



ALLIANCE WINE







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Hand-crafted, individual, real wines

Ever since we met over a beer, the night before the Master of Wine course began, we have talked and dreamed of making wine together. Many years later, obstacles overcome and many thousands of miles travelled, we are proud of our portfolio of highly individual, hand-crafted wines. Rest assured, our unending curiosity and love for all things wine related inspire us to keep going that extra mile.


Giles Cooke MW


Fergal Tynan MW



A restless curiosity for all things vinous, combined with a passion for intelligently made wines that are imbued with personality, quality and humour forms the bedrock on which Alliance's winemaking projects are built.

We enjoy working in countries where our extensive global knowledge of wine can be married seamlessly with local wisdom. It's a marriage borne of respect but also of a desire to make each better.

Whether it's seeking out like-minded growers and innovative winemaking partners, we leave no stone unturned in order to craft inspirational wines that are proven market leaders in terms of value and style.

Our background in the UK provides us with an intensely competitive market on which to test new wines. Moreover, our experience of supplying fine wines to the restaurant and hotel sector informs our winemaking style and ensures that our wines are measured not only by critical acclaim but by the need to work in a commercial environment.

THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



Ever since fellow Scots, James Busby and John MacArthur founded the Australian wine industry in the early 19th century, the relationship between Scotland and Australia has been an enduring one. Guardians of this long history, Thistledown Wine Co continues the tradition of Scottish ingenuity and great Australian wine.

From our base in the idyllic Adelaide Hills, we work with pristine fruit sourced from iconic vineyard sites. Giles Cooke MW and Fergal Tynan MW hand-make small-batch wines that perfectly illustrate the benefits of great sites and intelligent winemaking.

This unique blend of superb fruit sources and experience in both the New and the Old Worlds helps craft wine of subtle energy, texture and detail – wines perfectly suited to complement rather than overwhelm fine food.

WINERY TO WATCH
Wines & Spirits Magazine, USA



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CHARDONNAY

ADELAIDE HILLS

2015 saw the release of Thistledown's destination Chardonnay. Grown in the cooler Adelaide Hills region of South Australia, the focus is on site selection and then individual barrel selection to craft our ultimate expression of the king of white grapes.

Hand picking, whole bunch pressing and natural fermentations in barrel enhance the pristine quality of the fruit while the selection in barrel allows us to pick out only those barrels that show the energy, nerve and complexity of which great Chardonnay is capable.

Ultimately, this is a very individual expression of Chardonnay - one that perfectly demonstrates Thistledown's commitment to complex, finely balanced wines that enhance great food and memorable occasions.

2017/18 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

2018 - 92+ pts The Wine Front

White peach, lemon, cinnamon, vanilla and almond. Light to medium-bodied, white fleshed fruits, cool acidity and dusty texture, has a slightly peppery edge too, nutty savoury flavours and a delicate finish, with a little chalk and lemon rind to close. It's elegant almost to the point of being neutral, though it does speak of modern Hills Chardonnay; sotto voce.

2017 - 95 pts James Halliday

Hand-picked from a single vineyard, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented in both barrel and a concrete egg, extended lees maturation before a strict barrel selection. A worthy wine, introducing complexity without diminishing the stone fruit and grapefruit varietal expression.



DESTINATION WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Where Eagles Dare

MATTSCHOSS VINEYARD SHIRAZ

EDEN VALLEY | BAROSSA

Only the bravest and the most visionary choose to fly where eagles dare...

Perched high up above the Barossa, the Eden Valley can be a precarious but hugely rewarding place in which to grow grapes. This single vineyard, at 550m above sea level is hauntingly beautiful. Home to the majestic wedgetail eagle, the soils composed of pink quartz and ironstone provide a formidable substrate in which the vines take a tenuous hold.

Tiny yields, hand-picked, wild fermented in a single concrete egg before maturation in tight grain French oak for 12 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered for maximum expression

Inaugural vintage takes flight June 2020



SINGLE SITE WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Bachelor's Block

EBENEZER SHIRAZ

BAROSSA VALLEY

The first "single site" release and a wine that sets the benchmark for contemporary fine wine from the Barossa. Produced from hand-picked fruit in a defined part of one single block in the revered Ebenezer sub-region. Bachelor's Block effortlessly blends precise picking times, whole bunch natural fermentations, gentle vinification with extended time in fine French hogsheads to yield a wine of taut power, finesse and savoury freshness.

