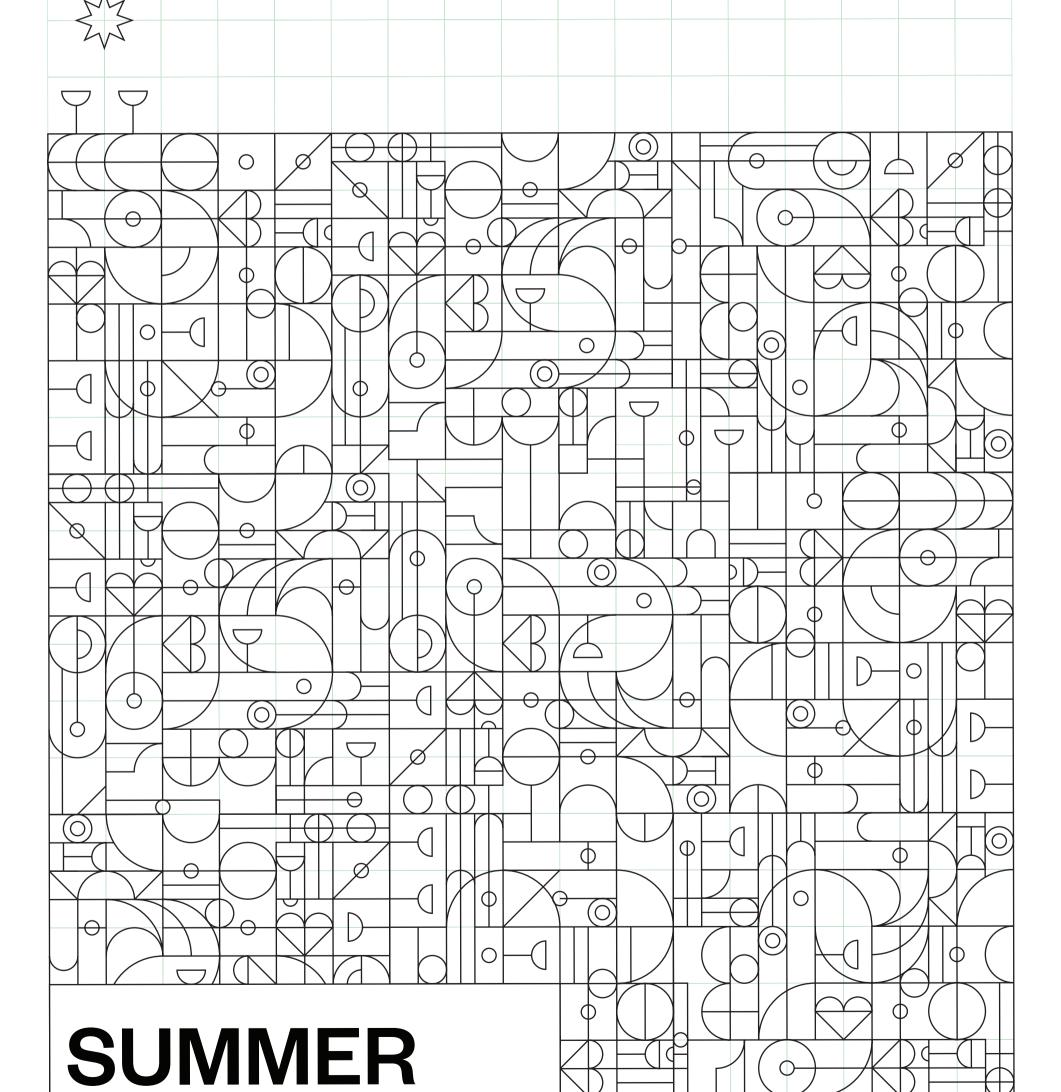
## BLACKHEARTS S-SPARROWS



DRINKS GUIDE '23-'24

## HERE'S TO A BOTTOMLESS SUMMER.



## Hello drinker, and welcome to the inaugural Blackhearts & Sparrows Summer Drinks Guide.

For those who don't know us, we're Paul & Jessica, or as our family knows us, The Blackheart & The Sparrow. We're the founders and owners of Blackhearts & Sparrows - we just happen to be siblings too.

