

Tasting Notes



Guide

Classic wines



Sparkling

Michelini Prosecco

An explosive palate of Granny Smith apple skins and nashi pears. A refreshing example of an Alpine Valley Prosecco. Great on its own, as aperitivo or with pasta. **VF**

Blue Pyrenees Traditional Sparkling

A blend of three classic varieties – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier – made exclusively for MCEC. Well matched with pre-dinner canapés.

White

Tahbilk Marsanne

The low yielding and challenging 2022 has delivered an intense lemon citrus Marsanne full of spice and pear fruits. Drink now or cellar for up to ten years. Well suited for Asian Cuisine, seafood and spicy food.

Trentham 'The Family' Pinot Grigio

A delicate white displaying characters of lemon zest, green apple skin and fresh nashi pear. A delicious crisp wine to enjoy chilled on a hot day. Great served with seafood and crustaceans or even your favourite tacos and Mexican food. **VF**

Rob Dolan 'True Colours' Chardonnay

It's all about the fruit! Coming from a cracking vintage, this chardonnay heroes the Yarra Valley fruit, with just a touch of oak exposure. Pair with fish and white meat or salads and cheeses. **VF**

Red

Contemplation by St Ignatius Reserve Malbec

Aged for 24 months in French oak barrels, a Malbec with intense ruby colour and plenty of spice on the palate. Best served with red meats and hard cheeses. **VF**

Redbank Victorian Sangiovese

With no oak ageing, the skin contact creates a rich cherry nose and a palate of dark cherry and spice. An easy drinking but luscious style for any occasion. Great with antipasti and pasta dishes. **VF**

Mitchelton 'The Bend' Shiraz

A fragrant, medium-bodied wine with excellent length and persistence of flavour. Deep red in colour and with plenty of plum and blackberry notes. Well paired with both red and white meat, and rooted vegetables.

De Bortoli 'The Estate Vineyard' Pinot Noir

Bright red colour. Red and dark fruits, wood spice and violets. Generous in character but soft in style. Perfect with ragu, root vegetables and creamy polenta. **VF**

Rosé

Helen & Joey 'Inara' Rosé

100% Merlot with grapes picked solely for the purpose of producing rosé. This means the grapes were harvested at a lower alcohol than for a full-bodied red wine which retains the fresh red fruit characters. The appearance is pale salmon pink in colour. The wine is summer in a glass with tropical aromas. Paw paw, mango, pineapple. Ultra-refreshing. Perfect on its own or with summer dishes. **VF**

Sparkling

Redbank Elevage Blanc de Blanc

This is a cuvée that contrasts depth of maturity with the zing of two high altitude King Valley vineyards. At four years of age, toasty, roast hazelnut complexity provides layers of interest to tangy, cool climate lemon, grapefruit and apple. Great with any canapes and antipasti. **VF**

Helen & Joey 'Inara' Blanc du blanc

This 100% Chardonnay sparkling has similarities to prosecco with its fine mousse profile. Fresh aromas of citrus and green apple on the nose follow the palate with tight, bright acidity. A great match with canapés.

White

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A wine with depth and balance, with hazelnuts and guava on the nose, with a savoury and textured finish. Pairs well with Asian dishes as well as pasta.

Prancing Horses 'The Pony' Pinot Gris

An everyday drinking Pinot, with vibrant and aromatic characteristics. A great example of 'up the hill' pinot, with good acidity and firmer finish. Great with Asian and spicy food, creamy cheeses and salads. **VF**

Mitchelton 'Blackwood Park' Riesling

Pure, intense fruit aromatics of citrus blossom, lychee, white peach and honeysuckle. The amazing interplay between fruit, sweetness and natural acidity provides the ideal ethereal finish. Great with seafood. **VF**

Red

Bellarine Estate 'Two Wives' Shiraz

Beautifully fruited and savoury at the same time, showing black/red berry, floral, smoky mushroom and roasted nut characters on the nose. The elegantly styled palate displays excellent weight and flow combined with silky texture and polished tannins. Pairs beautifully with a hearty lamb or beef dish. **VF**

Helen & Joey 'Layla' Pinot Noir

A contemporary style Pinot Noir, light and aromatic. Flavours of sweet red berry, rosewater and fennel. Great addition to red meat dishes.