2017/18 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

2018 - 95 pts

The Wine Advocate

Grown by Andy Kalleske, the 2018 Bachelor's Block Ebenezer Shiraz is textbook Barossa Valley Shiraz, with bold notes of purple raspberries and mint but also ample weight and concentration on the full-bodied palate, creamy, supple tannins and a rich, velvety and mouthwatering finish. Made with one-third whole clusters and matured in one-third new oak, neither shows much on the surface, but both impart extra dimension to this multifaceted wine. It should drink well for at least a decade.

2017 - 96 pts & Great Value

James Halliday

Hand-picked, wild-fermented with 40% whole bunches, 60% whole berries, 5 days on skins, matured for 18 months in French hogsheads (50% new). A very complex, yet complete, medium to full-bodied shiraz with abundant plum and blackberry fruit threaded with ribbons of spice and positive tannins.



SINGLE SITE WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

This Charming Man

OLD VINE GRENACHE

CLARENDON | MCLAREN VALE

On a beautiful hillside in the Clarendon sub-region of McLaren Vale, three generations of the Smart family have devoted their lives to Grenache. Decades have passed where precious few valued their crop and yet they endured. That this remarkable vineyard has sustained is down to one man, Bernard Smart and this wine pays homage to this charming man.

A remarkable site that has vines of 100 years old. The entire site, planted high in the picturesque Clarendon sub-region, is dry grown bush vines. This wine is sourced from one particular block where the canopy is raised slightly higher above the ground, allowing for better air circulation and increased radiated sunlight. The wine is hand-picked with 20% retained as whole bunches. Wild fermented and gently hand plunged twice a day during active fermentation. Pressed off to 300 litre hogsheads, of which 25% were new French.

2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

95 pts

Huon Hooke

Medium to deep red/purple colour, the bouquet subtle and reserved but evoking raspberry and Turkish Delight. The wine is deliciously fruit-sweet and perfumed throughout the palate, medium to full in body and soft in tannins, with refinement, and a lovely lightness of touch. A tad more structure than the Sands of Time, perhaps. The flavour lingers superbly on the back-palate and finish, and it really brings a smile to the face"

94 pts

James Suckling

A very vibrant nose with raspberry, boysenberry, red-plum and red-licorice aromas that lead to a quite fleshy, round and flavor-filled palate that finishes long and creamy. Drink or hold.

94 pts

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

From the Smart vineyard in Clarendon. Raspberry, and then some more raspberry, rosy and musky perfume, baking spices. Medium-bodied, fleshy, ripe but slightly sticky tannin, ample fruit and perfume, a long finish with dried herb and raspberry in the aftertaste. More to come here.



SINGLE SITE WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Sands of Time

OLD VINE GRENACHE

BLEWITT SPRINGS | MCLAREN VALE

Early on in our Grenache journey, we were introduced to Sue Trott's Home Block in the Blewitt Springs sub-region of McLaren Vale. Its beautiful aspect, raised elevation and free-draining deep sandy soils are the perfect spot for dry-grown bush-vine Grenache and we were so lucky to be offered the opportunity to purchase a little fruit. 5 years on and we have learned a little about the site and refined our picking decisions and vinification to the extent that from 2017 we were content that we could do the site justice by bottling separately.

Hand-picked, on the way up, we vinify naturally in concrete and place whole bunches alternately with de-stemmed fruit to create a layer cake. A very gentle, slow fermentation is followed by maturation in oak and concrete before a careful selection is done, which is then bottled unfined and unfiltered 10 months later.

A faithful expression of the site – beautiful, haunting aromatics, fine sandy tannins and wonderful, memorable length on the palate.

2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

95 pts

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

Blewitt Springs here. Like sands through the hourglass... Flat out beautiful Grenache. Raspberry, dried herb, rose oil, spice. Pure, glowing red fruits and juicy raspberry in particular, cool acidity, dusted with fine graphite tannin, pulls more savoury to close, and runs very long. Fabulous.

94 pts

Huon Hooke

Medium to deep red/purple colour with a savoury, dusty, nutty bouquet, which is less about primary sweet fruit than many Grenaches. the palate though, is lush and deep in fruit, although there is a nice balance between sweet primary fruit and savoury, drier flavours. It has elegance, richness and refined texture. A very smart Grenache indeed. Very long on the finish. It's a lovely drink now and should reward keeping too.



SINGLE SITE WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

She's Electric

OLD VINE, SINGLE VINEYARD GRENACHE

MCLAREN VALE

Some vineyards have a remarkable story to tell and we came upon such a vineyard in late 2016. At the Seaview end of Chapel Hill Rd, it's old bush vines contrasted by a planting of much younger Grenache. Apparently, half of the vineyard was burned when a bird caught light on a power line, fell to the ground and set light to the vineyard! We were so glad that some of the amazing old vines are still there for us to use.