We've been in the business of great drinks since 2006. One thing we've noticed as a constant in this time is the perceived pressure when selecting the 'right' wine (or beer, or spirits).

For us, wine and drinks have always been about an experience, a conversation or a means of connection—amongst family and friends, old and new. It's why we started Blackhearts & Sparrows, and why we're still so passionate about it today.

It's this belief and philosophy that guides everything we do—from our product range, store experience and our infinite love for helping you find your favourite drinks. Today we are a team of passionate drinkers with an appreciation for flavour, discovery and community. Great drinks are all about enjoyment, and we believe the process of discovering and buying should also be just as enjoyable and approachable—no matter your taste, knowledge or budget.

This means there are no right answers.

But we understand that many people do feel the decision of what to gift or share to the table can be a loaded one. So we've curated some of our favourites. We're professional drinkers (it's a tough gig we know) and we wanted to share our recommendations with you this summer. We've got you covered from big ticket hosting days, lazy summer sessions, to drinks that impress.

The Guide has everything you need to drink confidently, drink with a sense of adventure and most importantly drink well.

Wishing you a happy festive season, a joyful summer and a glass that's always half full.

## GIFTS WORTH SMASHING.

When it comes to gifting, we recommend you stick with the classics. Shiraz, Pinot Noir, Bubbles and Chardonnay are your friends and make great gifts for the workplace, the family member you never know what to get, or the KK you forgot you needed. These products stand up on their own or can be paired with some of our snacks for that little something extra.



Rouleur Pinot Noir 2023

**REGION:** Yarra Valley, Victoria

#### SUMMARY:

Planted on the edge of a national forest this has beguiling floral and cherry aromatics, lovely earthy, ripe forestal berries & cherries and plenty of tannin.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

Quintessential Yarra Valley Pinot Noir, plush red fruit, earthy spice and structural substance to match your game.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

If you like the smell of the city more than the forest.



A.Rodda Baxendale Vineyard Chardonnay 2022

**REGION:** Whitlands, Victoria

#### SUMMARY:

Benchmark modern Australian Chardonnay that is fine-boned, flinty & mineral, bustling with citrus and simmering French oak.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

When you like Chablis, but wish it had a little more oomph.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

If you like your toast with more butter than bread.



#### Michael Hall Flaxman's Valley Syrah 2021

**REGION:** Eden Valley, South Australia

#### SUMMARY:

Syrah aka Shiraz that unfurls with sweet Middle Eastern souk spice, ripe dark berries, and a silky fine texture. Waiting to be poured into your best decanter.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

You love a full-bodied Shiraz with a good crack of spice.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

If spice is not the variety in your life.

## NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO SAY ALL THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT THESE GIFTS, SO FEEL FREE TO RIFF ABOUT THE REGION OR HOW COOL THE LABEL LOOKS.



Happy Camper Rose Pet Nat 660ml NV



Rob Hall Cabernets 2022 Yarra Valley VIC



Strelley Farm
Pinot Noir 2022
Tasmania



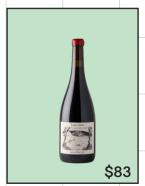
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Mitchell Harris Sabre Sparkling Rose 2019 VIC



Craiglee Eadie Shiraz 2019 Sunbury VIC



Eastern Peake Intrinsic
Pinot Noir 2021
Coghills Creek-Ballarat VIC



By Farr Farrside Pinot Noir 2021 Geelong VIC



Dart Gin Negroni Pack



Wildflower Lambrewski



The Gospel Rosso Vermouth



Cremorne St Traditional Pudding

# CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED INTO MY PERSONAL SPACE.

Hosting can often foster fear, especially when it comes to trying to please everyone. The short answer is you can't. The longer answer is to go for broad appeal. Here's our user-friendly guide that will make you a great host (or what to bring to make you a great guest).

Bubbles (everyone needs bubbles in their life) and casks that last.

Opt for light to medium-bodied reds with soft tannins that will please the palates of even the most discerning red drinkers in your life.

Drink the rainbow - bubbles, white, yellow, pink, orange, red - a colour for every occasion

(from celebrating, the drop-ins, to sprawling dinners hosting friends and family).

