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Our final Tasting Panel Newsletter for 2025 - so far you have thoroughly enjoyed all our expertly recommended wines and we hope you will love these last 12 recommendations for 2025. We kept our focus on all things spring and summer, whites, rose and sparkling wines. What really stood out to us and our panelists was the exceptional quality of wine across the board - "best tasting lineup all year" one panelist exclaimed! With lots of re-tasting of wines and debating going on we would love to present to you our top 12 recommendations. All wines are blind tasted and scored on colour, aroma, and flavour.

MON TOUT 2024 HEYDAYS CHARDONNAY

Tout le Chardonnay!

Hands down, the wine of the day! This is just a stellar rendition of a Pemberton Chardonnay with some new age flair. From the minds and skills at Burch Family Wines, this Chardonnay delivers power, complexity and drinkability. A pale gold Chardonnay with notes of citrus, quince, and peach. Bright and textural on the palate, with hints of pear, kiwi, and subtle spice. A touch of oak, and malo make a fine structure that delivers finesse and depth. This is fish and chips, and you have a winning spring & summer combo! Minimal sulphites added.



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CASTELLI ESTATE 2024 CHARDONNAY

Rich and wonderful!

The Great Southern & Pemberton areas seem to have benefited from a richness in 2024 that has made these wines exceptional - and Castelli really impressed our judges. Expressive aromas of white peach, grapefruit zest and florals, layered with roasted cashew, nougat and a hint of flint. The palate shows ripe nectarine and pear, creamy texture, bright freshness and a mineral-driven finish. Excellent on its own or with some seafood or light pasta.



SINGLEFILE 2024 GREAT SOUTHERN FIANO

Italian Job!

The increase in submissions of Italian varieties from WA continues to impress our judges, especially as they make their own mark on the style like Singlefile's Fiano. This wine showcases fresh lemon and orange flavours, lead with nashi pear, hints of melon and ginger spice. A soft, textured palate carries into a lingering finish of hazelnut and almond skin. Great with grilled prawns or creamy pasta with spring vegetables.



ALKOOMI 2025 FAMILY COLLECTION RIESLING

History in a bottle!

Alkoomi is one of the original WA wineries, and we are always so pleased with how they blend tradition with modernity, especially their Rieslings. This wine has lifted aromas of lime, lemongrass and subtle tea leaf create a fresh and aromatic nose. The palate is lively and bright, showing layers of mandarin zest and citrus tart, with a fine mineral line and crisp acidity, giving balance and length. Perfect with freshly shucked oysters, marinated olives, or a festive glazed ham.



KUMEU RIVER 2024 VILLAGE CHARDONNAY

Chur Chardonnay!

From our Trans-Tasman friends, comes a delicious little Kiwi Chardonnay. This wine opens with expressive aromas of yellow citrus and subtle crushed shell minerality. On the palate, it is sleek and finely textured, showcasing a core of lively acidity. The wine is complex yet composed, offering a harmonious balance between richness and freshness. It will reward some short-term cellaring!



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JUNIPER 2023 THREE FIELDS CHARDONNAY

Out of this World Good!

Juniper Estate 2023 Chardonnays are out of this world. Recently picking up triple trophies for their wines at the Perth Royal Show, we're glad to see their wine in the line-up. This is the entry-level Chardonnay that delivers like a premium one. Delicate scents of white nectarine, zesty citrus, sea spray, and grilled nuts. Flavours unfold with lime, melon, grapefruit, alongside subtle hints of nougat and lemon butter. Bright, juicy acidity and fine texture carry through to an excellent, lingering finish.



CHARLES MELTON 2024 ROSE OF VIRGINIA ROSÉ

La vie en Rosé!

This is a unique style of rosé that almost drinks like an extremely light red, but is considered by us as an extremely compelling rosé. The expressive Grenache character weaves through hints of fennel, pomegranate and elderflower. Supple and rounded, showing generous fruit depth balanced by bright freshness. Textural and refined, it makes a versatile companion to food and is best enjoyed lightly chilled.



JOSEF CHROMY SPARKLING NV

Phenomenal Fizz!

Tasmanian sparkling has, in some cases, exceeded some of the great sparkling-producing areas of the world, from both a price and quality perspective. This wine from Josef Chromy really impressed us and we thought it was priced well above what it is in reality. The wine opens with bright notes of green apple, citrus and white peach, underpinned by subtle hints of brioche and biscuit from time on lees. Lively and refined, it carries pure orchard fruit flavours balanced by refreshing acidity and a gentle, creamy texture.



SMALL WONDER 2024 LANDSCAPE ROSÉ

Wonderful Rosé!

This rosé comes from a new winery we've recently started stocking (Chardonnay and Pinots) so we were delighted to unmask it in the lineup. This wine bursts with juicy red and stone fruits, accented by subtle citrus notes. Its crisp acidity gives it a refreshing lift, while a clean, polished finish makes it perfect alongside seafood, fresh salads, or delicate desserts. Great value and quality.



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FERMOY 2024 CHARDONNAY

W.A. Classic!

Fermoy never fails when it comes to classic Margaret River style wines, and even though we knew this was a Margaret River Chardonnay from its profile, the vintage and price point really surprised us. Elegant and layered, it offers fresh stone and citrus fruits complemented by a touch of briny minerality and succulent acidity. It is an excellent match for seafood, poultry, or creamy dishes, and is best enjoyed lightly chilled.



HÃ HÃ 2024 MARLBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC

Savvy B!

Sauvignon Blanc is always an extremely hard bracket to judge, but when we find one that delivers, we find one. This NZ Sauvignon Blanc presents vibrant notes of passionfruit, lime zest, and fresh herbs, with a hint of jalapeño adding complexity. The wine is dry and crisp, offering a harmonious blend of citrus fruits and tropical notes, complemented by a subtle minerality. Great on its own, even better with light dishes.



"M" BY MANDALA BRUT NV

Great bubbles!

The Yarra Valley produces some of Australia's best Chardonnay and Pinot, so why shouldn't it produce great sparkling? Well it does and here's a belter. This sparkling wine from the Yarra Valley is a harmonious blend of 70% Chardonnay and 30% Pinot Noir. It delivers clean, crisp flavours of stonefruit and melon, with delicate biscuity notes and a touch of herbaceousness. Perfect for parties or to enjoy with that someone special!



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