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### REVIEWS & ACCOLADES - JANUARY 2023

#### **2019 G.A.R. - Great Australian Red - 97 Points**

**Kim Brebach - BWU20**

A new take on the classic multi-regional red blends of old, made from Coonawarra Cabernet (Penola) and McLaren Vale (Blewitt Springs) Shiraz, and it's a winner. I'm sure Andrew Hardy set out to breed a race horse, a Melbourne Cup winner, and he's succeeded. It's a strapping young thing, bursting with energy and rearing to go, big and boisterous but with a gentle temper. So much breeding. Glorious red and black fruits touched up with just the right amount of oak, exotic spices and dark chocolate in the background. So silky smooth for such a youngster, with all the elements united in their focus on making the wine greater than the sum of its parts. This red will win hearts and minds and trophies, no doubt about that. OK, it's a show pony with obvious charms but you can't take your eyes off it. 97 points, and yes it's worth the money for once.

Made me think of the late sixties grey label reds from Wolf Blass, and that's a big compliment.

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#### **2019 Penola Cabernet Sauvignon - 94 points**

**Stuart Know - Real Review**

Deep ruby to purple in the rim. Blackberry briar, dusty earth and anise aromatics. Medium to full in weight, dark fruits and earth spices resound across the tongue. The tannins are very fine and help it glide long and dry to the finish. There's a lot to like in its unforced elegance. Drink 2022 - 2031

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#### **2018 Ebenezer Shiraz - 92 points**

**Tyson Stelzer - Wine Companion**

Matured 20 months in 50% new French oak hogsheads. Spicy black fruit depth and licorice might are Ebenezer signatures. French oak brings control and definition in its fine tannin lattice, adding dark chocolate and coffee bean to a long finish. A shiraz of considerable dimensions and warm alcohol, crafted with control and determination.

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#### **2021 Lobethal Chardonnay - 93 points**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Beautifully fruited and inviting on the nose with ripe stone fruit, vanilla, roasted hazelnut and brioche characters, leading to an elegantly flavoursome palate displaying creamy mouthfeel and silky flow. Delightfully framed by juicy acidity, offering excellent drinking. At its best: now to 2026.

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#### **2016 'Madeline Alice' Piccadilly Valley Blanc de Noir - 9.5/10 points**

**Simon Hughes - Max Crus**

Hesketh Piccadilly Valley 'Madeline Alice' Blanc de Noir 2016, \$60. Someone should market a case of wines with peoples' names. An eponymous mixed dozen. Who doesn't know a Madeline these days? Alright, most are only five years old, so don't put it in the pass the parcel.

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#### **2021 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir - 93 points**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Complex and enticing, the wine shows dark berry, cake spice, earthy mushroom and roasted nut characters on the nose, followed by a generously textured palate offering succulent fruit flavours with silky texture and expansive mouthfeel, finishing long and delectable. At its best: now to 2028

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#### **2021 Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon - 92 points**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Attractively ripe and fragrant with blackcurrant, sweet cherry, olive and toasted almond notes, it's finely textured and beautifully weighted in the mouth displaying succulent fruit flavours with fine polished tannins. Harmonious and classically styled with a prolonged structured finish. At its best: now to 2029

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#### **2021 Barossa Valley Negroamaro - 93 points**

**Ken Gargett - Wine Pilot**

A lovely cherry/crimson in colour, the nose offers an array of flavours - plums, florals, red cherries and tobacco leaf notes. Well structured with a supple and slippery texture, through to satiny tannins. Good focus. Notes of blueberries emerge on the palate backed by fresh acidity. This is one of the best Negroamaro's I have seen from Australia, although granted there are not that many. Delicious and great value. Drink 2022 -

2024

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### **2022 Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc - 93 points**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Pristine and fabulously aromatic, the bouquet shows green rockmelon, Granny Smith apple, jalapeno and lime zest aromas, followed by a wonderfully flavoursome palate that's succulent and lingering. Punchy and dynamic with plenty of tasty fruit flavours. At its best: now to 2026

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### **2022 Eden Valley Riesling - 9.6/10**

**Simon Hughes - [simonhughes.com.au](http://simonhughes.com.au)**

You don't always expect huge things from riesling, so when you get it, it really makes you sit up, grab another canapé and a top up. Voluminous character and overflowing with flavour. 9.6/10.

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### **2022 Clare Valley Fiano - 91 points**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Fresh and delicately fragrant with green pear, fig, crunchy apple and jasmine aromas, it's bright and finely textured in the mouth offering excellent vibrancy and lively feel. Refreshing and attractive drinking. At its best: now to 2026

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### **2022 Bright Young Things Limestone Coast Sauvignon Blanc**

**Ken Gargett - Wine Pilot**

The fruit here is sourced from cooler climate vineyards in the Limestone Coast region. Fermentation is in stainless steel and skin contact is kept to an absolute minimum. The result is a wine that while quite simple in style, offers oodles of fruit and flavour. Bursting forth with gooseberries and some tropicals, with a touch of dry herbs. Supple texture, soft finish and a mid-length palate. Excellent value.

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### **2022 Rules of Engagement Limestone Coast Pinot Grigio**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Light and delicate, the wine shows green pear, apple, lime peel and white floral aromas on the nose. The palate displays linear mouthfeel combined with bright acidity, finishing attractively long and crisp-dry. At its best: now to 2025

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### **2022 Lost Weekend Limestone Coast Chardonnay**

**Ken Gargett - Wine Pilot**

The grapes here are sourced from the Limestone Coast. Fermentation is in stainless steel and there follows a short period of maturation. A dilute lemon colour. This is a light, fresh and 'unadulterated' style. Hints of citrus and stonefruit. Mid-length, fresh, soft and appealing, this is a style which provides attractive easy drinking, best from now over the next year or two. It really is fabulous value. How can you go wrong?

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### **2022 Unfinished Business Limestone Coast Pinot Noir**

**Sam Kim - Wine Orbit**

Sweetly fruited and savoury at the same time, the wine shows dark cherry, game, warm mushroom and mixed spice nuances on the nose. The palate displays gentle weight and smooth texture, finishing silky and lingering

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### **2021 Midday Somewhere Limestone Coast Shiraz**

**Ken Gargett - Wine Pilot**

This wine has spent some time in French oak, but that works merely as a supporting condiment rather than any dominating factor. Sourced from the Limestone Coast, the wine is deep purple in colour. Notes of dry herbs, coffee grinds, tobacco leaves, blackfruits, root vegetables and warm earth weave throughout. The structure is generous and welcoming, soft and silky, with very fine tannins. This is very much upfront in style. Quite simple, but pleasing drinking over the next year or two. Ideal with a big rich stew. Great buying.

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