2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

96 pts & Great Value

James Halliday

From a single, old dry-grown bushvine vineyard on the Seaview end of Chapel Hill Road. Hand-picked, 50% whole bunch, 50% whole berry, foot-trodden and hand-plunged, 6 days on skins post ferment. As pure as the driven snow multi-cherry and raspberry flavours, the mouthfeel supple, yet allows a span of flavours and textures to make fleeting appearances across the palate.

93+ pts

Gary Walsh (www.winefront.com.au)

"She's electric. She's in a family full of eccentrics." Well that takes me back to when I was living in England at the height of Britpop. Anyway, back then Australian Grenache was very much second fiddle to Shiraz, but no longer. Definitely maybe. Spice, red fruits, dried herb and floral perfume. Medium-bodied, certainly 'warm climate Pinot Noir' style here, delicate with a subtle earthiness, playful kitten's tongue tannin, balanced acidity, and a dry and firm finish of excellent length. Its best days are ahead of it.

93 pts

James Suckling

Attractive wild raspberries, delivered in very bright, attractive, fresh mode. The pastry-like tannins deliver a crunchy, vibrant style here. Drink now. Screw cap.



SINGLE SITE WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

The Vagabond

OLD VINE GRENACHE

BLEWITT SPRINGS, MCLAREN VALE

Although we might be somewhat deluded in our belief that the world is just about to wake up to the delights of Grenache, our extensive travels throughout The Rhône and in Spain convinced us that with low yields and meticulous fruit sourcing, Grenache makes world class wine.

We therefore set about finding unique plots throughout the region, looking for specific soil formations that would imbue the Vagabond with finesse, varietal purity and texture.

2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

95 pts

James Suckling

A great address for grenache, this stands out from the rest of the range for more pronounced acidity and tannin. The flowers, dried and fresh raspberries and wild herbal flurries on the nose lead to a palate that has a firm spine of tannin and fresh, blood-orange and raspberry flavors. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

95 pts

Huon Hooke

Deep red/purple colour. The bouquet is reserved and sweet, with herbal, green stem, Turkish Delight and fresh earth aromas. This is medium to full-bodied and quite firmly structured within the Grenache spectrum, a more structured style with length and firmness in the finish. Impressive stuff.

93+ pts

Gary Walsh (www.winefront.com.au)

It's fair to say the boys at Thistledown surely do love their Grenache. This one also Blewitt Springs. Sage and herb perfume, red frogs and raspberry, cinnamon spice. It's juicy and lively, light herbal flavour, gentle rasp of tannin, delicious flavour, slightly warm, but long on the finish, a bit of gravel and dried herb kicked up in its wake.

Top 100 Australian
Wines of the Year

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SUB REGIONAL WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Silken Beastie

SHIRAZ

NOR' WESTER | BAROSSA VALLEY

Free your mind from stereotypes of the past, be willing to give things another go and imagine the beauty and subtlety that can be borne of an otherwise hostile environment. Not afraid to do the same ourselves, it's taken a second incarnation before we were convinced that we had captured the real beauty of the Barossa.

17/18 PRESS REVIEWS

2018 - 93 pts

The Wine Advocate

Made with 40% whole clusters from three sites in the northwestern Barossa Valley and aged over a year in 30% new oak, the 2018 Silken Beastie Shiraz lives up to its name, delivering raspberries, vanilla and mint on a full-bodied, creamy palate framed by silky tannins. It's mouthwatering and long on the finish, only slowly fading away.

2017 - 94 pts

James Halliday (www.winecompanion.com)

From three blocks in the Ebenezer district, whole-bunch inclusion between zero and 40% across the blocks, wild-fermented and macerated, 13 months in French hogsheads (50% new) then a best barrel selection. Oak opens the betting on both the bouquet and palate, but has solid fruit support that should be sufficient to carry the wine to a declaration of readiness for consumption.



SUB REGIONAL WINE



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Thorny Devil

GRENACHE BAROSSA VALLEY

The fruit for Thorny Devil came from a vineyard in the Ebenezer sub region in Barossa. Very sandy soils help reduce vigour and give a natural polish to the wines.



2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

93 pts

Huon Hooke

Medium to deep red/purple colour. The bouquet is redolent of rose petals, red cherries and raspberries, while the taste is intense and medium to full-bodied, with sweet fruit in the middle, penetrating depth and good persistence.

Cunning Plan

SHIRAZ MCLAREN VALE

The beautiful region of McLaren Vale is bounded by the Gulf to the West and various ranges to the East and North. Geologically, one of the most diverse regions on earth, it has long been the home to some of Australia's finest expressions

of Shiraz. Our fruit comes from the Moray Park vineyard in the McLaren Flat sub-region. Low yielding and ultra intense, we handle the fruit gently to capture the delicious berry fruit character overlaid with subtle wood-spice.



