



merrijigkitchen

A LOVE LETTER TO DRINKS

We love drinks as much as we love food. We love beautiful expressions of terroir as much as we love bathtub experiments gone right, and we love local productions like we love the big Europeans. Most importantly, we love a drink that has a connection to where it is from and with a story to tell. When selecting our drinks we look broadly so that we can drink the world in our tiny seaside town. We support our independent friends and artisan producers, and wherever possible, we choose to work with female makers in the hope that more people can receive their stories #drinkitbeit



SINCE 2011

The Merrijig acknowledges the Guditjmara people, the traditional custodians of the southwest region, and recognises their continuous connection to culture, community and country.

#alwayswasalwayswillbe

LET US BEGIN

EASY OPTIONS

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| Gambetta, espresso, tonic and lemon 0% | 7 |
| Low Hanging Fruit: Quince, Norfolk pine + a splash of house made cider 1% | 7 |
| Olek Bondonio 'L'UNO' Vermouth Rosso | 14 |
| The Story Gin Batch #13 + Strangelove tonic | 11 |
| Royal Botanical Gardens British Horseradish Vodka → ice + pickled radish | 12 |
| Merrijig Negroni → Barrel aged and ready | 18 |

SHERRY (75ml)

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| Pennyweight 'Constance' Fino, Beechworth VIC | 9 |
| Pennyweight 'Woody' Amontillado, Beechworth VIC | 9 |
| Sanchez Romate 'Don Jose' Olorosso, Jerez ESP | 10 |
| Pennyweight 'Serena' Olorosso, Beechworth VIC | 9 |

BESPOKE COCKTAILS

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| Cape Iced Tea → Iced rooibos, biltong, black rum and dry vermouth #low | 14 |
| The Lemonhead → Limoncello, fresh juice, mezcal and bitter bubbles #low | 14 |
| Little Friend → Yack Creek Anise gin, Averna and sherry | 19 |
| Limited Edition Martini → 'Single Shot' gin, 'Amer' vermouth, bore water | 22 |
| Winter Sour → Adelaide Hills Distillery spiced white rum, fennel and rhubarb | 20 |

SMALL BEER + CIDER

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| Prickly Moses 'Otway Light', Barongarook VIC #drinklocal | 6 |
| Prickly Moses Pale Ale, Barongarook VIC #drinklocal | 8 |
| Wolf Of The Willows IPA, Cheltenham VIC | 8 |
| Boatrockers Local Lager, Braeside VIC | 8 |
| Red Duck Golden Ale, Ballarat #drinklocal | 8 |
| Hawkers Pilsner, Reservoir VIC | 8 |
| Temple Brewing 'Okinawa' Sour Blonde Ale, East Brunswick VIC | 8 |
| 3 Ravens 'Black Oatmeal Stout', Thornbury VIC | 8 |
| 2 Brothers 'Gypsy' Pear Cider, Moorabbin VIC | 8 |
| Willie Smith Organic Apple Cider, Huon Valley TAS | 8 |

BIGGER FORMAT BEER AND CIDER (AND MEAD!)

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| Two Metre Tall Huon Dark Apple Ale, Huon Valley TAS (500ml) | 18 |
| Noodledoof 'SQ' Quince Saison, Koroit VIC #drinklocal (750ml) | 35 |
| Brightside Wild Ale, Marrickville/Murrumbatemen NSW → made from smoke-tainted grapes from the 2020 bushfires. Shiraz and Riesling versions available (750ml) | 30 |
| Adams Pear Cider, Beechworth VIC (750ml) | 30 |
| Manon APQ+ Cherry Cider, Adelaide Hills SA (750ml) | 42 |
| Pomarina Asturian Sidre, Vilavicosia Spain (750ml) | 50 |
| Two Metre Tall Sparkling Mead, Huon Valley TAS (750ml) | 45 |

BY THE GLASS

BUBBLES

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| Noodledoof Red Irish Ale (330ml pour from the shed!) #drinklocal | 8 |
| Cuvee & Co. Prosecco NV, Limestone Coast SA #drinklocal | 12 |

