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Vintage Report
2020

The pick of the crop from over 10,000 tasted
includes: best of styles, new releases & regional reviews of 2020

sparkling / champagne

sparkling under \$25

Robinvale Wines North West Victoria Sparkling Chardonnay Kerner NV ****

Tomich Sparkling M Adelaide Hills Chardonnay Pinot Noir NV ****

La Boheme Yarra Valley Cuvée Blanc NV ****

non-vintage sparkling \$25-\$40

Sheerwater Tasmania Cuvée NV ****

Grounded Cru Cru Adelaide Hills Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay NV ****

Petaluma Croser Adelaide Hills Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay NV ****

Blok Coonawarra Single Vineyard Coonawarra Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay NV ****



Centennial Vineyards Southern Highlands NSW Brut Traditionelle NV ****
A tightly focussed, elegant wine. Powerful yeasty characters on the nose with a toasty complexity on the palate. \$35

vintage sparkling \$25-\$40

Firetail (54 Months On Lees) Margaret River Sparkling Chardonnay 2015 ****1/2

Coldstream Hills Yarra Valley Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2015 ****1/2

Taltarni Pyrenees Brut 2015 ****

sparkling red

Shingleback Black Bubbles McLaren Vale Sparkling Shiraz NV ****

Foxey's Hangout Mornington Peninsula Sparkling Shiraz 2017 ****

sparkling \$40+



Highland Heritage Estate Patrono Orange Cuvée Brut 2017 ****
A big, bold, vibrant and lively sparkling with interesting gingerbread-like characters on the nose and a baked lemon tart-like palate wrapped up in some lovely acid. \$55

Hollydene Estate JUUL Mornington Peninsula Sparkling Blanc de Blancs 2008 ****

House Of Arras Brut Elite Tasmania Cuvée NV ****1/2

Hamelin Bay Wines Margaret River Sparkling Brut 2017 ****1/2

Velvet & Willow Tasmania Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2015 ****1/2

Singlefile Limited Release Denmark Sparkling Pinot Chardonnay 2011 ****1/2

Centennial Vineyards Southern Highlands NSW Blanc de Noirs NV ****

Centennial Vineyards Late Disgorged Southern Highlands NSW Brut NV ****

Goldman Wines Joan Alpine Valleys Blanc de Blancs 2017 ****

Streicker Margaret River Blanc de Blancs 2016 ****

Yes Said The Seal Reserve Bellarine Peninsula Blanc de Noir 2011 ****

champagne under \$100

Achille Princier Grande Reserve Champagne NV ****1/2

Pierre Gimonnet & Fils Cuis 1er Cru Brut Champagne Blanc de Blancs NV ****1/2

Pol Roger Reserve Champagne Brut NV ****1/2

champagne \$100+

Jeeper Premier Cru Champagne Brut NV ****

Pierre Gimonnet & Fils Grand Terroirs de Chardonnay Champagne 2012 ****

Pol Roger Champagne Brut 2012 ****

Pol Roger Champagne Blanc de Blancs 2012 ****

Jeeper Grand Assemblage Champagne Brut NV ****1/2

Jeeper Grande Reserve Champagne Brut NV ****1/2

Jeeper Extra Brut Naturelle Champagne Brut NV ****1/2

Pierre Gimonnet & Fils Fleuron 1er Cru Champagne Blanc de Blancs 2008 ****1/2

Pol Roger Sir Winston Churchill Champagne Cuvée 2008 ****1/2

pinot gris / pinot grigio

pinot gris / grigio under \$20

Nature's Step South Australia Pinot Grigio 2019 ****1/2

Babydoll Marlborough Pinot Gris 2020 ****

pinot gris / grigio \$15-\$20

Arm's Length Wine Co. The Mix Tape South Australia Pinot Gris 2018 ****1/2

pinot gris / grigio \$20-\$25



Loveblock Marlborough Pinot Gris 2019 ****
A bright and very varietally expressive pinot gris with piercing gooseberry-like aromatics and a crunchy white fruit flavour profile with delicate citrusy notes. \$21.99 NZ (BioGro NZ)

Tamburlaine Organic On The Grapevines Orange Pinot Gris 2020 ****1/2