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Wine List 2016

A little background on Tumbarumba wines.

Suddenly everyone is talking about Tumbarumba wines, and particularly about its sparkling wines and chardonnay grapes. It is another case of an overnight sensation—or is it?

In Australian terms it is perhaps not a very old wine area, but the current success and attention drawn to the wines of Tumbarumba are the result of anything but an overnight sensation. It has been the result of hard work by the wine-growing pioneers. The 2014 vintage, harvested recently, has undergone damaging rain, frost and, most recently, summer hail. Such is the pathway to success.

For lovers of wine, one of the key words has become "terroir" meaning, in this context, the influence of the environment and climate—that is, the land, soil and weather—on the grapes and therefore on the wine produced in a specific location. As consumers we are looking for foods and beverages which display characteristics of their origin—their terroir—and, indeed, which embody the personal style of the producer.

The Tumbarumba region was identified as having a cool climate similar to that of the Burgundy and Champagne regions of France, which is favourable for grape varieties such as chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and pinot noir. Everyone is looking for chardonnay and, increasingly, pinot noir, from Tumbarumba growers. This harvest the growers have had wine producers calling up to buy grapes only to be told they are too late. The message to wine producers has become, "Sorry, it's all sold." Indeed, some growers are doubling their production.

Most of the operators are family-owned businesses—the Wilkinsons, the Barclays, the Gairns, the Bells, the Grants and the Cottams among them. They sell grapes to winemaking companies to turn into wine bearing labels of brands such as Penfolds, Hungerford Hill, Cassegrain, McWilliams, Sir James, and many more. Until recently one surprising grower was Mannus Correctional Centre, which is a minimum-security institution for 164 males, situated around 10 kilometres outside the town of Tumbarumba. In 1998 Tumbarumba was declared a recognised wine region of Australia by the Geographic Indicators Committee. Currently the region has approximately 300 hectares of vines and 19 vineyards, five of which offer cellar-door sales.

As the region rises to national and international prominence, new investment is heading Tumbarumba's way and the level of financial commitment to Tumbarumba wines is rising fast. Food and beverage fashions come and go—that is the nature of the industry. But there seems no doubt now that Tumbarumba has what it takes to make outstanding, internationally recognised wines. The climate and landscape combine with the dedication, skill and sheer hard work of the Tumbarumba growers and winemakers and the result is something special, particularly for sparkling wines and the grape varieties chardonnay and pinot noir. **People should keep their eye on Tumbarumba and look for that name when scanning a restaurant wine list or when standing in a shop reading wine labels and hunting for the right wine. They will not be disappointed in Tumbarumba.** -An extract from the Official Parliamentary Report 18 March 2014 by Mr Greg Aplin

Our wine list focuses on highlighting wines made from local fruit and by local brands with a few extras from nearby regions. We feature various local bottles by the glass – just ask for our current feature.



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Sparkling Wine

2010 Courabyra 1 of 11 Brut \$45

Made in the traditional method, this sparkling wine is a combination of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. From the award winning local Courabyra Vineyard, this is a delightfully dry bottle of sparkling to celebrate with.

NV McWilliams Tumbarumba Pinot Noir Chardonnay \$39

Tumbarumba's high altitude provides true cool climate conditions to ensure slow ripening and complex flavour development for this sparkling wine.

2013 Coppabella of Tumbarumba Chardonnay Pinot Noir (premier cuvee) \$39

Made from the classic French champagne varieties, with zingy crisp summer stone fruits and a touch of apple flavours, balanced with yeasty bread and biscuit characters, a real treat for anytime drinking

All our hard work is paying off. In the 2017 Halliday Wine Companion, Coppabella became the first (and only) Five Star Winery from Tumbarumba. This is acknowledgement from Australia's pre-eminent wine writer and confirmation that consumers are looking for more vibrant, pure wine styles.

Henkell Trocken Piccolo \$8

We have slipped in this European favourite from the Rhine Valley in Germany to our local selection of Sparkling. With a fresh and attractive fruity nose and citrus characters all makes for a smooth and creamy taste with tingling fruit flavours and a delicious lingering finish. 200 ml bottle





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White Wine

2011 Courabyra Wines 157 Chardonnay \$35

The produce of an award winning local vineyard, carefully crafted by a regionally renowned winemaker. This is crisp and clean on the palate, picking up spicy and mineral undertones of cool climate fruit. Stone fruit flavours combine with creamy vanilla to produce a wine that grows in appeal with every mouthful. Well-handled acids balance the finish on the tongue.

2012 Obsession Tumbarumba Chardonnay \$65

Obsession top Chardonnay made to express the potential of cool climate white wines. Handmade with minimal handling to express the terroir. Handpicked, sorted and whole bunch pressed, then fermented with wild yeasts in French oak and left to mature. Lees stirred to build complexity resulting in lifted citrus / white peach aroma aligned with subtle gun flint; leading to a refined acid line with a complex mix of fruit intensity, oak and textured finish.

2013 Mount Tumbarumba Chardonnay \$32

Mount Tumbarumba Vineyard On the Fly 2013 Chardonnay - this wine has white-fleshed stone fruit and a suggestion of orange rind on the palate then a long clean finish

2015 McWilliams Tumbarumba Chardonnay \$34

Tumbarumba Chardonnay has distinctive regional style and this is no exception showing white flowers, stone fruits, citrus and cashew nuts, with racy acidity providing freshness and length.