WHITE

150ml

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| Müller-Catoir 'Gutswein' Riesling Blend, NV Pfalz Germany | 12 |
| The Story Sauvignon Blanc, 2019 Port Campbell VIC #drinklocal | 10 |
| Minim 'Patsy' Fiano, 2020 Colbinnabin VIC | 15 |
| Michael Hall 'Sang de Pigeon' Chardonnay, 2019 Adelaide Hills SA | 13 |

RED

150ml

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| Hochkirch 'Village' Pinot Noir, 2019 Tarrington VIC #drinklocal | 13 |
| AA Badenhorst Cinsault/Grenache/Shiraz, 2019 Swartland South Africa | 14 |
| Reed 'Knife Ee' Shiraz, 2020 Grampians VIC #drinklocal | 12 |
| Crawford River Cabernets, 2017 Condah VIC #drinklocal | 16 |

DESSERT

75ml

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| Lark Hill 'Ley Line' Riesling, 2019 Canberra District ACT | 20 |
| Lethbridge Bortrytis Riesling 'TBA', 2018 Drumborg VIC #drinklocal | 45 |
| Boydell's Reserve Fortified Verdelho NV, Hunter Valley NSW | 11 |
| Sanchez Romate 'Iberia Cream', Jerez Spain | 10 |
| Pennyweight Muscat, Beechworth VIC | 8 |

WHY NOT HAVE A BOTTLE?

SPARKLING WINE

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| Inkwell 'Dub Style' Viognier, 2019 McLaren Vale SA (375ml can) | 35 |
| Nadeson Collis 'Inception' NV, Drumborg VIC #drinklocal | 78 |
| Tommy Ruff 'Making Space' Syrah/Mouvedre, 2017 Seppeltsfield SA | 70 |
| Raventos I Blanc 'Gran Reserva' Xarel-lo/Macabeo/Parellada, 2015 Anoia River Basin Spain | 140 |
| L'egrappille Gamay Brut Nature, 2018 Auvergne France [NOS02] | 122 |
| Spinifex 'Louis' Shiraz NV, Barossa Valley SA | 90 |
| Francis Boulard 'Rose de Saignee' Extra Brut, 2013 Reims France | 225 |
| Nadeson Collis 'Millesime', 2011 Drumborg VIC #drinklocal | 105 |
| Labruyere 'Prologue' Grand Cru Brut NV, Verzenay France | 200 |
| Nadeson Collis 'Coda' Brut Nature NV, Drumborg VIC #drinklocal | 250 |
| Delamere 'Late Disgorged' Blanc de Blanc Chardy, 2008 Tamar Valley TAS | 263 |

TAN'S TOP FIVE DRINKS

1. SINGLE MALT WHISKY

2. AMARO

3. CHENIN BLANC FROM SWAATLAND, SOUTH AFRICA

4. A GOOD ESPRESSO & A GRAPPA

5. DOMAINE CECILLE TREMBLAY

LITTLE ITALY

Leeroy's first Restaurant Food Memory is of Bill and Tony's in Sydney's Little Italy: red and white gingham tablecloths and proper coffee. Tan still glazes over talking about that time in 1996 when she and Liz drank Orvietto Classico on Orvietto Hill in Umbria, followed by heavenly porchetta in bread from an Italian man at the markets. It's impossible to work with food and not love the Italians. They are endlessly delicious, as is the wine. In the absence of actual travel, let our Little Italy offering be the vinous vacation you won't be having any time soon #antipasto

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| Dott. Ribolla Gialla, 2020 Heathcote VIC (500ml) | 55 |
| Bellwether Bianca d'Alessano, 2020 Riverland SA #drinklocal | 50 |
| Minim 'Patsy' Fiano, 2020 Colbinnabin VIC | 65 |
| Cantina Giardina Coda de Volpe/Greco, 2020 Campania Italy (1500ml) | 150 |
| Emidio Pepe Trebbiano, 2014 Abruzzo Italy | 300 |
| Barraco 'Rosammare' Nero d'Avola, 2018 Sicily Italy → savoury & dry rose | 105 |
| Dott. Pavana, 2017 Heathcote VIC (500ml) | 55 |
| Bellwether Barbera, 2019 Coonawarra SA | 66 |
| Vini Rabasco 'Lu Fregnett' Montepulciano, 2019 Abruzzo Italy → spritz | 72 |
| Adelina Dolcetto, 2018 Adelaide Hills SA | 60 |
| Lark Hill Sangiovese, 2019 Canberra District ACT | 75 |
| Oddero 'Gallina' Nebbiolo 2017 Barbaresco Italy | 170 |
| La Spinetta 'Bricco Quaglia' Moscato DOCG, 2019 Moscato d'Asti Italy | 65 |

