











TERROIR-BY-THE-GLASS

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THE IDEA OF TERROIR ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN JUST SOIL TYPE, CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHY, VEGETATION & VARIETAL CHOICE. IT INCORPORATES THE HAND OF MAN, LOCAL HISTORY, CULTURAL TRENDS, CULINARY TRADITIONS & SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

NEW-WAVE AUSSIE

	STEM	GLASS	BOTTLE
SPARKLING RIESLING - MOORILLA - "PRAXIS" - TAMAR VALLEY - TASMANIA - 2023 [KEY LIME, LEMON MERINGUE, GREEN PAPAYA, NASTURTIUM, TARRAGON, PETROL, WET ROCK, HIGH ACID] THIS RIESLING COMES FROM A SINGLE VINEYARD CALLED ST. MATTHIAS, LOCATED WITHIN THE MOST IMPORTANT REGION IN TASMANIA, TAMAR VALLEY. SOILS ARE ANCIENT VOLCANIC, UNDER NEWER CLAY AND GRANITE TOPSOIL. YIELDS ARE VERY LOW AND SLOPES ARE EAST FACING, KEEPING VINES COOL.		24	96
ITALIAN FIELD BLEND - CHALMERS - "MONTEVECCHIO" - HEATHCOTE - VICTORIA - 2021 [LEMON ZEST, NECTARINE, HONESYCRISP APPLE, FRESH HERBS, WET ROCK, JASMINE, SORREL, MED+ ACID] CHALMERS IS A WINE PRODUCER AS WELL AS A SUSTAINABLE GRAPE NURSERY FOCUSING ON ITALIAN VARIETALS IN VICTORIA. THIS BOTTLING INCORPORATES RIBOLLA GIALLA, VERMENTINO, FALANGHINA, PECORINO, MOSCATO GIALLO, & ANSONICA. WHOLE-CLUSTER PRESSED IN STAINLESS STEEL. WILD YEAST FERMENT. SIX MONTHS ON LEES.		15	60
GRENACHE BLANC - THISTLEDOWN - "GORGEIOUS" - RIVERLAND - 2023 [LIME PITH, GRANNY APPLE, WHITE FIG, GREEN ALMOND, MARGERUM, LEMONGRASS, THYME, MED+ ACID] THISTLEDOWN WAS FOUNDED BY TWO MASTERS OF WINE WHO WANTED TO SEE GRENACHE DISPLAYED AS IT SHOULD BE, RATHER THAN AS THE OVER-EXTRACTED AND OAKED VERSION THAT HAD BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH AUSTRALIA. COMPARATIVELY, GRENACHE BLANC IS EXCEEDINLY RARE. THEY'VE HELPED TO CULTIVATE AND BRING ATTENTION TO IT.		14	56
RED SEMILLON (ROSÉ) - YETTI & THE KOKONUT - "PROJECT" - ADELAIDE - 2021 [BLOOD ORANGE, TANGERINE SKIN, DRIED QUINCE, CHINESE FIVE SPICE, GINGER, BIRCH BARK TEA, MED ACID] POSSIBLY THE DE FACTO LEADER IN NEW-WAVE EXPERIMENTATION IN AUSTRALIA, YETTI & THE KOKONUT ARE CONSTANLY PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE. SEMILLON HAS SKIN COLOR; SO, WHEN YOU LEAVE IT ON THE SKINS FOR 250 DAYS, YOU GET RED SEMILLON. IT'S KINDA ORANGE, KINDA ROSE.		20	80
CHILLED RED - DELINQUENTE - "ROXANNE THE RAZOR" - RIVERLAND - 2024 [POMEGRANATE, CRANBERRY FLESH, CHERRY PIT, SARPARRILLA, PINK PEPPERCORN, HIBISCUS, LOW TANNIN] DELINQUENTE IS A PRODUCER DEDICATED TO SMALL-BATCH, LOW-INTERVENTION WINES MADE FROM SOUTH ITALIAN GRAPE VARIETALS. THE ROXANNE IS MADE FROM NEGROAMARO & NERO D'AVOLA. BOTH WERE PICKED & WILD-FERMENTED SEPARATELY IN STAINLESS STEEL. THEY WERE BLENDED JUST BEFORE BOTTLING.		18	72
GAMAY - WORLDS APART - "BLUE EYES" - ADELAIDE HILLS - 2024 [BING CHERRY, RASPBERRY, UNDERRIPE BLUEBERRY, LAVENDER, BAY LEAF, OLD WOOD, ASH, MED- TANNIN] THIS IS THE WINE THAT MADE ME WANT TO DO THIS MENU. JUST SO PERFECT & BALANCED. "BLUE EYES" IS TAKEN FROM A SINGLE VINEYARD CALLED SAM'S EUREKA, WHICH IS BASED OVER AN OLD GOLD MINE WITH LOTS OF QUARTZ. 100% WHOLE-CLUSTER. SPONTANEOUS FERMENTATION. NEUTRAL OAK FOR EIGHT MONTHS.		25	100
PINOT MEUNIER/NOIR - STARGAZER - "RADA" - COAL RIVER - TASMANIA - 2022 [SPICED CHERRY, BAKED STRAWBERRY, RHUBARB, CURED MEAT, CINNAMON, AUTUMN LEAF, MED TANNIN] LOCATED IN THE TEA TREE SUBREGION AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE COAL RIVER VALLEY, THE ORIGINAL 1HA VINEYARD ON BACK TEA TREE ROAD WAS PLANTED IN 2004. THIS BOTTLING IS ABOUT EQUAL PARTS PINOT MEUNIER AND PINOT NOIR. 20% WHOLE CLUSTER. SIX MONTHS IN OLD FRENCH OAK PUNCHEONS.		26	104
MENCIA - SOMOS WINE - "THE IBERIAN LYNX" - ADELAIDE HILLS - 2021 [BLACK CHERRY, ROME APPLE SKIN, RED PLUM, FRESH MEAT, ROSE PETAL, BRONZE FENNEL, MED TANNIN] WINEMAKER MAURICIO RUIZ CANTÚ ORIGINALLY HAILS FROM MEXICO, WHERE HE LEARNED WINEMAKING & WAS TOLD TO MOVE TO AUSTRALIA IF HE REALLY WANTED TO RAISE THE BAR. THIS MENCIA IS TAKEN FROM A DRY-FARMED SINGLE VINEYARD. HAND-PICKED. SEMI WHOLE-CLUSTER FERMENT. NEUTRAL OAK FOR ONE YEAR.		22	88
SHIRAZ - REED WINES - "KNIFE'S EDGE" - GRAMPIANS - VICTORIA - 2021 [DRIED CHERRY, ROASTED STRAWBERRY, ROSEMARY, SAGE, SMOKED LAMB, PEPPERCORN, OLIVE, MED+ TANNIN] ENOUGH CANNOT BE SAID ABOUT OWNER & WINEMAKER SIERRA REED. SHE IS AN ABSOLUTE MONSTER-BADASS. HER RESUME IS INCREDIBLE! IT SHOWS IN HER WINES, AND IN HER RELENTLESS REFUSAL TO FOLLOW ANYTHING BESIDES HER CRYSTALLINE VISION. THIS TASTES NOTHING LIKE TRADITIONAL AUSSIE SHIRAZ. IT IS PURE COTE-ROTIE.		24	96
TOURIGA NACIONAL/CAB - UNICO ZELO - "DELTA BLUE" - LANGHORNE CREEK - 2022 [BRAMBLEBERRY, BLACK CURRANT, BAKED PLUM, POTTING SOIL, GRILLED MEAT, CRUSHED VIOLET, MED+ TANNIN] IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH UNICO ZELO AT THIS POINT, YOU SHOULD BE. I USE THEM FOR A LOT AND I LOVE THEM. THEY MAKE VINES FROM ABANDONED VINEYARDS THAT THEY'VE REVITALIZED. AND THEIR AIM IS TO PRODUCE WINE TO PAIR WITH ASIAN CUISINE, AS IT IS THE MOST CONSUMED FOOD TYPE IN AUSSIE.		18	72



