



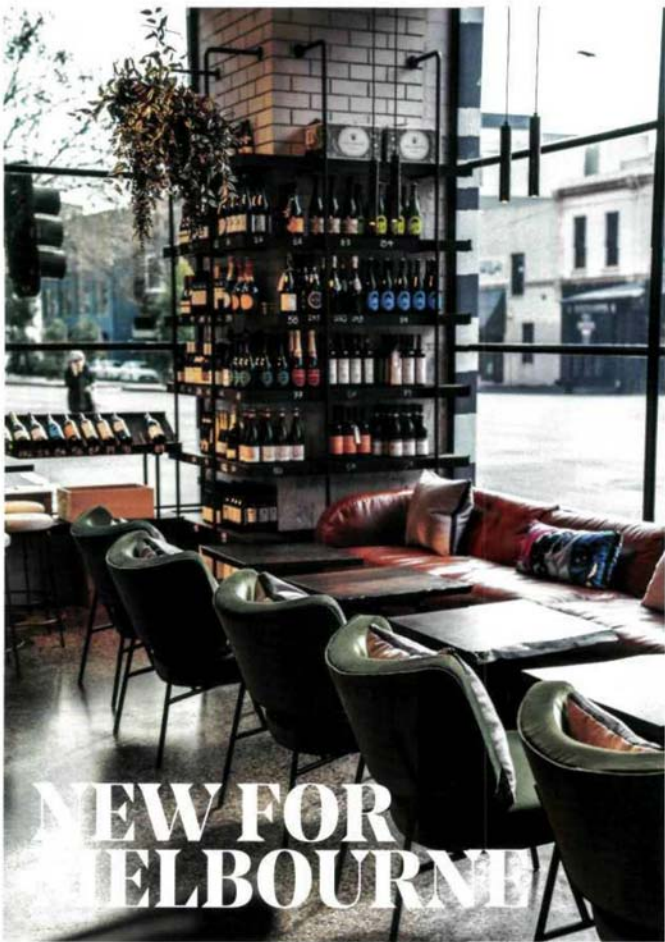
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Visitors to Melbourne have a new boutique hotel option with Zagame's House in Carlton. Just a stroll to the city, this former motel on famed Lygon Street has 97 fully refurbished rooms, each with a stack of thoughtful inclusions. Expect novels, next-level wines – including half-bottles – and free movies. The quirky venue also includes cosy wine bar, Lord Lygon, offering brilliant wines, cheeses and share plates.

zagameshouse.com.au



NEW LOOK FOR CHALMERS

Pioneering Chalmers Wines is celebrating several milestones, including 20 years since first selecting the grape varieties to import from Italy and plant, and 10 years for the family's Heathcote vines. The Merbein winery's latest releases now feature a new look, with the latest wines comprising two sparklings, six table wines and a dessert wine. With varieties like Fiano, Aglianico and Greco in the mix, the Chalmers family has long worked with these newer-to-Australia varieties. Sisters Tenille and Kim, and Kim's winemaking husband Bart van Olphen, are behind the range, and continue to refine their styles. The latest releases range from \$27 to \$48. chalmers.com.au

MAURICE O'SHEA WINNER CROWNED

Yalumba's fifth-generation custodian Robert Hill-Smith recently received the Maurice O'Shea Award, which is presented every three years to an individual or initiative within the Australian wine industry. The top honour, named after the trailblazing Hunter Valley winemaker, recognises Robert as an industry leader in all aspects.

NEW SPEAKEASY FOR MANLY

A Prohibition-inspired bar is set to become the latest addition to Sydney's Manly, hidden behind an unassuming door and down a spiral staircase. The Cumberland has been designed as an intimate speakeasy, fitted out with various heritage features, including an original set of 1902 brass beer taps. The bar will offer some 250 whiskies, plus cocktails, boutique wines and craft beers, with a menu of cheese, charcuterie and more. cumberlandmanly.com.au