BIANCO / BLANC / WHITE / WHIT

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| Basalt Riesling, 2020 Killarney VIC #drinklocal | 65 |
| Henty Farm Riesling, 2021 Heywood VIC #drinklocal | 55 |
| Hochkirch Riesling, 2019 Tarrington VIC #drinklocal | 60 |
| Kate Hill Riesling, 2018 Derwent/Coal River Valleys Tasmania | 16 |
| Müller-Catoir 'Haardt' Riesling, 2017 Pfalz Germany | 99 |
| Eva Fricke 'Troocken' Riesling, 2020 Rheingau Germany | 125 |
| Catherine Riss 'De Gres ou de Force' Riesling, 2018 Alsace France | 95 |
| Manon 'Blush' Pinot Gris, 2019 Adelaide Hills SA → very skinsy | 70 |
| Mammoth 'Spectacular Rustgill' Pinot Gris, 2016 Nelson New Zealand | 75 |
| Bochara Gewurztraminer, 2017 Hamilton VIC #drinklocal | 50 |
| The Long Way Round 'Bianco' Riesling/Gewurtz blend, 2020 all over Aust. | 60 |
| Jerome Lambert Chenin Blanc, 2018 Loire Valley France [NOS02] | 120 |
| Force Celeste Chenin Blanc, Swaartland South Africa | 85 |
| Sorrenberg 'Inkerman Road' Semillon + a little sauv, 2020 Beechworth VIC | 72 |
| Luddites Chenin Blanc/Viognier/Fume Blanc, Cape South Coast Sth Africa | 86 |
| Cullen 'Amber' Sauvignon Blanc, 2019 Margaret River WA | 64 |
| Mammoth 'Rare White' Sauvignon Blanc, 2015 Nelson New Zealand | 75 |
| Domaine in Black 'This is Muska' Muscats, 2019 Alsace France | 120 |
| Cape Jaffa 'La Lune' Field Blend (11 varietals), Mt Benson SA #drinklocal | 80 |
| Tarrington Vineyard Chardonnay 2020, Tarrington VIC #drinklocal | 102 |
| Some Young Punks Chardonnay, 2019 Adelaide Hills SA | 55 |
| Boomtown Chardonnay/Riesling, 2020 Heathcote VIC | 50 |
| Lark Hill Chardonnay, 2018 Canberra District ACT | 75 |
| Verge 'La Balaise' Chardonnay, 2014 Burgundy France | 100 |
| Giaconda Chardonnay, 2016 Beechworth VIC | 215 |

BINDI WINES

When we were talking about a Bindi page, Tan first spoke about the quality of Michael Dhillon's wines followed by their shared love of the Melbourne Football Club. Tan also recalled writing her first wine list and wanting to eventually be able to list Bindi vs the pride she feels now being able to offer the following selection (AKA her retirement fund). We hope you enjoy a bottle of Bindi, from the Macedon Ranges in Victoria, as much as Tan does.

