

ANALYSIS

LANGTON'S CLASSIFICATION OF AUSTRALIAN WINE V

EMBARGOED UNTIL MIDDAY FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

The Classification comprises 4 rankings; Exceptional, Outstanding, Excellent and Distinguished. Each level represents a certain strength and market definition. The rule of thumb is a minimum of ten vintages and a track record on the secondary wine market. Evolutionary changes in cataloguing identity, winemaking philosophy and vineyard provenance will sometimes challenge these principles, in which case discretion, without prejudice, is observed. The main point of the Classification is to highlight Australia's best performing wines on the secondary market.

	Classification V	Classification IV	% Change
Total number of wines	123	101	22%
Total number of white wines	15	14	7%
Total number of red wines	108	87	24%

The white wines by numbers

	Classification V	Classification IV	% of Classification V
Riesling	6	4	4.9%
Chardonnay	6	7	4.9%
Semillon	2	2	1.6%
Botrytis Semillon	1	1	0.8%

The red wines by numbers

	Classification V	Classification IV	% of Classification V
Shiraz	51	41	41.5%
Cabernet Sauvignon	25	19	20.3%
Pinot Noir	10	8	8.1%
Shiraz Viognier	2	1	1.6%
Cabernet Merlot	4	3	3.3%
Cabernet Shiraz	4	3	3.2%
Cabernet Blends	7	7	5.7%
Shiraz Cabernet	1	1	0.8%
Shiraz Blends	4	4	3.3%

The wines by state of origin

	Classification V	Classification IV	% of Classification V
South Australia	68	53	55.3%
Victoria	33	29	26.8%
New South Wales	8	7	6.5%
Western Australia	12	11	9.8%
Tasmania	2	1	1.6%

Exceptional

“The most highly sought after and prized Australian wines on the market.”

17 Wines	State Breakdown
1 Riesling	9 South Australia
2 Chardonnay	3 Victoria
1 Pinot Noir	2 New South Wales
4 Cabernet Sauvignons/Cabernet blends	3 Western Australia
9 Shiraz/ Shiraz blends	

Exceptional new entrants and changes

BROKENWOOD Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz, Hunter Valley NSW - promoted from Outstanding

CHRIS RINGLAND Shiraz, Barossa SA - promoted from Outstanding

CLARENDON HILLS Astralis Syrah, McLaren Vale SA - promoted from Outstanding

CLONAKILLA Shiraz Viognier, Canberra District, NSW - promoted from Outstanding

GROSSET Polish Hill Riesling, Clare Valley SA - promoted from Outstanding

TORBRECK RunRig Shiraz, Barossa Valley SA - promoted from Excellent

Outstanding

“super seconds” of the Australian wine market. Benchmark quality wines with a very strong market following.”

32 wines	State Breakdown
1 Riesling	20 South Australia
1 Chardonnay	8 Victoria
3 Semillon (1 Botrytis)	3 New South Wales
3 Pinot Noir	1 Western Australia
7 Cabernet Sauvignons/Cabernet Blends	
17 Shiraz/Shiraz blends	

Outstanding new entrants and changes

BALNAVES OF COONAWARRA The Tally Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra SA - NEW

BINDI Block 5 Pinot Noir, Macedon Ranges Vic - NEW

D'ARENBERG The Dead Arm Shiraz, McLaren Vale SA - promoted from Excellent

DE BORTOLI Noble One Botrytis Semillon, Riverina NSW - promoted from Excellent

DALWHINNIE The Eagle Shiraz, Pyrenees Vic- NEW

GREENOCK CREEK Roennfeldt Road Cabernet Sauvignon, Barossa Valley SA - promoted from Excellent

GREENOCK CREEK Roennfeldt Road Shiraz, Barossa Valley SA - promoted from Excellent

GROSSET Springvale Riesling, Watervale SA - promoted from Excellent

KAESLER WINES Old Bastard Shiraz, Barossa Valley SA - NEW

MCWILLIAM'S Mount Pleasant Lovedale Semillon, Hunter Valley NSW - promoted from Excellent

NOON Reserve Shiraz, Langhorne Creek SA - promoted from Excellent

PENFOLDS Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz, SA - promoted from Excellent

PENFOLDS St. Henri Shiraz, SA - promoted from Excellent

TAHBILK 1860 Vines Shiraz , Nagambie Lakes Vic - promoted from Excellent

TYRRELL'S Vat 1 Semillon, Hunter Valley NSW - promoted from Excellent

WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra SA - promoted from Excellent

Excellent

“High performing wines of exquisite quality with moderate to strong market following.”