Go for dry whites with low fruit flavour intensity that won't offend. (Avoid the tropical fruit bomb - unless it's a Savvy B for that person who doesn't drink anything else)

Don't forget to stock up on low to no-alcohol options for the chauffeurs and fluid drinkers in your life.

### 3 BUYS TO SHOW YOU'VE PUT IN AN EFFORT...



Jean-Paul Trijsburg Pinot Gris 2023

REGION: Mt Alexander, Victoria

#### SUMMARY:

A textural delight, full of crunchy apple and energetic acidity that is crisp, dry and delicious till the end, from a rising star.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

Cause it is one of our favourite wines of the year.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

When the step from Grigio to Gris is one step too far.



Hennings Shiraz 2021

REGION: Heathcote, Victoria

#### SUMMARY:

Made in the cellars at Wild Duck Creek, this is a traditional, full-bodied and powerful Heathcote Shiraz off the famous Cambrian soils.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

When you just can't seem to find powerful Shiraz anymore that is not over-oaked.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You like your reds light, like a summer breeze.



Rob Hall Pinot Noir 2023

**REGION**: Yarra Valley, Victoria

#### SUMMARY:

A super easygoing, fleshy Pinot, with black cherry and forest floor notes that delivers a smile with every glass.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

Rob honed his craft at Mt Mary and makes thought-provoking and delicious wines.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

If you don't drink wine by people named Rob.

#### THE SUPPORTING Happy Sack Rosé 1.5L 2022 Paracombe Pinot Blanc 2022 CAST... King Valley VIC Adelaide Hills SA \$32 \$24 Domaine Des Prevelieres Beaujolais The Lane Lois Sparkling **Philter Juicy** Grain d'Argile Gamay 2022 Blanc de Blancs NV 4pk Adelaide Hills SA Beaujolais France \$25 Q \$25 \$39 Cielo Soda Yuzu Okinawin Lime **Positive Energy Pet Nat** Osicka Selection Tooborac **Rose 2023** VIC Shiraz 2022 Heathcote VIC \$14 \$28 Corryton Burge Kith Grenache Latta Quartz Bianco Sauvignon **Dirty Martini Pack** 2022 Barossa Valley SA Blanc 2022 Pyrenees VIC (Dolin, Full Circle Olive Gin, \$28 Mount Zero Olives) \$43 \$132

Sir, this is a Blackhearts & Sparrows...

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## LEAVE A GOOD THIRST IMPRESSION.

When it comes to wine and drinks that impress, for us it's much more about discovery and curation than it is price point. You can impress the beverage connoisseurs in your life with knowledge, not just deep pockets.

For wine, look to alternative varieties such as Picpoul, Nero d'Avola, Touriga Nacional, Fiano and Sangiovese which we're excited by at the moment.

Lean into wines with fizz, from traditional Champagne to easy-drinking Pét-Nats.

For beers, look for collabs, limited editions or experimental brews, like those inspired by Amaros.

For spirits look beyond the classics to small batch rum that is about to have it's craft moment.

Reed & Co are one to watch as they are making really delicious Japanese-inspired spirits.

### THE FEEL-GOOD DROPS OF THE SUMMER...







\$83





Paralian Spring Hills Shiraz 2022

**REGION:** Mclaren Vale, SA

#### SUMMARY:

Close your eyes and think of St Joseph/Cornas... then open them and find yourself in SA's mighty seaside McLaren Vale!

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

Complex detailed blue-fruit,

peatiness and layers of the silky tannins don't do it for you.

signature Blewitt Springs

You have Pierre Gonon's St Jo Shiraz taste, but not the budget. I Custodi AEDES Etna Bianco 2022

**REGION:** Sicily, Italy

#### SUMMARY:

Etna-Guru Signor Salvo Foti has again crafted an immense example of local Carricante grape defined by a fresh citrus/saline tension.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

You like your wine as salty as your anchovies and you're still thinking about White Lotus S2.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You just can't seem to escape the clutches of Chablis fever.