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| Bindi 'Kosta Rind' Chardonnay, 2015 | 150 |
| Bindi 'Kosta Rind' Chardonnay, 2017 | 115 |
| Bindi 'Kosta Rind' Chardonnay, 2018 | 110 |
| Bindi 'Kosta Rind' Chardonnay, 2019 | 140 |
| Bindi 'Kosta Rind' Chardonnay, 2020 | 130 |
| Bindi 'Quartz' Chardonnay, 2016 | 170 |
| Bindi 'Quartz' Chardonnay, 2018 | 165 |
| Bindi 'Quartz' Chardonnay, 2019 | 165 |
| Bindi 'Kaye' Pinot Noir, 2013 | 155 |
| Bindi 'Kaye' Pinot Noir, 2014 | 170 |
| Bindi 'Kaye' Pinot Noir, 2017 | 165 |
| Bindi 'Original Vineyard' Pinot Noir, 2016 | 170 |
| Bindi 'Original Vineyard' Pinot Noir, 2018 | 140 |
| Bindi 'Block 5' Pinot Noir, 2015 | 235 |
| Bindi 'Block 5' Pinot Noir, 2016 | 230 |
| Bindi 'Block 5' Pinot Noir, 2018 | 215 |
| Bindi 'Dixon' Pinot Noir, 2015 | 175 |
| Bindi 'Dixon' Pinot Noir, 2016 | 145 |
| Bindi 'Dixon' Pinot Noir, 2017 | 110 |
| Bindi 'Dixon Barrel Selection' Pinot Noir, 2018 | 140 |

BELINDA THOMSON FAN CLUB

We feel the same way about Belinda Thomson as the people of Phillip Island feel about the Hemsworths: really chuffed. The southwest has always been her hood, and the thrill of seeing her in our front bar never gets old! We believe Belinda's wine making builds on her parents' legacy but makes it more now: organic vineyard practices, occasional skin contact, a lovely lightness, experimentation and tradition in equal regard. "Australia's Greatest Riesling!" we always proclaim, but it's just so true...

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| Crawford River 'Reserve' Riesling, 2008 Condah VIC #drinklocal | 170 |
| APIS 'Florea' Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, 2019 Condah VIC #drinklocal | 60 |
| Shaya Habis Verdelho, 2010 Reuda Spain (from Belinda Thomson) | 175 |
| Crawford River Cabernets, 2017 Condah VIC #drinklocal | 80 |

LKW'S TOP FIVE DRINKS

1. GERMAN RIESLING
2. SOY FLAT WHITE
3. MCDONALD'S COKE
4. NEGRONIS
5. COLD MILK STRAIGHT FROM THE FRIDGE
6. TAP WATER GUZZLED STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

ROSSO, ROUGE, RED, ROOI

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| Mt Napier Pinot Noir, 2020 Mt Napier VIC #drinklocal | 55 |
| Vino Idda Pinot Noir, 2020 West Gippsland VIC | 73 |
| S.O.S Pinot Noir, 2019 Yarra Valley VIC (by William Downie & Co.) | 77 |
| Michael Hall Pinot Noir, 2019 Adelaide Hills SA | 105 |
| Jane Eyre Pinot Noir, 2020 Yarra Valley VIC | 110 |
| Jane Eyre Pinot Noir, 2020 Mornington Peninsula VIC | 115 |
| Jane Eyre Pinot Noir, 2020 Tamar Valley/Pipers River Tasmania | 110 |
| Hochkirch 'Maximus' Pinot Noir, 2017 Tarrington VIC #drinklocal | 90 |
| Catherine Riss "T'as pas du schist?" Pinot Noir, 2018 Alsace France | 105 |
| Beysang + Hurtubise Gamay, 2018 Beaujolais, France (1000ml) | 89 |
| Domaine du Vissoux 'Saint-Amour' Gamay, 2019 Beaujolais France | 95 |
| Best's 'Old Vines' Pinot Meunier, 2019 Great Western VIC #drinklocal | 140 |
| Reed 'Alexia' Grenache, 2020 Barossa Valley SA | 80 |
| Cape Jaffa 'Mesmer Eyes' Shiraz/Gewurtz Blend, 2019 Wrattontully SA | 71 |
| Domaine Pignier 'Les Gauthieres' Trousseau, 2018 Cotes du Jura France | 115 |
| Myburgh Bros. Cinsault, 2019 Paarl South Africa | 80 |
| Pennyweight Mondeuse, 2017 Rutherglen VIC | 90 |
| The Story Syrah, Grampians VIC 2018 #drinklocal | 69 |
| Little Frances 'Greenock' Shiraz, 2020 Barossa SA | 75 |
| Castagna 'Genesis' Syrah, 2009 Beechworth VIC (375ml) | 90 |
| Black and Ginger 'Malakoff Vineyard' Shiraz, 2018 Pyrenees VIC | 65 |
| Pyrette Shiraz, 2020 Heathcote VIC | 76 |
| Michael Hall Shiraz, 2017 Barossa Valley SA | 100 |
| Hochkirch Syrah, 2019 Tarrington VIC [NOS02] #drinklocal | 75 |