2012 Minor Obsession Pinot Gris \$30

Soft and approachable yet lively enough to be the topic of any table. Don't be alarmed if you start waving your hands around to describe things as it is full of passion. Hand picked and whole bunch pressed, this wine also sees part barrel fermentation in French oak alongside with lees stirring to soften and add to the complexity

2015 Mount Tumbarumba Vineyard On the Fly Pinot Gris \$28

This wine shows hints of turkish delight on the nose followed by a full flavoured and layered palate of pear and apple then a long clean finish



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More White Wine

2013 Johansen Sauvignon Blanc \$25

A touch of green peas and herbaciousness on the nose. The palette shows some crisp zingy grapefruit and lemon flavours. There is also more depth and complexity than typically found in a Sauv Blancs

2012 Minor obsession Sauvignon Blanc \$33

Crisp, clean and free spirited describe this cool climate Sauv Blanc . It's fresh tropical fruits and fine acid line will challenge a New Zealand any day. But has the length to run a full 40min rugby half. Hand-picked and whole bunch pressed, this wine also sees part barrel fermentation in French oak alongside with lees stirring to soften and add to the complexity

2014 Courabyra 1 of 11 Sauvignon Blanc \$29

From a local family owned vineyard, with a unique palette of aromas and flavours this is a classic example of the easy drinking Sauvignon Blancs

2012 Barwang Granite Track Riesling \$29

Another highly regarded and awarded wine from the Barwang stable. A recent Blue-Gold medal winner 2011 Sydney International wine show, this is an extremely tasty Riesling that will appeal to those who enjoy a wine that is a little sweeter on the palate. A very pale lemon, green lime colour this wine reveals a rich and well rounded citrus freshness balanced with residual sweetness.

2013 Johansen Tumbarumba Riesling \$25

This is a seriously good wine. The grapes from our vineyard have been made into straw coloured wine. The predominant aroma is rose petals. On the palette the initial flavour is floral, developing into crisp lemon and limes. The length and time the flavours remain on the palette is amazing. A great match for lighter dishes such as fish, chicken veal and of course many Asian dishes.



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Red Wine

2013 Hungerford Hill - Tumbarumba Pinot Noir \$34

Hungerford Hill is a family owned Hunter Valley icon committed to making unique and interesting wines including from the fruit grown in the cool climate region of Tumbarumba. Typical of the cool climate style bringing a fresh vibrant taste to the fore it is deep ruby in colour with dominant bright raspberry aromas. Look for the rosemary, black olive and truffle characters on the palate.

2010 Courabyra Wines 157 Pinot Noir \$37

From a family owned vineyard in Tumbarumba, this pinot displays a rich ruby hue. This pinot shows typical varietal flavours including cherry, raspberry and spices. Its fine tannin structure is complimented by a subtle seasoning of oak to bring this pinot to the fore.

2012 Minor Obsession Pinot Noir \$35

Sweet perfumed strawberries rise from the glass filling your world of rose garden like aromas. For those who enjoy some of the finer, more delicate things in life. Hand picked then whole bunch cold soaked to intensify those vibrant cherry colours. Delayed malactic fermentation to seal in those fresh fruit aromas. Then aged in old French oak barrels to build some texture and layers.

2013 Mount Tumbarumba Pinot Noir \$29

Mount Tumbarumba Vineyard On the Fly 2012 Pinot Noir has a black-fruited, complex nose and a dark cherry, savoury palate

2015 McWilliams Tumbarumba Pinot Noir \$35

Light to medium bodied with raspberry and cherry fruit. Earthy spices and subtle mushroom characters add complexity to a finely structured wine with length carried by sappy tannins and fresh acidity.

2014 Lock & Key Hilltops Merlot \$34

Another red from our neighbouring Hilltops region it scored 93 Halliday points Merlot is universally loved for its rich fruit flavour and soft, plush tannins. This is a perfect example with plenty of bright plum and forest fruit character and a luxurious, supple palate texture and great length that will surprise you



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More Red Wine

2012 Obsession Shiraz \$65

Obsession top red showcases what cool climate Shiraz is all about. Fruit sources from the lower valley of the region from a near organic vineyard which produces super low cropping rates. Handmade with minimal handling to express the terroir. Handpicked and partial destemmed, with minimum 30% whole fruit retained. Cold soaked then fermented with wild yeasts and aged in French oak. Shows light purple/blue hues with intense white pepper spice. Balanced out by juice plum

2012 Minor Obsession Shiraz \$39

Pepper, spice and all things nice yet softened by the cool mountain breeze, but don't let this lead you to think it's not full of flavour. Hand-picked then cold soaked with partial stem retention build on colour and spicy aromas. Delayed malactic fermentation to seal in those fresh fruit aromas. Then aged in old French oak barrels to build some texture and layers.

2014 Lock & Key Hilltops Shiraz \$35

From our neighbouring Hilltops region with 4 Gold medals in Canberra Wine show and 94 Halliday points, quite the champion seriously.....

An incredible value for money wine. Rich mouth-filling wine with a deep, dark colour that's typical of the Hilltops. The palate is intense and concentrated, with loads of ripe dark berry, pepper and spice flavour. This wine is drinking perfectly now and will also benefit with time in the cellar.

2012 Barwang Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon \$33

This high rating cabernet is made from grapes grown in the Hilltops region of Young in Southern NSW. For anyone who loves a medium bodied flavoursome red. Bright brick red, vibrant colour. Attractive black currant and blackberry nose with some lifted floral overtones. Powerful berry flavours combined with lovely mocha oak that opens up in the glass...if you can wait that long!

McWilliams Hanwood Estate Muscat \$5 glass

Dessert Wine, smooth in flavours of sweetness and fruit intensity.