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PENFOLDS COLLECTION OUT NOW

Ahead of its regular October release, the Penfolds Collection is out now, with this year's wines spanning five vintages. The 2015 Grange (\$900) sits at the top of the Collection, but the range also includes a number of other standouts, including those at the other end of the price spectrum, such as the 2017 Bin 138 Barossa Valley Shiraz Grenache Mataro (\$60). It marks a milestone year for Penfolds, which is celebrating its 175th anniversary.
penfolds.com



Gin distillers branch out

Melbourne's Patient Wolf Gin is moving its operation from Brunswick to the city with a new distillery and venue that will serve drinks and food. It will make the young operation Victoria's largest independent distillery in terms of production capacity, and the Market Street site will host tours, masterclasses and the chance to learn more about distilling. Patient Wolf makes three gins – the Melbourne Dry, Blackthorn and Summer Thyme.
patientwolfgin.com



New glassware by Jancis Robinson

Wine authority Jancis Robinson has teamed up with British product designer Richard Brendon to create a new glassware range. Included in The Jancis Robinson Collection is a universal stem, plus a stemless glass, as well as two decanters – one for aged wine, and one for younger wines and magnums.

Thanks to Cellarhand, we have two great prizes up for grabs – one aged wine decanter, worth \$230, and a twin-pack of the stemmed glass, valued at \$130.

Tell us in 25 words or less which wine you would open to christen the glassware, and why.

Email your entry to mail@winecompanion.com.au before November 1.

CLASSY CANS

Cocktail lovers can now enjoy two new options in cans, thanks to Curatif. The Four Pillars Negroni and Archie Rose Espresso Martini are quality mixed drinks in the 120ml format, and more cocktails are planned for the range. The Negroni is \$12 per can and \$45 per four-pack, while the Espresso Martini is \$13 per can and \$50 per four-pack.



2017 TOLPUDDLE OUT NOW

Always highly anticipated, the new 2017 Tolpuddle Chardonnay and Tolpuddle Pinot noir are out now, each priced \$85. The Tasmanian wines from Shaw + Smith have fast become firm favourites, and this year's releases are just two of the stellar wines rolling out from the Adelaide Hills winery. Also available is the 30th vintage of the benchmark Shaw + Smith Sauvignon Blanc with the 2018 vintage (\$30).
shawandsmith.com.au



YERING STATION CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The Yarra Valley's Yering Station is celebrating 20 years of its esteemed Reserve label with the release of its 2017 wines. Winemaker Willy Lunn is focused on letting the fruit shine, and the four 2017 Reserve wines comprise the Yering Station Reserve Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz Viognier and Cabernet Sauvignon (\$130 each). They are excellent examples of the 2017 vintage, which Willy and the winery's owners, the Rathbone family, have called one of the best they've seen. Also reaping the rewards of these conditions is the 2017 Scarlett Pinot Noir (\$250), rated 99 points by James Halliday. As Yering Station's pinnacle wine, it shows pristine red fruits, with an underlying spice and excellent drive.
yering.com



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ITALIAN WINES FROM AUSSIE MAKER

The latest release for BABO Wines is available now, with Australian winemaker Justin Bubb behind the range.

The new 2016 BABO Sangiovese (\$26) joins five other wines in the collection, which are made from fruit sourced across Italy's Friuli, Tuscany and Sicily. Justin has a long history of making wines in Italy, having spent almost 10 years at famed Tuscan winery Castello Di Gabbiano. He also shares production duties with his winemaker wife Anna Pooley at her family's Tasmanian winery Pooley Wines, and he regularly returns to Italy for his BABO label. The range also includes the BABO Chianti DOCG, Nero d'Avola, Rosato, Prosecco and Pinot Grigio.

babowines.com



Jansz releases 2014 chardonnay

Jansz Tasmania has released its latest sparkling, the Single Vineyard Chardonnay from the 2014 vintage, complete with new packaging and a special gift box. Made only in the best years, this blanc de blancs is made in small quantities from the one block in Tasmania's Pipers River. RRP \$65. jansz.com.au

THINK PINK

A new dry rosé from Empathy Wines is now available through Vinomof. Priced at \$30, it's a debut pink wine from the Californian wine company, helmed by Gary Vaynerchuk of Wine Library TV. The online retailer has also launched a new wine for Penley Estate with the I Love SHZ, which is described as a crowd-pleasing and food-friendly style of shiraz (\$15). vinomof.com.au