A QUOTE ON CABERNET FROM NOBLE ROT MAGAZINE:

“Cabernet is like a nosebleed in a Parisian patisserie; blood, dried fruit and cinnamon”

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| Crawford River Cabernets, 2017 Condah VIC #drinklocal | 80 |
| Westmere ‘Barb’s Block’ Cabernet Sauvignon, 2016 Bool Lagoon SA | 70 |
| Bellwether Cabernet Sauvignon, 2006 Coonawarra SA | 150 |
| Wynns ‘Messenger’ Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 Coonawarra SA | 139 |
| Wynns ‘Alex 88’ Cabernet Sauvignon, 2010 Coonawarra SA | 148 |
| Wynns ‘Glengyle’ Cabernet Sauvignon, 2009 Coonawarra SA | 150 |

LIZ'S TOP FIVE DRINKS

1. AMARETTO SOUR
2. FLUFFY DUCK
3. VANILLA MILKSHAKE
4. A FUCK OFF CHABLIS
5. DEFINITELY A GLASS OF BEAUJOLAIS ON BROUILLY HILL

REMEMBER THE NINETIES?

Amanda Vanstone and Paul Keating. Or were you more Kurt and Courtney?
Balancing university study with share house living and our first tentative steps into an industry we would never leave (Tan beginning her apprenticeship with Stephanie Alexander, and Leeroy on a similar trajectory at Hogs Breath Café Bondi Beach lol). We drank a lot, but we didn't drink it all – the following rarities we have kept for your drinking pleasure.

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| Bochara 'Strathdownie' Riesling, 1999 Hamilton VIC #drinklocal | 130 |
| Best's Great Western Bin 0, 1997 Great Western VIC #drinklocal →Medium to full bodied, deep colour & rich palate. | 280 |
| Best's Great Western Bin 0, 1994 Great Western VIC #drinklocal →Battered with frosts, the small amount of fruit that survived was good quality. Savoury, fruity & a soft finish | 310 |
| Chateau La Tour Blanche 'Sauternes', 1998 Bordeaux France (375mls) | 250 |

"OH GOSH! I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT I FEEL LIKE NOW..."

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| MAYBE IT'S A SINGLE MALT? | 30ml |
| Timboon 'Port Expression', Timboon VIC #drinklocal | 15 |
| Michel Covreur 'Intravagan/za', Bouze-les-Beaune France →Moscatel and Olorosso cask matured. | 19 |
| Kings County, Brooklyn USA → made using imported Scottish peat! | 15 |
| Widow Jane, Brooklyn USA → hipster oak-aged rye whiskey | 14 |
| Sazerac Straight Rye Whiskey, Kentucky USA | 12 |
| Wolfburn 'Aurora', Caithness, Scotland →Sherry cask matured | 16 |
| Glenmorangie 'Nectar d'Or', Scottish Highlands →Sauterne barrel matured | 16 |
| Oban 'Little Bay', Scottish Highlands →they call it a 'coastal malt' | 20 |
| Jura 'Diurach's Own' 16 years, Isle of Jura Scotland | 13 |
| Ardbeg 10 years, Islay Scotland | 11 |
| OR A FORTIFIED? | 75ml |
| Simao & Co. 2016 North-East VIC | 14 |
| Inkwell 'Sweet Thing' Viognier, 2016 McLaren Vale SA | 12 |
| Best 'Royal Reserve', Great Western VIC #drinklocal | 9 |
| Pennyweight Gold, Beechworth VIC | 12 |
| Sanchez Romate Pedro Ximenez, Jerez Spain | 10 |

MAYBE A DIGESTIF?

