

Koppamurra NEWS

Christmas 2022

The Great Canberra International Riesling Challenge... TA DAA

380 Rieslings from all over!

Austria

OZ (mostly)

France

NZ

Germany

USA

Lots of different classes:
dry, semi-dry, sweet, botrytis
2022, '21, '20, '19, '18.



The biggest class of all:
Class 1, 2022, dry.

144 entries

27% rated 'excellent'
or better – a very high
standard, you'll agree.

including
Koppamurra

YAY!

A FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE: the International Riesling Challenge has resumed again after a Covid gap of a couple of years; a very specialised, very prestigious, closely monitored and expertly judged competition. Its award system is different to most of the wine shows in that it doesn't use Gold, Silver, Bronze, but the rating 'Excellent' 94 points here is equivalent to Gold in any other show.

Winemaker Damian, who deserves all the credit, is delighted. So are we.

(www.rieslingchallenge.com if you want to look up lots more detail)

It's interesting to note that Clare and Eden Valley provide about half the Australian Rieslings – probably due to the original German influence. Speaking of which, the international entrants are there, but their numbers are yet to pick up again post-Covid.

MELBOURNE, SYDNEY: Back again after the Covid gap, we are very happy to say. More on the back page.

THE VINTAGE COMING UP: Probably a good one for SA. Probably a horrible one for eastern Oz – at the time of writing this much of it is under water and still being rained on.

new wines - released this year

NEW 2022 Riesling
Watervale,
Clare Valley

Well! See above! The Riesling Challenge judges can say it for us. From our new source vineyard – another classy wine from the classic Riesling region. The gratifying number of awards for our Rieslings just confirms their consistent quality.



NEW 2021 Grenache
McLaren Vale

Third in the great series from winemaker Damien's own vineyard in the region establishing itself as great terroir for Grenache. The lighter McLaren Vale style – depth and elegant finish – will develop with careful cellaring.



NEW 2021 Pinot Gris
Adelaide Hills

One of those easy-drinking whites, kind of midway between Riesling and Chardonnay, where you sit down with friends and polish off a couple of bottles before you notice. Good reason for having a stock on hand. A worthy successor to the 2020.

NEW 2022 Rosé
McLaren Vale

Pale, dry, fragrant – a wig from the glass in your hand and you could be transported to Provence. However just as good if it transports you to a shady veranda in McLaren Vale at one fifth the price.



wines

whites

NEW **2022 Riesling**
Clare Valley, Watervale
🏆 **EXCELLENT**
2022 Int'l Riesling Challenge
🏆 **BRONZE**
2022 Small Winemakers Nat'l
See the front page.

2021 Riesling
Clare Valley, Watervale

🏆 **SILVER** 2021 Small Winemakers Nat'l
There was NO 2020 Riesling for us and many others – that summer's drought wiped it out. To complicate things, the Honeys sold their beautiful vineyard and we lost them as our Riesling source. BUT we now have a new source vineyard in much the same area and we are very happy to have an excellent Riesling from their grapes. Smoothing out as it ages.

reds

2020 Touriga Nacional
Barossa Valley

🏆 **GOLD** 2022 Small Winemakers Nat'l
🏆 **BRONZE** 2022 WineWise National
WineWise: 'the typical floral perfume leads into a delightfully silky palate balanced by very fine tannins. Deliciously drinkable.' ★★★★★
We are now one of the very few Oz winemakers making a straight Touriga N and think it a great addition to our wine list. A red grape, historically used in Portugal and Australia in fortified wine – i.e. Port – almost always blended. Also as part of a blend in a number of Oz table wines. A must for the seeker of 'new' varieties. AND a gold medal – how can you go past it?

2012 Joanna Shiraz
Wrattenbully

🏆 **SILVER** 2014 WineWise National
🏆 **SILVER** 2014 Small Winemakers Nat'l
🏆 **BRONZE** 2015 Royal Sydney
🏆 **BRONZE** 2014 Royal Adelaide
🏆 **BRONZE** 2014 Royal Melbourne
Not a bad medal list, you'll agree. Its predecessor, the 2008 Joanna Shiraz, aged wonderfully well and this one has done just as well.