2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

92 pts

James Suckling

Ripe red berries and blackberries, flowers and hints of citrus rind pervade the nose with a fresh core of quite plush dark-berry and chocolate flavors. Ripe blackberries and spice to close. Drink now. Screw cap.



REGIONAL WINES



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

The Quickening

SHIRAZ EDEN VALLEY & BAROSSA VALLEY

As life-forces stir, a connection is born and a personality created. The Quickening celebrates the vivifying power of nature. This is the Barossa re-imagined. An exuberant outpouring of energy, captured within a sculptured framework that reflects the rugged yet beautiful landscape

of its conception. Joel Mattschoss' Eden Valley vineyard provides the majority of the fruit. This spectacular vineyard is planted on some of the most difficult, meagre soils of any we have seen. Hand picking, a percentage of whole bunches and wild ferments all play their role in ensuring that this wine is full of energy and life.



Great Escape

CHARDONNAY ADELAIDE HILLS

Great Escape is our benchmark, cool climate Chardonnay produced from fruit grown in elevated vineyard sites which allow for a long ripening period which helps to maintain the

natural sugar and acid balance of the grape. With moderate alcohol, focussed, crisp citrus fruit and a mouthwatering finish, this is an accomplished, truly modern style of this noble variety.



2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

93 pts

James Halliday (www.winecompanion.com)

86% Barossa Valley shiraz, 14% Blewitt Springs grenache, not a s, the grenache acting to soften the somewhat rugged shiraz. The end result is a medium to full-bodied red, which will undoubtedly repay cellaring.

93 pts

Gary Walsh (www.winefront.com.au)

Blackberry, raspberry, brown sauce and spices, a little mint, almost rosy perfume. A medium-bodied affair showing a light touch in the winery, a certain succulence with a savoury dried herb edge, plush fat tannin, sage and perfume on a good long finish. Very nicely done.

2018 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

90 pts

The Wine Advocate

There are 400 cases of the 2018 Great Escape Chardonnay, and most of the wine was made in steel and concrete. The 10% that was fermented in French oak gives the wine just a hint of toast and cedar, but it's mostly about white peaches and citrus. Medium-bodied and silky-textured, it finishes crisp and mouthwatering.



REGIONAL WINES



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com

Gorgeous Grenache

2018/19 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

Grenache is Australia's signature grape variety and we're slightly obsessed with it. Utilising a range of premium vineyards across South Australia, we've

crafted a wine that captures all that is good about Grenache. Aromatic, deceptively light but with beautiful wild fruit, and slurpy, supple tannins.



2019 - 94 pts

Sam Kim (Wine Orbit)

A fabulous rendition of the variety, showing bright fruit characters of dark cherry and sweet plum with floral, olive and subtle anise notes on the nose. The palate is equally satisfying with succulent fruit intensity and lovely mid- palate weight, wonderfully supported by fine texture and silky tannins, leading to a lengthy supple finish. At its best: now to 2025.

2018 - 92 pts

James Halliday

Employs old vines in the Riverland, McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley, matured in used French hogsheads and stainless steel. A confectionery streak was/is inevitable, and others will find it less distracting than I do. Regardless, it's a good drink at the price. Drink soon.

Gorgeous Grenache Rosé

2019 VINTAGE - PRESS REVIEWS

Grenache is Australia's signature grape variety and we're slightly obsessed with it. Our first Rosé is sourced from an old, single vineyard in Berri. Beautifully pale, salmon

pink with delicate aromatics and lovely texture, it lives up to its name.



92 pts

Nick Butler (huonhooke.com)

Bright, pale pink colour. Raspberry and musk, loads of personality, lifted aromatics that draw you back to the glass. It's pleasantly sweet - again, with musk and toffee apple teasing then tapering into a balanced, crisp finish. Lovely wine.



REGIONAL WINES



ESTD. 2006

www.thistledownwines.com



We're delighted to introduce the latest addition to our coterie of wines. Parading out in all their glory, the Wild Ones are a sight to behold. Elegant, refined and a just a little bit mischievous. Beautiful wines, larger than life characters all in one gregarious package.



the wild ones

SHIRAZ, CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



the wild ones

CHARDONNAY
SOUTH EASTERN AUSTRALIA

Wild & Wilder *the* character series

The Character Series is a collection of wines that we craft from grapes grown across South Australia. With the focus on working with the right variety in the right region, we spend long hours in the vineyard to ensure that we pick at just the right time to ensure our wines are vibrant, well balanced energetic and true to their variety. Hugely characterful, humorous and individual, their approachability belies the care and attention that we give to each wine.



the sophisticat

SAUVIGNON BLANC
ADELAIDE HILLS

A crisp, tangy, sophisticated character from one single vineyard just minutes from our winery in Lenswood, Adelaide Hills.