45ml

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| Henri Vallet Bitters, Mexico | 10 |
| Amaro Montenegro, Montenegro | 9 |
| Cynar (Artichoke based), Italy | 8 |
| Averna Amaro Siciliano, Italy | 9 |
| Ramazotti, Italy | 9 |
| Vecchio Amaro del Capo, Italy | 14 |
| Henri Bourdain Pastis, France | 14 |
| Gantons & About Raad Arak, Lebanon | 11 |

SOMETHING A BIT "WHACKED UP", AS TAN WOULD SAY?

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| Crittenden Estate 'Cri De Coeur Sous Voile' Savagnin, 2013 Mornington VIC (75ml) | 14 |
| Crittenden Estate 'MACVIN' Savagnin, 2017 Mornington VIC | 17 |
| Quiquiriqui 'Madrecuishe' Mezcal, Oaxaca Mexico (30ml) | 20 |
| Melbourne Moonshine Apple Pie Shine, South Melbourne VIC (30ml) | 12 |
| Paranubes Ron → 'Mexican Agricole' rum from Northern Oaxaca, Mexico (30ml) #stinky | 15 |

OR IS IT AN EAU DE VIE?

30ml

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| Belgrove 'Apple Hatchet', Kempton TAS | 16 |
| Laurent Cazottes 'Goutte de Reine-Claude dorée', South-West France | 10 |
| Naud Monteru Cabernet Sauvignon Brandy, 2014 Tour France | 15 |
| Roger Groult 6 Year Old Calvados Pay D'Auge, Pay D'Auge France | 10 |
| Delord 'Recolte' Bas Armangac, 1998 Bas Armagnac France | 23 |
| Darroze 'Domaine de le Poste' Armangac, 1973 Bas Armagnac France | 30 |
| Comte de Lamaestre Bas Armagnac, 1979 Bas Armagnac France #lush | 25 |
| Tesseron Lot 76 XO Cognac, Grande Champagne France | 18 |
| Domaine Weinbach Gewurztraminer, Alsace France | 14 |
| Domaine Weinbach Pinot Noir, Alsace France | 15 |
| Domaine Weinbach Muscat, Alsace France | 19 |
| Bertrand d'Abriocot, Alsace France | 14 |
| Chateau de Pibarnon, 1993 Bandol France | 26 |
| Jacques Tissot Marc de Jura, France | 15 |
| Distilleria Azienda Agricola Cascina la Noce 'Signora Grappa', Italy | 12 |

VERMOUTHS/BITTERS

You know what we don't say that often at the Jig? "This drink is sexy." But vermouths are sexy, and it's time everyone got on board. Vermouths are essentially wine + herbs/botanicals + time, and they're almost always an enticing shade of red, which we like to blame for their libidinal appeal. Because we're equal opportunity lovers, we include some amari and bitters too. The top left shelf of our back bar is *heaving* with saucy offerings from all over the place: serious options from the South Australia, flirty Italians, Spanish veterans, and our very own 2019 bootleg babe. In the words of Paris Hilton, "That's hot".

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| Merrijig Garden Vermouth, 2019 Port Fairy VIC #drinklocal | 8 |
| Maidenii → Dry, Classic, Sweet, Amer, from Sutton Grange VIC #drinklocal | 10 |
| Autonomy Native Australian Amaro, Footscray VIC | 10 |
| Mac Forbes EB54 'Bitter and Twisted', Yarra Valley VIC | 12 |
| SVW Amaro, Swan Valley VIC | 11 |
| Cinq A Sept Bitters, Adelaide Hills SA | 12 |
| Adelaide Hills Distillery 'OKAR', Adelaide Hills SA | 11 |
| Caperitif, Cape Town South Africa → Chenin blanc and Quinchona bark | 10 |
| Quiles Primitivo, Alicante Spain | 9 |
| Partida Creus 'Muz' Vermouth, Catalunya Spain | 13 |
| Select 1920, Milan Italy | 9 |
| Acobia Bitters, Turin Italy | 9 |
| Chinati Vergano 'Americano', Piedmont Italy #cult | 13 |
| Olek Bondonio 'L'UNO' Vermouth Rosso, Piedmont Italy | 14 |