugreek-like stink, apple, sweet herbs, tangelo, peach and grapefruit. Big burst of flavour, juicy with grapefruit, but dry and gently chalky too. Has some citrus peel bitterness on the finish, almost like Chinotto, or similar. No shortage of personality. It’s a bit rugged, but very entertaining. 92 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*

**2013 A. Christmann Riesling Pfalz RRP \$38**

*Honey, green apple, almost a cool mint perfume, subtle toasty notes. Punches through the palate, but has a delicacy and a honeyed creaminess that’s so charming, and mitigates the firm stony acidity and crunch of lemon and green apple. Feels very much that it’s a wine that knows exactly what it’s about. Entry level, and so impressive! 93 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*

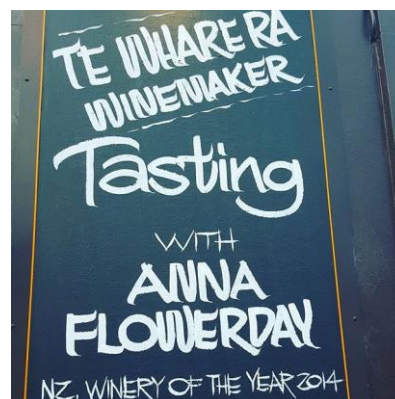
**2012 Dveri-Pax Furmint Slovenia RRP \$31**

Furmint grown among the sunny days and cool evenings of the Alpine foothills. The local name for the variety is šipon (“pronounce sheepon”), derived from the admiring exclamations of French soldiers who tasted it: “Mmm, c’est si bon!”. So good, indeed. The nose is typically discreet, featuring apples, pears and lemons. It’s in the mouth that most of the action takes place. It’s bone dry with good acid cut that cleans the palate beautifully. Light- to medium-bodied, it has full flavour intensity with orchard fruits and citrus zest lingering on a long, fresh finish.

**2014 Te Whare Ra Toru Marlborough RRP \$27**

Single-vineyard blend of Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris and Riesling from organically and biodynamically farmed vines.

*Set to the floral-and-fruity mode, but there’s more depth than that suggests with detail in lavender, frangipani flowers and a variety of citrus and green apple wafts too. There’s a slickness to texture, though from mid palate to the long finish there’s a building dry steel-like minerality that finishes the wine with a flinty tang. Very composed, very good. 93 points. Mike Bennie, The Wine Front NZ*



**2015 Onannon Pinot Gris Mornington Peninsula RRP \$31**

“You would have to go a long way to find three more open-hearted and utterly committed winemakers; the world is their oyster, their ambitions unlimited,” wrote **James Halliday** of the trio of mates who make up Onannon. Sam Middleton and Kaspar Hermann of Mount Mary and Will Byron of Stonier moonlight to make great cool-climate wines, built on highly acclaimed Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and with rosé and this gris joining the ranks this year.

They handpicked Pinot Gris grapes from the Mornington Peninsula and pressed them immediately into tank, settled them overnight and then racked to both tank and old barrels. A cool fermentation took place over two months during which the wine was stirred regularly to increase texture. After ferment the wine was kept cold to prevent malolactic fermentation. It was gently filtered and bottled in early July with minimal SO<sub>2</sub>.

**2014 Wairau River Pinot Gris Marlborough RRP \$25**

This is the reigning **Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio of the Year** in the **Winestate** awards. It's a single-vineyard gris from 25-year-old vines on Wairau River's Home Block, which produces wines of great texture and perfect palate weight. It is rich, floral and fleshy with mouth-filling stone fruit, pear and spice flavours.

**2014 Chalmers Greco Heathcote RRP \$28**

*This is the first stand-alone greco to be released under the Chalmers label. It's got a lot going for it. It's complex but refreshing and best of all, noticeably persistent. Briney, chalky, ripped with nectarine and grainy apple. It's rich and interesting. Its chalky texture gets the heart beating faster. It's a winner, no doubting it. 93 points. Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front October 2014*

**2014 La Spinetta Moscato d'Asti Biancospino Piedmont RRP \$39**

Italy's first single-vineyard Moscato d'Asti from the progressive traditionalists at La Spinetta, this has irresistibly fresh aromas on the nose - a hint of musk, pear and zesty tangerine. Peach, mandarin and a dab of honey shimmer on the gently sparkling palate. This wine is also available as a 375ml bottle (RRP \$27).