2020 Torresan Block Shiraz
McLaren Vale

🏆 **SILVER** 2022 WineWise National
🏆 **BRONZE** 2021 Royal Melbourne
The first Shiraz from winemaker Damian's own small grape farm. Summer drought, small berries, intense fruit flavours. French and American oak barrel maturation. A 'new wave' complex and elegant Shiraz that rivals and will be a good replacement for the 'Ramsay Black' which is now almost gone. 10 years with good cellaring.

2019 Riesling
Clare Valley, Watervale

From our previous grape supplier, the Honeys, whose immaculate vineyard provided us for ten years with grapes for medal-winning Rieslings. It was a difficult Clare season, but still a terrific Riesling. Now you have a chance to buy this and the 2021 and compare.

NEW **2021 Pinot Gris**
Adelaide Hills
See the front page.

Now Sold Out:

- 2011 Ramsay Black Shiraz
- 2017 Riesling
- 2020 Pinot Gris
- 2017 Reserve Shiraz...
(but do not fret, another, the 2021 released next year.)



2013 Cabernet Sauv Barrel Selection
Wrattenbully

🏆 **BRONZE** 2015 WineWise National
From Mosquito Creek vineyard – the best of the barrels selected for bottling. Full-bodied, intense flavours. Remember that Cab Sauv is more tannic early, but will last and last, improving all the way – 10 years + with good cellaring.

2018 GSM
McLaren Vale

🏆 **BRONZE** 2019 Small Winemakers Nat'l
🏆 **BRONZE** 2019 WineWise National
[Grenache 41%, Shiraz 41%, Mourvèdre 18%]
An excellent follow-up to the gold medal 2017 GSM. Like Grenache, GSM has become a McLaren Vale signature wine. Very drinkable now, only getting better with bottle age and cool cellaring. Grapes from old bush vines – classic!



2016 Pinot Noir
Adelaide Hills

🏆 **SILVER** 2019 Small Winemakers Nat'l
🏆 **BRONZE** 2019 WineWise National
The Hills have proved to be a great source for both our Pinots – Noir and Gris. A difficult grape to grow, a difficult wine to make. But we think we are doing it well. A robust wine with lots of Pinot character – very much the style of Pinot coming from the Hills and making their reputation as a premier region for the wine.

pink

NEW **2022 Rosé**
McLaren Vale
[Grenache 100%]
See the front page.

2021 Rosé
McLaren Vale

[Grenache 100%]
Pale, pale, pale and of an extreme elegance. Unsurpassed as a summer drink (but no reason not to drink at other seasons). Light, smooth, subtle flavours with a tiny bit of bite at the finish which some say is the mark of a classy Rosé. From Grenache grapes.

2019 Rosé
McLaren Vale

[Grenache 85%, Shiraz 15%]
Dry, a kind of dusky pink – Reubens? Veronese? – much in the style of our 2017 and 2018.

NEW **2021 Grenache**
McLaren Vale

🏆 **SILVER**
2022 WineWise National
🏆 **BRONZE**
2022 Royal Adelaide
See the front page.

2020 Grenache
McLaren Vale

🏆 **SILVER** 2021 Small Winemakers Nat'l
The second Grenache from the Damian grape farm. Not to be missed – looks every bit as good as the 2 times Gold Medal 2019. Very much in the new lighter McLaren Vale style – and Grenache is becoming a signature wine for the Vale.

2019 Grenache
McLaren Vale

🏆 **GOLD** 2020 WineWise National
🏆 **GOLD** 2019 Small Winemakers Nat'l
🏆 **BRONZE** 2019 Royal Melbourne
🏆 **BRONZE** 2019 WineWise National

...and from winemaker Damian's own small vineyard! This is a terrific wine and not to be missed – the Melbourne judges said '...lovely lifted florals, medium intensity and tannins, good colour with fragrant spicy red fruits...youthful bright and juicy and very fresh'. Very much in the new McLaren Vale style. Lightly oaked. TWO GOLD MEDALS – don't miss it.