2019 - 92 pts
Sam Kim
Wine Orbit

"Fresh and vibrant, the inviting bouquet shows green rockmelon, lemon zest, apple and sweet basil aromas. The palate delivers juicy fruit intensity and lively mouthfeel, beautifully supported by lovely fruit purity and crisp acidity, finishing long and mouth-watering. At its best: now to 2022."



the opportunist

SHIRAZ
LANGHORNE CREEK

The Opportunist Shiraz is mindblowing. A lush red with plump ripe fruit and a creamy, berry soaked, savoury finish. Grapes are sourced from premium Langhorne Creek vineyards and made using fruit that was surely intended for greatness. This big, juicy wine is a great testament to the work of The Opportunist.

2018 - 93 pts
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

2018 - 90 pts
The Wine Advocate

2016 - 91 pts
Best Buy
Josh Greene

Wine & Spirit Magazine, U.S

"Light and just luscious enough to surround all its of its spicy, cumin-edged acidity in sour cherry and plum-pit flavors, as cool as "a forest floor."



the pugilist

CABERNET SAUVIGNON
LANGHORNE CREEK

We all know that Cabernet has taken a bit of a beating but The Pugilist, with its well judged power and pace, shows just why it is the big hitter of all of the grape varieties. Elegant and poised yet rumed and strong, it is the epitome of the iron fist in the silken glove.

2018 - 94 pts
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

"Beautifully fruited and classically expressed, the wine shows lifted aromas of cassis, cedar, anise and tobacco, followed by a beautifully weighted palate that is attractively ripe and satisfying. The wine offers excellent fruit purity as well as elegant complexity. At its best: now to 2026."

Wild & Wilder *the* character series



the exhibitionist

MERLOT
BAROSSA VALLEY

There's no holding back here, not much decorum to mention but what this wine lacks in modesty, it more than makes up for in enjoyment. Flirting outrageously with your tastebuds, The Exhibitionist is a one wine drama with a fruit filled plot and a memorably silky denouement. Extravagantly fruity, full of character with a crowd pleasing finish.

2016 - 91 pts
Huon Hooke
www.huonhooke.com

"Very deep, bright red/purple colour. The aromas are fresh and clean, youthful and berry-like, and in the mouth it is likewise bold, bright, youthful and firm, a little unready but of excellent quality. Traces of cedar and more than a little elegance."



the courtesan

RIESLING
CLARE VALLEY

Seducing even the most coy Riesling drinker with its extravagantly perfumed nose and beautiful frame, corseted by mouthwatering fruit, the Courtesan always makes a lasting impression.

2018 - 94 pts
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

"A splendid riesling showing delicate aromas of lemon/lime peel, crunch apple and white floral characters on the nose, leading to a brilliantly focused palate that is bright, juicy and finely textured. It is linear and persistent with excellent structure and balance. At its best: 2020 to 2028."



the unforgettable

GRENACHE SHIRAZ MATARO
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Unforgettable is a generous blend of 3 varieties, all of whom are long-term friends that know the benefits of teamwork. Working in cahoots, they produce a wine with succulent red berry fruit with hints of spice and chocolate. A clever, friendly wine that is indeed truly Unforgettable.

2018 - 93 pts
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

"It is instantly appealing on the nose showing sweet raspberry, dark cherry, toasted almond and fragrant spice notes, leading to a wonderfully supple palate that is fruit expressive and silky smooth. Persistent and very attractive. At its best: now to 2024. "



Cloud Cuckoo Land

An imaginary state of absurd over optimism - something that we at Wild & Wilder are often accused of. Indeed, not so long ago, if we'd said that we wanted to make high quality, low intervention wines made from Mediterranean varieties in the Riverland, Cloud Cuckoo land is exactly where people would have said that we lived! But, we believe that anything is possible if you don't see the obstacles, you challenge the "received wisdom" and resist the naysayers. Cloud Cuckoo Land is for everyone who feels the same.



Nero d'Avola, Montepulciano

An unusual blend of varieties but this wine has the characteristic energy you'd expect from Italian reds. Deliciously succulent with smoky, dark cherry fruit, subtle spice and a mouth-watering finish.



Fiano, Greco, Zibibbo

A vibrant, textural white with hints of almond blossom, quince and ripe pear. Tangy, almost exotic but pithy and delicious.



Cricket Series

Our One Chain Vineyards duo provide a stylish opener to Australian wine.