#### Daosa Blanc de Blancs 2018

**REGION:** Adelaide Hills, SA

#### SUMMARY:

When your family tree includes the Croser and Bollinger names, a dedicated artisanal sparkling winery was always going to happen.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

This is the pointy end of Australian sparkling, with all the depth and detail of 'méthode champenoise' winemaking.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

Prestige, cool-climate, single site sparklings aren't your thing!

#### Molly Rose Festive Horizons

**REGION:** Collingwood, VIC

#### SUMMARY:

Farmhouse Ale aged on organic grenache grapes for 12 months before being refreshed with a blueberry saison and festive spices.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

You love it when two local businesses come together to collaborate.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You believe that if it's not hoppy it's not worth it.

#### Ardnamurchan Sherry Cask Release Single Malt Scotch Whisky

**REGION:** Highland Scotland

#### SUMMARY:

A lightly peated single malt whisky from Scotland that's been aged in Sherry Casks.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

It tastes like the ocean, a fruit cake and a very lightly smouldering fire all fell in love.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You like a whisky so smokey they call the fire brigade.

### **KNOW YOUR DEEP CUTS...**



Thick as Thieves Arneis 2023 Yarra Valley VIC

Vino Volta So Well Then Fiano 2023 Swan Valley WA \$34

Monte Ronca Colle Marianna Soave 2022 Veneto Italy \$36



Rouleur Nero D'avola 2023 Mclaren Vale SA \$38

Le Facteur Vouvray Extra Brut 2020 Loire Valley France \$41

**Primosic Think Yellow** Ribolla Gialla 2022 Venezia Giulia Italy \$46

Tenuta di Carleone Chianti Classico 2020 Tuscany Italy



Devaux Cœur des Bar Blanc de **Noirs NV** Champagne France \$85

**Deeds Shared Dreams** Glen Iris VIC \$28

Sobremessa Summer Lemonade Grisette 4pk

Stellacello Amaro \$86

Catfishing but with good drinks and a happy ending...

**BLACKHEARTS** & SPARROWS

## SUMMER STOCKINGS FOR ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.

We all know drinks go down a whole lot easier on a hot day or holiday and there are few staples we suggest stocking your fridge with to ensure you're drinking well this summer and ready for any spontaneous occasion. Try our refreshing favourites here.



Quinta do Ermizio Electrico Vinho Verde 2022

**REGION:** Vinho Verde, Portugal

#### SUMMARY:

A crisp, bright blend with zesty citrus and some super refreshing spritz thanks to a lick of lemon pith, grapefruit and quinine.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

If seafood is on the menu and you like wine that tastes like gin and tonic.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

Refreshment is what you get from a dip in the ocean instead of your wine glass.



Parco Pinot Noir 2023

**REGION:** Mornington Peninsula, VIC

#### SUMMARY:

A Blackhearts & Sparrows x Bill Downie collab blend that prioritises immediate, vivid fruit made to be drunk outdoors.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

You love nothing more than assuming a horizontal position on a picnic rug surrounded by friends.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

Suns out and you don't have any free mates to hang with at Eddy Gardens



Oscar Hermann Spring Dem Roses Cabernet Rose 2023

**REGION**: Yarra Valley, VIC

#### SUMMARY:

Suns out, pink wines out! Delicate berries, snappy cranberry and some rosehip-like character that finishes savoury and refreshing.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

You have borrowed your dad's tinnie and someone has told you only Provence Rose will do as "yacht juice".

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You much prefer the decidedly sweet fizz of Veuve or Piper.



Curatif Tromba Tommys Margarita Cocktail (ea)

**REGION:** Collingwood, VIC

#### SUMMARY:

A classic Tommy's style margarita made from tequila, lime juice and agave syrup, ready to drink in a can.

(4pk)

SUMMARY:

You like the convenience of always being able to drink a perfect margarita.

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

If you like to flex your cocktail making skills for your friends.

#### WHY YOU WILL LIKE IT:

classic Summer Ale

Your friends will be impressed that you have the hottest new thing in the beer world.

\$23

Mountain Culture x Sierra Nevada Summer Pale Ale

**REGION:** Katoomba, NSW

A summer-y collab between

two big hype breweries. It's a

#### WHY YOU WON'T LIKE IT:

You're above the hype.

