

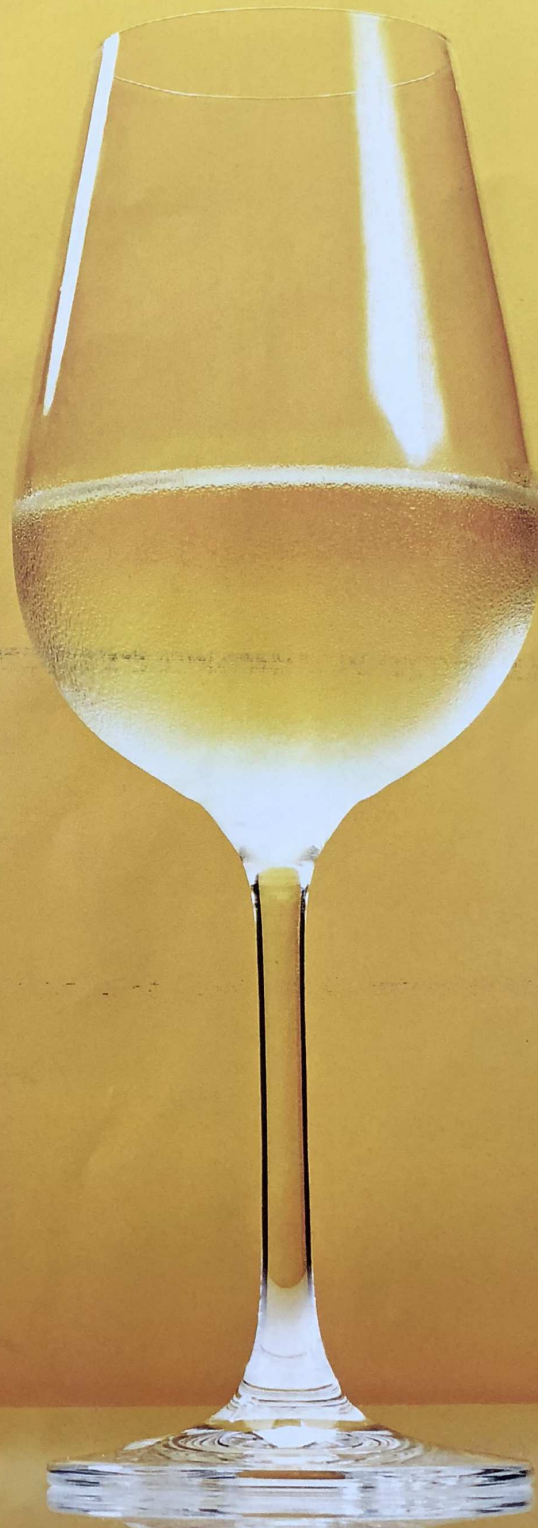
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WINES SUBMITTED

The glaring omission is Hunter Valley semillon, falling prey to the extreme vintage heat. Riesling filled the gap with six wines, four from WA. Three of the five sauvignon blancs came from the Adelaide Hills and two from WA. With chardonnay, Margaret River provided three of the six wines.



**Singlefile
Great Southern
Riesling 2018**

From selected vineyards in the Great Southern, parcels of free-run juice cold-fermented in stainless steel with gentle lees stirring. The blossom-filled bouquet leads into an immediately balanced palate of exemplary length. A lovely riesling from a great vintage.

96 points, \$25 screwcap, 12.4% alc, drink to 2033
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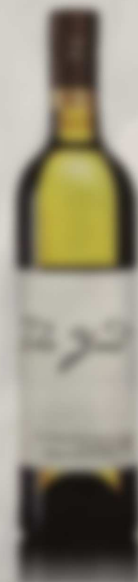


SAUVIGNON BLANC

**Singlefile Run
Free Sauvignon
Blanc 2018**

Largely cold-fermented in stainless steel, a portion fermented in new French barrels. The retention of flavour in the mouth is remarkably long, derived from the intensity of the fruit, not alcohol. Citrus, snow pea and a whisper of passionfruit come together brilliantly.

95 points, \$25 screwcap, 12.9% alc, drink to 2023
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20 OVER 25 WHITES

234

WINES SUBMITTED

The four rieslings came from the Eden Valley, Canberra and WA; two aged semillons are from the Hunter. Two of the sauvignon blanc spots were taken by SBS blends. Chardonnay swooped with 10 wines, half from Margaret River, two from the Yarra, and one each from Tasmania, Geelong and the Adelaide Hills.



**Singlefile Single
Vineyard Mount
Barker Riesling
2018**

An exceptionally pure mouthfeel and flavour spectrum sets the wine sailing along the palate and finish in a stream that is so delicate and poised you could easily miss the power that drives it. Delicious now, in five years or in 15 or more. Singlefile is running hot.

96 points, \$30
screwcap,
12.9% alc,
drink to 2040
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2030

REDS

UNDER

282

WINES SUBMITTED

The change in the price ceiling from \$25 to \$30 this year had little impact in this highly competitive market; the 62 wines shortlisted all offered great value. The final cut – three rosés, three pinots, five shirazs, three grenache blends, two cabernet blends and four cabernets – all shine.



CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

Singlefile Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2017

91% cabernet sauvignon, cold-soaked for 12 days before fermentation and extended maceration, matured in French barriques for 10 months. It is supremely elegant and long, with black and red berry fruits, cedary flavours ex oak and tannins. Extraordinary value.

96 points, \$25
screwcap,
14.2% alc,
drink to 2037
singlefile
wines.com