The Imperial Measurement of One Chain, or 22 yards, is a nod to sportsmanship of the past. However; you don't need to be a connoisseur of the great game of cricket to be bowled over by the restrained, elegant style of the Chardonnay and vibrant, red fruit and subtle oak of the Shiraz Cabernet.



**The Googly
Chardonnay**
South Eastern Australia

**The Wrong'un
Shiraz Cabernet**
South Eastern Australia



MAISON *d'*ALLIANCE

Our Gallic foundations were lain deep in the wilds of the Languedoc many years ago. Our vision was to build a home - Maison d'Alliance.

Today that vision has been realised, shared with our dedicated growers with whom we deliver contemporary French wines.

With a distinct nod to tradition, our wines remain faithful to the heritage of this remarkable country. An array of wines with distinct character and place - tailored to today's diverse international markets. Drawing on our vast experience, we add our own unique twist to both wine and packaging – the hallmark of Maison d'Alliance.



Félicette

boldly going where no wine has gone before

In a uniquely Gallic surge of innovation, 1963 witnessed France entering the feline space race via a cat called Félicette. Now immortalised in a wine that pays homage to those that think outside of the box, Félicette is for all those that dream to be a little different.

Distinctly French – restraint, mineral, varietal definition, balance – these wines are crafted to be subtle, sassy and food friendly. The Grenache blanc is mineral, crisp, fresh and textural with hints of almond while the Grenache Rouge is elegant, supple, succulent and aromatic. With eye-catching labels and a premium bottle, these wines deliver superb value.

Nothing else out there looks quite like it!

★ Félicette Blanc

Gary Walsh

www.winefront.com.au

90pts

★ Félicette Rouge

Gary Walsh

www.winefront.com.au

90pts



Félicette
Grenache Rouge
IGP Pays D'Oc



Félicette
Grenache Blanc
IGP Pays D'Oc



Félicette
Grenache Rosé
IGP Pays D'Oc

MONT | ROCHER

Southern France, with its diverse regions, indigenous grapes, cultures and traditions is home to some of the most exciting, characterful wines in the world at present. Mont Rocher is a collection of wines produced from indigenous varieties, produced in a style that lets them clearly express their varietal typicity and sense of place. Pure, authoritative packaging that lets the wines do the talking, meets delicious, well-balanced wines that offer a taste of the real France.



Mont Rocher
Rosé
Vieille Vignes
IGP Pays D'Oc



Mont Rocher
Viognier
Vieille Vignes
IGP Pays D'Oc



Mont Rocher
Carignan
Vieille Vignes
IGP Pays D'Oc



Mont Rocher
Malbec
Vieille Vignes
IGP Pays D'Oc





Inspired by the fanciful tales of Pierre Renard and his father, Pierre et Papa is a compact range of high quality, well-balanced whites, reds and rosés made from grapes sourced throughout Southern France.

With packaging influenced by old French advertising ephemera, Pierre et Papa's nostalgic feel is very much in tune with the desire to seek out honest value.



Pierre et Papa
Colombard & Ugni Blanc
IGP Comté Tolosan



Pierre et Papa
Cinsault Rosé
IGP Pays d'Hérault



Pierre et Papa
Grenache/Carignan Rouge
IGP Pays d'Hérault



From Catalunya Nord, better known to us as Roussillon, this distinctly French pair have been crafted from some of the region's best native varieties. The red's lead varietal is the luscious flavoured Carignan whilst the sister white is made primarily from the beautifully vibrant Grenache Blanc. You'd be barking mad not to give these pair a home.



Les Chiens Catalans
Vin Blanc
Vin de France



Les Chiens Catalans
Vin Rouge
Vin de France

La VIE EN ROSE

Whether you are of vintage Edith Piaf or Grace Jones, La Vie en Rose provides an opportunity to view life through distinctly rosé coloured glasses. Delicately pink and subtly perfumed, this Cinsault Rosé, with its stylish screen printed bottle, is sure to be a hit.



La Vie en Rose
Cinsault Rosé
IGP Pays D'Oc

Montsablé

VIN SUD AUTHENTIQUE

The hills and slopes of Southern France are varied and offer unique microclimates in which to grow premium grapes. Drawing on intimate knowledge of the terrain, we isolate pockets of excellence. We harvest both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir specifically from cooler vineyards in the Haute Vallée of Limoux. Altitude, climate and limestone rich soils combine to produce outstanding fruit with which we create wines of elegance and freshness.



**Montsablé
Chardonnay**
IGP Pays D'Oc



**Montsablé
Pinot Noir**
IGP Pays D'Oc

Viñedos Perdido

UNEARTHING SPAIN'S GREAT WINES



Though many have now joined the Spanish Revolution, few have the passion and expertise that Alliance has built up over the last decade – and it is this passion for Spain that we channel through the individual projects that make up Viñedos Perdido.