**ROSÉ**

**2015 Airlie Bank Rosé Yarra Valley RRP \$20**

*I do enjoy a rosé that's not too acidic and lays on the powdery textural stuff. This is that. Has a little funkiness, brine, subtle spice, fresh strawberry, maybe some rosy perfume. Feels smooth and fleshy, despite being a light bodied wine, with interesting flavours and texture, and maybe not the most convincing finish, but gee it makes you go back to the glass pretty quickly. Super to drink. Feels and tastes great. 91 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*



**2015 S.C. Pannell Rosé Adelaide Hills RRP \$26**

“In many ways he is a standard-bearer for what one might call the new style of fresher Australian wines,” wrote **Jancis Robinson** in a recent article devoted exclusively to Stephen Pannell, entitled “Wines to admire, and drink”. And freshness is something this rosé has in spades. Made from 44% Pinot Noir, 36% Syrah and 20% Pinot Meunier, it's a highly perfumed wine with aromas of cherries, red summer fruits and rose petals. The palate is juicy with flavours of red berries and Turkish delight, finishing dry, clean, and crisp.

## LIGHT REDS

### 2014 Delta Pinot Noir *Marlborough* RRP \$25

No wonder this is so popular; it's incredible value for a Pinot Noir of this calibre. The vineyard was planted to the best of Dijon clones in 2002. The elevation of the site, its low clay soil plus the Marlborough factor - warm days, cool nights, excellent quality of light and constant breeze - make this place ideal for producing top-notch Pinot.

### 2012 Charteris Pinot Noir *Central Otago* RRP \$41

Kiwi PJ Charteris is kind of a legend of Australian wine, what with being such a good bloke and spending so many years on the show scene. He's particularly dedicated to Riesling, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir – which sits well with us – and the love he feels for his country of birth is palpable in the wines he makes under his label. This Pinot, sourced from two vineyards, shows ripe raspberries, spiced plums and wild herbs on the nose along with cinnamon and nutmeg. Forest berries carry onto the palate with satsuma plums, spice and a gravelly tone. It has depth, drive and a silky texture.

### 2014 Montsecano Refugio Pinot Noir *Casablanca, Chile* RRP \$47

Alsatian biodynamic Wunderkind André Ostertag is part of a four-man Franco-Chilean alliance that puts this wine together from the cool Pacific-coast region of Casablanca. Ostertag and his friends produce their top Pinot Noir from their own vineyard, at the same time leasing 2 hectares of Pinot Noir from the Viollier family to produce this label. Refugio is located on smooth granitic slopes. They pick the fruit by hand, destem the grapes and ferment the musts with indigenous yeasts. The wines spend between 12 and 18 days on skins and are then aged in 16hl egg-shaped concrete vats for 12 to 18 months. Ostertag foregoes fining and filtering so as to preserve texture.

### 2013 Pittnauer Pitti *Burgenland* RRP \$25

*Blaufränkisch and Zweigelt. Altogether interesting and good to drink. It's spicy and a bit smoky, raspberry and blackcurrant, with a discreet almost choc-licorice sweetness and a smattering of dried herbs. Light to medium bodied with pleasant tinny acidity and gentle rasp of tannin. Kind of Barbera meets Pinot Noir in terms of weight and mashup of flavour, though very much its own thing. Some may find it a little wild and gamey, though I reckon' that's just more in-built complexity for a wine that's made to be guzzled young. 90 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*

### 2013 Heartland Dolcetto & Lagrein *Langhorne Creek* RRP \$21



\$1 from every bottle sold goes to the campaign for marriage equality in Australia. This is a cause the people at Heartland, and CellarHand, strongly believe in – and this is the wine to fly the flag. The grapes in the blend are a “forbidden marriage” under Italian DOC laws, you see.