36 Wines	State Breakdown
1 Riesling	18 South Australia
1 Chardonnay	12 Victoria
4 Pinot Noir	1 New South Wales
16 Shiraz/Shiraz Blends	4 Western Australia
14 Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Blends	1 Tasmania

Excellent new entrants and changes

BEST'S Bin No.O Great Western Shiraz, Great Western Vic - promoted from Distinguished

DOMAINE A Cabernet Sauvignon, Coal River Valley Tas - promoted from Distinguished

GIACONDA Warner Vineyard Shiraz, Beechworth Vic - NEW

HOUGHTON Jack Mann Frankland River Cabernet Blend, Frankland River-Greta Southern WA - promoted from Distinguished

KATNOOK ESTATE Prodigy Shiraz, Coonawarra SA - NEW

LEO BURING Leonay Riesling, Eden Valley/Watervale SA - NEW

MAIN RIDGE ESTATE Half Acre Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula Vic - NEW

MOUNT MARY Chardonnay, Yarra Valley Vic - promoted from Distinguished

NOON Reserve Cabernet, Langhorne Creek SA – NEW

PARINGA ESTATE The Paringa Single Vineyard Pinot Noir, Mornington Peninsula Vic - NEW

PARKER COONAWARRA ESTATE Terra Rossa First Growth Cabernet Merlot, Coonawarra SA - moved from Outstanding

PENFOLDS Magill Estate Shiraz, Adelaide SA - promoted from Distinguished

PENFOLDS RWT Shiraz, Barossa SA - NEW

TORBRECK Descendant Shiraz Viognier, Barossa Valley SA - NEW

WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon, Coonawarra SA - promoted from Distinguished

YERINGBERG Cabernet Blend, Yarra Valley Vic - promoted from Distinguished

Distinguished

“Secondary market staples or emerging classics.”

38 Wines	State Breakdown
3 Riesling	21 South Australia
2 Chardonnay	10 Victoria
2 Pinot Noir	2 New South Wales
14 Cabernet Sauvignon	4 Western Australia
16 Shiraz/ Shiraz Blends	1 Tasmania
1 Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvedre	

Distinguished new entrants and changes

CASTAGNA Genesis Syrah, Beechworth Vic - NEW

COLDSTREAM HILLS Reserve Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley Vic - NEW

D'ARENBERG WINES The Coppermine Road Cabernet Sauvignon, McLaren Vale SA - NEW

FREYCINET VINEYARDS Pinot Noir, East Coast Tas - NEW

KILIKANOON Oracle Shiraz, Clare Valley SA - NEW

MCWILLIAM'S MOUNT PLEASANT Maurice O'Shea Shiraz, Hunter Valley NSW - NEW

MOUNT LANGI GHIRAN Langi Shiraz, Grampians Vic – moved from Excellent

PARINGA ESTATE The Paringa Shiraz, Mornington Peninsula Vic - NEW

PEWSEY VALE The Contours Riesling, Eden Valley SA - NEW

PENFOLDS Bin 128 Shiraz, SA - NEW

PENFOLDS Bin 28 Shiraz, SA - NEW

PENFOLDS Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon, SA - NEW

ROLF BINDER Veritas Hanisch Shiraz, Barossa Valley - moved from Excellent

SAVATERRE Chardonnay, Beechworth Vic - NEW

TURKEY FLAT Shiraz, Barossa Valley SA- NEW

VOYAGER ESTATE Cabernet, Margaret River WA - NEW

WANTIRNA ESTATE Amelia Cabernet Merlot, Yarra Valley Vic - NEW

WILD DUCK CREEK ESTATE Springflat Shiraz, Heathcote Vic - NEW

WIRRA WIRRA RSW Shiraz, McLaren Vale SA - NEW

WOLF BLASS WINES Platinum Shiraz, SA - NEW

WOODLANDS Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River WA - NEW

WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE Michael Shiraz, Coonawarra SA- NEW

YALUMBA The Signature Cabernet Shiraz, Barossa SA - NEW

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