Working on the ground with the best in each region, we create distinctive, individual wines with the clear philosophy that only by working with indigenous grapes can you reflect a true sense of place. Though not shy to be experimental both in region and style, Viñedos Perdido's modern takes on traditional wines will always be a true reflection of what has made Spain one of the best resources for characterful, honest wines.

Importantly, we believe we have a responsibility to the land and have worked rigorously to move to recognised Organic principles wherever we feasibly can.



Great wine is made in the vineyard and so our deAlto project had to be based on viticultural quality and control. Our access to over 200 hectares of vineyards puts us in an enviable position within Rioja. Working to isolate particular plots, we work with enlightened winemaker Borja Ripa to fashion the wines of deAlto.

Meaning “of height” or of great respect, deAlto hints at the aspirations of this project and of the quality of what is in the bottle. Following extensive tastings across the region, and of similar styles globally, we craft deAlto in the best traditions of this classic region but fuse cutting-edge viticultural and winemaking techniques to create a modern interpretation.



**deAlto
Tinto**
DOCa Rioja

**deAlto
Crianza**
DOCa Rioja

**deAlto
Reserva**
DOCa Rioja



GATITO LOCO

Though the beautiful region of Rioja has a long, proud tradition of making delicious wines, it is also a region undergoing tumultuous change. New terroirs mapped out, more respect for the fruit and less intervention from oak. A more expressive, energetic style is emerging and Gatito Loco, with its vibrant style and organic credentials, neatly reflects this through its iconoclastic labelling.



Gatito Loco
Tempranillo Garnacha
Rioja

Gatito Loco
Viura Tempranillo Blanco
Rioja





Much of Spain's vineyards are devoted to the commercial grape varieties that we all know and love but there are still small plots of older, native varieties that farmers have preserved out of a sense of pride or interest in their history. Today we recognise more and more the value of this diversity and the wealth of flavours of some of these older varieties.

The small amount of these grapes that remain means it is not possible to vinify them separately. The grapes tend to be harvested and vinified together. Our Te Quiero Field Blends are just that: a mix of small, Organically farmed plots of a multitude of exotic, old fashioned grapes resulting in flavoursome, rich yet vibrant wines from the heart of Spain.



**Te Quiero
White Field Blend**
Vino de la Tierra de Castilla



**Te Quiero
Red Field Blend**
Vino de la Tierra de Castilla





The sun-drenched vineyards of Central Spain provide the perfect natural backdrop to organic grape growing and it is with these grapes that we craft the wines of Campo Flores.

Evoking memories of less intensive farming and good old-fashioned, honest produce, Campo Flores wines taste naturally good.

A vivacious and tangy Verdejo Sauvignon and a succulent, juicy Tempranillo bring together all that is good in modern Spanish winemaking.



Campo Flores - Organic Blanco
*Vino de la
Tierra de Castilla*

Campo Flores - Organic Tinto
*Vino de la
Tierra de Castilla*



TORRE SOLAR

The vast, ancient landscape of La Mancha is Spain's greatest vineyard resource, and the contrast between tradition and modernity is striking. Where the landscape was once dotted with windmills, it is now covered in solar panels. The traditional models of wine production are changing too, with Torre Solar championing the selection of the very best old-vines to produce a thoroughly modern wine.



Torre Solar
Macabeo
La Mancha



Torre Solar
Tempranillo Syrah
Vino de la Tierra de Castilla



MÁS BUSCADOS

Inspired by three individual growers whose grapes form part of the cuvée, Más Buscados is a project that draws on the fruits of our selection process to craft wines that fulfil the potential of these venerable old vineyards.

Together, Los Tres Pacos are wanted for producing grapes of criminal succulence and concentration. Long term, committed offenders, they have been known to cut bunches and slash yields, letting nothing stand in their way.



Más Buscados
Tempranillo Syrah Petit Verdot
Vino de la Tierra de Castilla





Castillo del Moro wines are crafted from fruit grown in some of the best vineyards in the region. Careful selection of the fruit pre and post harvesting is followed by meticulous vinification and a rigorous blending regime results in freshness, balance and great purity.

Castillo del Moro combine the traditional varieties of the region with those more internationally known to create wines that represent the very best of modern Spain but always referring to a tradition that goes back centuries.



Castillo del Moro
Airén Sauvignon Blanc
Vino de España

Castillo del Moro
Tempranillo Rosado
Vino de España

Castillo del Moro
Tempranillo Syrah
Vino de España

Centelleo

ESPAÑA

Centelleo - adj: to sparkle; to twinkle; to shine brightly

Centelleo wines are imbued with Spanish energy, vivacity and style. Produced in a thoroughly modern style that is both fruit filled and balanced, they represent the spirit and sparkle of today's Spain.