## IF YOU DON'T OWN A SECOND FRIDGE, WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING IN LIFE...



Half Time Orange Skin Contact Blend 2023 VIC



Konpira Maru Voltron Red White Blend 2023 Yarra Valley VIC



Musical Folk Amber Gris 2023 Yarra Valley VIC



Fin Wines Le Vin du Rosier Grenache Zinfandel 2023 Upper Goulburn VIC



Medhurst Chardonnay 2023 Yarra Valley VIC



Benazzoli Lago di Garda Bardolino 2022 Veneto Italy



Domaine Haute Fevrie Clos De La Fevrie Muscadet 2019 Loire Valley France



Werkstatt Riesling 2023
Mt Gambier SA



The Island Gin



Blackhearts Birra 6pk



Mode No More Elevator Music Seltzer 4pk



Frankies Fine Brine The Gin Pickle

## SUMMER LESSONS IN THE ART OF PROFESSIONAL DRINKING.

If you really want to level up your summer drinking, we've taken it one step further to break down the summer occasions for the pro drinkers playing along at home.

### SUMMER SESSIONS

Parks, picnics, beach, sundowners, you know the drill. Go for drinks high on the refreshment scale.



Latta Essential Crisis Pet Nat 2022 Pyrenees VIC



Battles Rose 2023
Geographe WA



Poderi Cellario E Bianco Arneis Favorita Moscato 1000ml 2022



Beechworth Bitters Yuzucello for making a Yuzucello Spritz



Sopra Blood Orange Seltzer 4pk

### SUMMER BBQs

Level up long lazy BBQs.

Go for wines robust in fruit and tannin to match the grill lines.



Yangarra Old Vine Grenache 2022



Rouleur Nero D'avola 2023

McLaren vale SA

FAIRBANK \$33

Sutton Grange Fairbank
Sangiovese 2022
Central Victoria VIC



La Sirene Saisonette



Madre Mezcal Ensamble for making Mezcalitas

### SUMMER ESCAPES

Stock up on the good stuff before you go.

Go for versatile drinking ready for all occasions and mood.



Bistro Range



Parco Range



Delgados Tequila Soda ea



Saison Aperitifs House Vermouth



Bottle drop (Once-off or subscription drink packs)

DCATION				
Abbotsford 247 Johnston Street, Abbotsford VIC 3067	03 9077 5145	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Braddon Shop 15, 27 Lonsdale Street	02 6128 0777	MON - WED THURS - FRI SAT SUN	11am – 8pm 11am – 9pm 10am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Brunswick 379 Sydney Road, Brunswick VIC 3056	03 9381 2129	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	Z\
East Brunswick 131 Lygon Street East, Brunswick VIC 30577	03 9380 1831	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Elwood (new store	03 9191 4850	MON - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 10am – 6pm	
Fitzroy 123 Smith Street, Fitzroy VIC 3065	03 9415 8092	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Fitzroy North 119 Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy VIC 306867	03 9489 5945	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Geelong 332 Pakington Street, Newtown VIC 3220	03 5242 8109	MON - THURS FRI SAT SUN	11am – 8pm 10am – 8pm 10am – 8pm 11am – 7pm	
Melbourne Central, Corner Elizabeth and La Trobe St	03 9193 8258	MON - WED THURS - FRI SAT SUN	12pm – 7pm 12pm – 9pm 12pm – 7pm CLOSED -	
North Hobart 396 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart TAS 7000	03 6234 8696	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	11am – 8pm 11am – 9pm 11am – 8pm	
Prahran Shop 813-814 Prahran Market, 163 Commercial Road	03 9826 8768	MON TUES WED THURS - FRI SAT SUN	CLOSED - 9am - 7pm CLOSED - 9am - 7pm 9am - 7pm 10am - 5pm	
Richmond 202 Swan Street, Richmond VIC 3121	03 9428 1801	MON - WED THURS - SAT SUN	9am – 8pm 9am – 9pm 10am – 8pm	
Victoria Gardens 620 Victoria St, Richmond VIC 3121	03 9041 7106	MON - THURS FRI SAT	9am – 6pm 9am – 9pm 9am – 6pm	

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