Rosé

Michelini Nebbiolo Rosé

Pale plum colour with floral and blood orange aromas and a palate reminiscent of Turkish delight. Best paired with seafood and for hot weather days. **VF**

Premium wines



Executive wines



Sparkling

Cat out of the bag Prosecco

The fruit for this Prosecco was sourced from the cool climate King Valley region in North East Victoria. Lovely fine beading ushers delicate floral notes of orange blossom and jasmine to evoke the senses. Great on its own or with light, fresh dishes. **VF**

Blue Pyrenees Midnight Cuvee

The aroma is delicate and complex with characteristics of cracked yeast and freshly baked apple danish. Upon tasting there is a lovely fine mousse in the mouth with apple strudel notes on the front palate, followed by a soft dry creamy mid palate, then the fine minerally acid backbone drives a crisp finish. Drink it on its own or with canapes and nibbles.

White

Tahbilk '1927 Vine' Marsanne

Vivacious ginger spice, lemon curd and hint of honeysuckle with an intense citrus and tropical fruits note. Built to be drank out to 2040 and beyond. Well suited for Mediterranean Cuisine and spicy food.

De Bortoli A7 Chardonnay

Pale with a green edge. Gentle restrained nose, minerally, citrus and floral notes. Fine & textual, a touch savoury and nutty, soft acidity and quite relaxed in nature. Best matched with fish, salads and seafood. **VF**

Helen & Joey 'Wayward Child' Ilion

Made of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc, blending two varieties from Bordeaux and Margaret River. Wayward Child Ilion is an attempt at producing one of the best of these Yarra Valley wine blends. Ferments are wild; the Semillon component, citrus, lean and clean; the Sauvignon funky and nectar ripe. The wine was bottled without filtration or any adjustments. Best paired with seafood and pasta dishes. **VF**

Red

Tahbilk 2018 'Old Vines'

Cabernet Shiraz

51% Cabernet and 49% Shiraz, the wine is deeply packed with dark berry fruits, teased out with eucalypt, Chinese five-spice and dark chocolate notes. Great for roasts, red meat and soft cheeses.

Blue Pyrenees 'Richardson'

2018 Shiraz

Distinctly ripe Pyrenees Shiraz aromas of blueberry fruit, liquorice and five spice notes all supported by classy French and American oak influences. The long-lasting spicy aftertaste is a delightful way to finish this Shiraz.

Helen & Joey 'Wayward Child'

Serendip Shiraz Pinot Noir

Serendip is an aromatic, rather than a fuller-bodied red variety. Super soft and gentle processing, rather than rough and extractive. It makes a soft perfumed wine. Shiraz for aromatics and soft fruits, Pinot Noir for grippy dryness... it's a true inversion. Best paired with rooted vegetables, cheeses and red meat. **VF**

Rosé

Cat out of the bag Rosé

A graceful rosé grown and crafted in the heart of the spectacular Bellarine Peninsula. The bouquet liberates a medley of red fruits – strawberry, blackberry and red currant. These lively notations continue throughout the palate's journey cocooned by delicate tannins and a refreshing, balanced acidity. Well suited with antipasti, meats and barbeque.

VF | Vegan-Friendly

Beer

Stomping Ground Laneway Lager

Named after Melbourne's famous laneways, this crisp German-style lager has a gentle bitterness, delicate herbal hop character and a crisp, refreshingly dry finish. While Laneway Lager will pair well with most foods, being a Helles lager, try it with barbeque, pork and German food. **VF**

Bridge Road Pale Ale

The 'Aussie Craft Classic' brimming with hop aroma and flavour with lower bitterness and a clean finish. Perfect with any food, especially pies and barbeques. **VF**

Bridge Road Free Time - Alcohol free

Everything you like about a pale ale, except the alcohol! With a vibrant, juicy hop aroma, low bitterness and a clean finish, this Free Time is perfect for every occasion. **VF**

Two Bays GFB Draught

Brewed on the Mornington Peninsula, GFB pays homage to the classic Aussie draught beer. GFB Draught is clean, crisp and refreshing. Full strength, full taste and gluten free – it's Just Great Beer! You can't go wrong drinking it with classic pub food. Chicken parmigiana, a juicy burger or fish and chips. **VF | GF**

Mountain Goat Very Enjoyable Beer

A new modern Aussie lager, that takes its name from its simple taste and low complexity. A craft beer with mild malt sweetness and a crisp clean finish. **VF**

Seltzer

Moon Dog Fizzer Piney Limey

Refreshing like a Splice ice cream on a hot summer's day. Piney Limey has those iconic bursts of natural pineapple and lime, all with a light and refreshing finish. All-natural fruit flavours. Stuff all low sugar, low calories, low carbs and vegan friendly. **VF | GF**

Moon Dog Fizzer Raspberry Sorbet

Just like a scoop of your favourite sorbet! We've just taken away the tart tang and replaced it with juicy raspberries and just the right amount of zesty lemon! All-natural fruit flavours. Stuff all low sugar, low calories, low carbs and vegan friendly. **VF | GF**



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