A TASTE OF TERROIR 100 EXPERIENCE MAXIMUM TERROIR EXPOSURE WITH A FLIGHT OF ALL TEN NEW-WAVE AUSSIE WINES

THERE WAS A TIME IN WHICH AUSTRALIAN WINE WAS READILY SOUGHT & HIGHLY REVERED IN THE STATES. PRODUCERS LIKE PENFOLDS, CLARENDON, HENSCHKE, D'ARENBERG, TORBRECK, TYRRELL, & HARDYS WERE OCCULT. THESE WINES FOUND THEIR WAY INTO EVERY COLLECTOR'S CELLAR IN THE WORLD. THE STYLE WAS MARKED BY HIGH EXTRACTION, HUGE BODIES, LUSH FRUITS, BOMBASTIC STRUCTURE, & A LOT OF OAK. OTHER PRODUCERS FOLLOWED SUIT, & AUSTRALIA BECAME THE LAND OF ROBERT PARKER & BIG WINES. AS THE MID-1980S ROLLED AROUND & U.S. PALATES BECAME MORE EXPERIENCED, THIS STYLE STARTED TO FALL OUT OF FAVOR. AUSSIE WINES DROPPED OUT OF MARKET. PEOPLE WANTED TO DRINK WINE, NOT EAT IT, & SO PEOPLE STOPPED BUYING. THEN...AUSTRALIA REINVENTED ITSELF. NEW-WAVE PRODUCERS STARTED MAKING TRULY ENJOYABLE WINE. THEY BECAME INNOVATORS. SOMEHOW THE U.S. HASN'T NOTICED YET. WELL, THESE ARE THOSE WINES. ENJOY!