*It's a jubey, juicy, pretty wine of ripe fruit, brisk, crisp acidity and, all-up a gluggable, fun-loving feel. There's a spice, ripe fruits, something bubblegummy and a twist of amaro-like sour sweet all going on. Something about these kinds of playful, against-the-grain blends from Australia that keeps on rewarding drinkers. 91 points. Mike Bennie, Wine Business Monthly*

**2014 Shadowfax Minnow Werribee RRP \$26**

*Blend of mataro, grenache, cinsaut and mondeuse noir, grown at the Werribee site. It's an interesting wine/style, fleshy, juicy, built on acid as much as on fruit, with sweet, sour, herbal and savoury strings all part of the bow. Balance is the great unifier. Persistence encourages further confidence. 92 points. James Halliday*

**2010 Pierre Amadieu Vinsobres Les Piallats Rhône Valley RRP \$31**

*Vivid and pure, with a gorgeous violet edge guiding the sleek core of linzer torte, blackberry pâte de fruit and plum sauce. Then the floral edge checks back, while a graphite spine emerges steadily through the finish. Drink now through 2016. 91 points. James Molesworth, Wine Spectator*

**MAGNUMS**

**2014 Domaine Paul Blanck Riesling Alsace MAGNUM RRP \$83**

This is also available in half bottles (RRP \$21) and regular 750ml (RRP \$31).

*A seriously lovely Alsace riesling, with all the expected flavour – and unexpected elegance and lightness of foot running alongside the synergistic fusion of fruit and acidity. There are none of the phenolic hoof prints of many young Alsace rieslings, instead hints of spiced pear and camomile. Bargain, and will glide through the next 20 years. Drink to 2034; 12.5% alc; screwcap. 94 points. James Halliday*



**2013 Domaine Louis Michel Chablis Chablis MAGNUM RRP \$93**

*Bold juicy flavours on offer here with sweet green apple, lemon barley, sea spray over shells, and a subtle floral note. Fresh faced but amply fruited, light chalky texture and a lemon rind tang to the finish, which offers satisfying length. Good typical Chablis takes some beating for sheer necking pleasure. 91 points. Gary Walsh, The Wine Front*

Please note that the magnum is all that remains of the 2013. However, we have the **2014 Domaine Louis Michel Chablis** in 750ml bottles at **RRP \$41** (half bottles **RRP \$27**).

**2013 Domaine Piron Morgon Côte du Py Beaujolais MAGNUM RRP \$89**

Standing on the top of the blue schist terroir that is Morgon Côte du Py on a wonderfully sunny but utterly freezing morning is something that will live long in the memory. Côte du Py has upwards of 100 growers sharing it, Piron being well placed with 7ha, all planted at 10,000 vines per ha. This 2013 has a savoury, earthy, meaty nose that also shows pure cherry, strawberry and spice. Really dense and concentrated, more so than the 2012 we shipped earlier, but still with that saline earthiness and finishing long and pure. This is also available in half bottles (RRP \$27) and regular 750ml (RRP \$41).

**2012 Bernhard Huber Malterdinger Pinot Noir Baden MAGNUM RRP \$136**

This is also available in half bottles (RRP \$35) and regular 750ml (RRP \$62).

*Good colour; Huber grows and makes pinot of world class; the bouquet is fragrant and very expressive, hinting at the cherry and plum fruit that has a juicy succulence as it rolls over the back-palate and into the finish and aftertaste. 95 points. James Halliday*

## COCKTAIL

### Contratto Aperitif (1000ml) *Piedmont* RRP \$45



A cracking option for spring cocktails. Contratto Aperitif is made from 100% natural flavours and colours. The original recipe dates back to 1935 and uses a traditional process of slow, cold maceration to create a complex and balanced aperitif based on a combination of Italian brandy and 28 delicately infused natural herbs, spices roots and seeds. These include: aloe, angelica, wormwood, safflower, cinchona, bitter orange, sweet orange, lemon and tangerine peel, hawthorn, cascarilla, cloves, cardamom, liquorice, juniper berries, mint, rhubarb, sage, nettle, ginger and many more besides. It has 13.5% alcohol and 250g/L sugar.