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Christmas 2022

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whites + pinks

NEW

2022 Riesling Clare Valley, Watervale **GOLD BRONZE** \$250.00/doz \$130.00/half doz \$22.00/bottle

2021 Riesling Clare Valley, Watervale **SILVER** \$220.00/doz \$115.00/half doz \$19.50/bottle

2019 Riesling Clare Valley, Watervale **BRONZE x2 SPECIAL** \$150.00/doz \$90.00/half doz \$16.00/bottle

NEW

2021 Pinot Gris Adelaide Hills \$200.00/doz \$105.00/half doz \$18.00/bottle

NEW

2022 Rosé McLaren Vale \$180.00/doz \$90.00/half doz \$16.00/bottle

2021 Rosé McLaren Vale \$180.00/doz \$90.00/half doz \$16.00/bottle

2019 Rosé McLaren Vale **SPECIAL** \$100.00/doz \$65.00/half doz \$12.00/bottle

reds

2020 Torresan Block Shiraz McLaren Vale **SILVER BRONZE** \$500.00/doz \$260.00/half doz \$45.00/bottle

2012 Joanna Shiraz Wrattenbully **SILVER x2 BRONZE x3** \$400.00/doz \$200.00/half doz \$35.00/bottle

NEW

2021 Grenache McLaren Vale **SILVER BRONZE** \$340.00/doz \$170.00/half doz \$30.00/bottle

2020 Grenache McLaren Vale **SILVER** \$340.00/doz \$170.00/half doz \$30.00/bottle

2019 Grenache McLaren Vale **GOLD x2 BRONZE x2** \$340.00/doz \$170.00/half doz \$30.00/bottle

2016 Pinot Noir Adelaide Hills **SILVER BRONZE** \$320.00/doz \$165.00/half doz \$28.00/bottle

2020 Touriga Nacional Barossa Valley **GOLD BRONZE** \$320.00/doz \$165.00/half doz \$28.00/bottle

2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Barrel Selection **BRONZE** \$280.00/doz \$145.00/half doz \$25.00/bottle

2018 GSM McLaren Vale **BRONZE x2** \$220.00/doz \$115.00/half doz \$19.50/bottle

christmas specials

3x Premium Reds \$90.00/3 btls
1x 2020 Torresan Block Shiraz, 1x 2012 Joanna Shiraz, 1x 2013 Cab Sauv B/S

5x Reds + 1x Pink \$100.00/half doz
1x 2020 + 2019 Grenache, 2x 2018 GSM, 1x 2013 Cab Sauv B/S, 1x 2022 Rosé

6x Whites \$85.00/half doz
1x 2021 Pinot Gris, 1x 2022 Riesling, 2x 2021 Riesling, 2x 2019 Riesling

MIXED DOZEN Your Choice Please mark above, per bottle rates apply. Minimum Order is 1 Carton. All wine prices include GST and WET.

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2023 wines events

To all our friends and Koppamurra fans in Sydney and Melbourne

It was excellent to catch up again* after those years in the Covid wilderness, even though not with as many of you as pre-Covid. You all seemed quite pleased to see us which is always encouraging. And...it's a start.

[*back at our old sampling grounds: Sydney – Pyrmont Bridge Hotel – Friday evening in September. Melbourne – Pullman Mercure Albert Park – Friday evening in October.]

We now feel heartened and encouraged to go ahead with plans for 2023, which are as follows:

Sydney Friday March 24, 6:00 to 9:00pm
Pyrmont Bridge Hotel 96 Union Street, Pyrmont

Melbourne Sunday March 5, 2:00 to 5:30pm
Pullman & Mercure Hotel 65 Queens Road, Albert Park

Canberra no date fixed yet

Adelaide But of course the Adelaide Sunday Lunches have been quietly going along in their own restrained way and will be quietly going along next year, starting February. On the sunny Sundays, max 25 outside under the plane trees; on the not sunny and possibly quite wet Sundays, max 12 inside. OK so summer and the sunnier weeks in autumn, outside; winter, inside.

34 Unley Road, Unley, 12:30 to 5:00pm

Bookings are essential. Phone Dean or Di at 8357 9533 or sales@koppamurra.com

FOOD AND TASTING WINE IS *free free free!*



Christmas Specials

Surprise a friend, suck up to your boss or simply send someone a present...

3x Premium Reds

1x 2020 Torresan Block Shiraz
1x 2012 Joanna Shiraz
1x 2013 Cab Sauv B/S

\$90 3-pack (save \$15*)

5x Reds + 1x Pink

1x 2020 Grenache
1x 2019 Grenache
2x 2018 GSM
1x 2013 Cab Sauv B/S
1x 2022 Rosé

\$100 case \$15/btl (save \$40*)

6x Whites

1x 2021 Pinot Gris
1x 2022 Riesling
2x 2021 Riesling
2x 2019 Riesling

\$85 case \$12.50/btl (save \$32*)

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Sydney \$17 Brisbane \$22

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