Centelleo
Airen Moscatel
Vino de España

Centelleo
Tempranillo
Vino de España

EL PRIMERO

El Primero celebrates the exuberance of youth, be it in mind or in wine. Following the age old tradition of offering weary pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago a taste of the fresh new vintage wines, El Primero offers weary wine drinkers a taste of all that is good in modern Spain. The wines, sourced in the historic region of Navarra, are filled with bright succulent fruit and provide an exciting journey through the best Spanish vineyards.



El Primero
Graciano Garnacha
Navarra

ALLIANCE WINE

PORTUGAL

Long overlooked by the wine cognoscenti, the burgeoning interest in Portuguese wine is finally resulting in more awareness of the potential of this proud country. The previously undervalued Tejo region, lying to the south of Lisbon, is capable of producing wines of enormous value and character – something that is captured by Ai Galera.



Ai Galera

Our source in the Tejo has courted noble controversy, high-flying literati and great winemaking. Ai Galera brings together all these facets in a contemporary take on the wines of the region.



Ai Galera Poetico
Vinho Tinto
Vinho Regional Tejo

Ai Galera Mistico
Vinho Branco
Vinho Regional Tejo

Ai Galera Encantado
Vinho Rosé
Vinho Regional Tejo

ESPINOS **EYC** CARDOS
WINE OF CHILE

Espinos Y Cardos explores some of the premium varieties most adapted to the Chilean climate. Drawing on vineyard resources in the Leyda, Casablanca and Curico regions, the ranges not only fulfil the thirst for brilliantly competitive varieties but also illustrates key regional and varietal allegiances while offering stunning value both in terms of packaging and in quality of wine.



SANTA MACARENA

A single vineyard project from one of the most coastal vineyards in Chile. Sited in the San Antonio region just 5 km from the ocean, 55 miles west of central Santiago and just south of Casablanca Valley.

This unique microclimate, fuelled by the Humboldt Current, provides morning mists and spring frosts, more often associated with the Napa Valley and Bordeaux.



Santa Macarena
Pinot Noir
Aconcagua Valley



LOS ESPINOS

The Los Espinos wines are something of a rarity. Our small-scale production allows us to give personal attention to fruit selection and blending, thus ensuring the quality of the wine in the bottle.



Los Espinos
Sauvignon Blanc
Central Valley



Los Espinos
Merlot
Central Valley

ALLIANCE WINE

ARGENTINA

Defined geographically by the imposing Andes mountains, Argentina's Latin roots are there for all to see with passion for great food and wine in abundance. Argentina's wines, once only grown on the sun scorched deserts, now reach up into the foothills and, as they do so, their quality is soaring.





Santuario is a soft, succulent red from the beating heart of Argentina's premium wine regions.

Supple and filled with spicy, ripe dark fruit, this saintly Argentinean red will quench your eternal thirst.



Santuario
Malbec
Mendoza

MAN MEETS MOUNTAIN

"Great things are done when men and mountains meet. This is not done by jostling in the street."

The quest for ever higher quality has seen Argentina's most ambitious winemakers push into the Andes' foothills where the higher altitude and meagre soils produce the finest grapes.

Man meets Mountain celebrates those that face up to, and conquer, the challenges posed by nature.



Man Meets Mountain
Malbec
Mendoza

Aloe Tree

SOUTH AFRICA

Succulent is the word used to describe the family of plants that the South African Aloe Tree belongs to. Succulent is also the word best used to describe Aloe Tree wines.

Much like the Aloe Tree, the vines used to grow our grapes draw from deep South African roots to provide a true reflection of the earth from whence they came.



Aloe Tree
Shiraz
Western Cape

Aloe Tree
Chenin Blanc
Western Cape

ALLIANCE WINE
SOUTH AFRICA

MAYFLY

The Mayfly, so symbolic of the first warmth of summer, drift down New Zealand's crystalline streams and rivers providing food for the voracious trout that have made this a mecca for fly- fisherman the world over. The same pristine environment has proved to be the best place to produce the vibrant and refreshing Mayfly wines. We are sure that these crisp Marlborough wines will have wine drinkers hooked.

No tricks here, just a youthful and exquisite Sauvignon Blanc with prominent asparagus, mature peach and exotic fruit notes on the nose. Fresh and deliciously crisp with excellent natural acidity and a long citric and peach aftertaste as well as a rounded body and good structure.



ALLIANCE WINE
NEW ZEALAND

MayFly
Sauvignon Blanc
Marlborough

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