EYES ON GRENACHE

Barossa's Yalumba has launched a number of new releases, including five expressions of grenache, showcasing the winery's focus on this variety. The wines include the 2015 Tri-Centenary (\$65), the Vine Vale Grenache (\$40), the 2016 Carriage Block Grenache, which is a Yalumba Wine Room exclusive (\$50), the 2018 Block 2 Grenache Rosé (\$40) and the 2018 Samuel's Collection Bush Vine Grenache (\$28). Also rolling out are four wines in Yalumba's Organics range, each priced at \$22, plus three wines in the Coonawarra Collection, headlined by the 2014 Menzies (\$60). yalumba.com.au

HANDPICKED IN TASMANIA

Handpicked Wines has acquired its second Tasmanian site with Native Point Vineyard in Tamar Valley, having sourced fruit from these vines for the past five years. The new vineyard adds to the winery's other holdings, with two sites in the Yarra Valley, one in the Mornington Peninsula, and one in the Barossa Valley. Handpicked Wines also makes a wide range of wines from other regions around the world, selecting the best regions and their icon varieties.

LEGACY RELEASES FROM CAMPBELLS

With Rutherglen's Campbells losing its fourth-generation winemaker Colin Campbell earlier this year, the family winery has released the final wines the patriarch made together with winemaker daughter Jules. Colin had long made and refined the wines of Campbells, always working to capture the full flavours of the historic Victorian region in complex and elegant wines. It's these qualities that can be seen in the latest Campbells releases: the 2017 Bobbie Burns Shiraz (\$23), 2015 The Brothers Shiraz (\$60) and 2015 The Barkly Durif (\$60). campbellswines.com.au



Vignette, Stories of Life and Wine in 100 Bottles

by Attica sommelier Jane Lopes



Jane puts a different spin on wine with a clever, layered approach in this book. She recommends 100 bottles of wine, and some spirits and beers, providing insights on the styles, grapes and origins. She also shares her own experiences with these drinks in memoir-style tales.

We have three copies to give away. To enter, tell us in 25 words or less which wine has taught you the biggest lesson, and email your entry to mail@winecompanion.com.au before November 1.

NEW FROM ALL SAINTS

Rutherglen's All Saints Estate has released a number of new wines, showcasing the winery's wide scope of varieties. Included are the 2018 Marsanne, 2016 Durif and the 2017 Pierre, which is a rich, refined blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc. allsaintswine.com.au



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GIN FOR ROSÉ LOVERS

Popular NZ wine brand Squealing Pig has released a debut gin, which has been made with 10 botanicals and a dash of rosé. Pale salmon in colour, the Squealing Pig Rosé Gin (\$55) is available now. squealingpig.com



AUGMENTED REALITY FOR TAYLORS

Clare Valley winery Taylors Wines, now celebrating 50 years, has refreshed its Estate, Jaraman and St Andrews labels, also introducing augmented reality. The new Taylors Wines mobile app allows people to learn more about the family winery and its wines through an AR animation feature, and it also validates the winery's new super-premium wine, The Legacy. taylorswines.com.au



160 YEARS FOR MORRIS

Family winery Morris is celebrating 160 years of winemaking in the Rutherglen region of Victoria with two exciting new releases. The NV Old Premium Rare Tawny (\$90) is the latest addition to its acclaimed range of fortifieds. This anniversary release of just 160 cases blends only the best vintages from materials dating back to the 1940s. Also releasing is the 2013 CHM Shiraz (\$50) – an outstanding expression of the variety dedicated to fourth-generation winemaker Charles Henry Morris. These wines stand alongside the top-rated Old Premium Rare range of fortifieds and CHM reds, and are available at cellar door and online. casellacellar.com



PROSECCO ON THE RISE

While most white grape varieties have declined in production volumes in Australia in recent times, prosecco is growing at more than 40 per cent. Prosecco sales here have grown by more than 100 per cent over the past two years.