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Thanks for being a Reserve Red wine club member. Your support is the lifeblood of our business!

JAMES HALLIDAY RATINGS CELEBRATION

We have one happy winemaker after receiving numerous glowing reviews from James Halliday Wine Companion for the wines we submitted over the last 12 months. Our second release of Amphora Shiraz was the absolute star receiving 95 points and matching last year's result for our 2020 Amphora Nero d'Avola.



2021 Amphora Shiraz

“Matured in terracotta amphora, which are sourced from Italy. It’s a wonderful expression of Barossa shiraz, inky, as expected, potent and ripe, understandably, with bold whiffs and licks of stewed plum, black and green olive, choc-mint, sage leaf, dried seaweed, cinnamon, and a pleasing and subtle savoury undertow of brick dust and, well, terracotta character. It is lengthy, palate staining and intense but so very pure, even with its muscularity. A wonderful, unadorned expression that delivers immense character and satisfaction, with fruit as the star. Stellar stuff.” **95 points**

Members receive a complimentary tasting of our Amphora range at our cellar door, so make sure you enjoy that on your next trip to the region!

Each bottle is packaged in a beautiful sturdy wine box and also includes a \$300 gift card that can be used at Xennox Diamonds on Queens Street Mall. This card can be used on anything from ring cleaning to fabulous new bling!

To order this stunning special occasion wine with free delivery click [here](#).

We have put together a celebration six pack of the following Halliday highly rated wines for you to enjoy.

\$30 2023 Vermentino - 91 points

\$45 2023 Fiano - 92 points

\$65 2023 Albarino - 94 points

\$65 2021 Reserve Montepulciano - 93 points

\$95 2021 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - 94 points

\$95 2021 Reserve Lagrein - 94 points

The six wines retail for a total of \$395, which we are offering to you for just \$250 with free delivery.

CELEBRATION SIX PACK SPECIAL: To order this special celebration six pack for \$250 with free delivery, just reply to this email with [YES TO CELEBRATION SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.



2023 Vermentino

"Symphony Hill Wines may just cover the most wine states and regions for a brand that I know of in Australia, Penfolds notwithstanding. The fruit for this wine comes from Goulburn Valley, a whole state away from where the Symphony Hill Wines brand emerged from in Queensland. No issue with that, just interesting. It's a crisp and refreshing vermentino with good character of the variety in lime/mineral water characters, cashew nut savouriness, some green mango characters, a touch of bitter herbs and a pleasing, saline mineral vein running through it all. It's Very Vermentino, if you get the drift, delivering righteous perfume, palate and persistence, with good energy to boot. Delicious." **91 points**



2023 Fiano

"This works good fiano mojo. Heaps of slippery texture, a good sense of medium-weight concentration, nashi pear, green almond, anise piquancy and a pleasing, lemony bitterness in perfume and palate. It has plenty of flavour and a whack of freshness in tow. Delightful all up, with plenty of character on hand." **92 points**



2023 Albarino

"This is grown on the Symphony Hill estate vineyard. It's a seriously good take on the variety with concentration of flavour, excellent, slippery then chalky texture, bright perfume, distinct flavours and a riff of spice and minerality that elevates the wine. Expect aromas of green melon, candle wax, faint honeycomb, bergamot tea and green almond. The palate is more fruity, perhaps, a bit of lemon-ginger tea over rockmelon, some stewed apple elements, with that minerally, saline acidity lifting everything and twisting it long and into a pleasing, gently bitter profile. It's very complete, complex and compelling. Very much worth a look." **94 points**



2021 Reserve Montepulciano

"Lots to sink one's teeth into here. A hearty, lush rendering of montepulciano loaded with ripe cherry, green olive, currants, chocolate and dried herbs. It sits relatively fresh on the palate despite the warm and ripe fruit profile, the variety's acid profile lifting things and driving the wine long through the palate. Licks of vanilla cream and toasted, brown spices join in. There's some quiet floral elements at play too. Chewy tannins ripple through the wine well. It adds up to a wine of some complexity and pleasing varietal character." **93 points**



2021 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

"A deep and brooding expression of cabernet sauvignon, lively with its potent, ripe and rich delivery of cassis, blackcurrants, mocha, violet floral lift and choc-licorice characters. There's clove and woody spices amongst all this, but the hedonistic red on hand is way more about the slip and slide, density and concentration of fruit character with its varied spice and sweet elements. It works well, the balance is well-judged, and the wine feels volume-up but in sync. Lush as can be, long, palate-staining and formidable in its personality. A lavish red, done well." **94 points**



2021 Reserve Lagrein

"This release finds a more medium weight, indeed a more 'classic' expression of lagrein, kindred to its Trentino-Alto Adige origins in northeastern Italy yet defined by its Queensland origins. Beautiful, graphite-laced tannins ripple through dark cherry and black plum with traces of alpine herb, blood orange, green olive and tobacco in the mix. Indeed, tannin is a vortex in this wine, building from fine and finishing hugely puckering, but refreshing at the same time. So much structure. The perfume is voluminous and set similarly to the palate's descriptors. All up, the wine nails its brief and delivers a tremendous rendition of the variety." **94 points**

2018 CLOS DU CLOCHER IMPORTED FROM POMEROL RELEASED TO MEMBERS



In May we announced to our members that we were importing a very special wine from Pomerol and we are excited to announce that after resting in our temperature-controlled barrel room for two months, it is now ready to be enjoyed! Our winemaker Abaraham cooked his fabulous braai (South African BBQ) and we excitedly opened the wine, decanted it for an hour, and then were blown away with how stunningly beautiful it was.



Abraham giving both the wine and his Wagyu steak his seal of approval

For those lucky members who pre-ordered the wine, we will be delivering to you in September. The wine can be enjoyed straight away or continue to develop and mature to be enjoyed for decades! At our special member price of just \$140 per

bottle plus \$20 freight per box/address label, it is just so exciting as a wine investment.

We are always looking for ways to spoil our members and this has to be near the very top. With cellaring potential well into the 2040s, we can absolutely promise that if you were to open one every year for the rest of your life you will see it as the best wine investment you ever made. In our opinion, Clos du Clocher is a sleeper Pomerol that every wine lover should discover now while we can still afford it.

The good news is that we still have stock left. Should you wish to secure this wine, please email us by clicking [here](#) and enter the number of bottles you would like. We will process the credit card we have for you on file as part of your membership. Please note that stock is limited, and orders will be processed in the order they are received

If you order 12 bottles, you will receive this beautifully decorated wooden case. Freight costs on sending the wooden case will vary, depending on your address.



We have begun planning a trip to Pomerol in 2025 and members who purchase this wine will be invited to join us! Stay tuned for more information.

So, how did we get access to this six year old stellar vintage? Our winemaker, Abraham de Klerk, worked a vintage in Pomerol, France at Chateau Clos du Clocher prior to starting at Symphony Hill Wines. Abraham's close relationship with this renowned estate has enabled us to procure forty cases of their sensational 2018 vintage at a very special price.

Clos du Clocher was founded in 1924 and their 4.6-hectare vineyard is planted with 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc. Arguably, the best Merlot in the world comes from Pomerol, located on the right bank of Bordeaux. The neighbouring chateaus of Pétrus and Le Pin retail for \$8000 per bottle.

Following are some international reviews of the wine that will make you salivate in anticipation.

"Clos du Clocher is a hidden gem in Pomerol. Considering its overall quality and potential, we believe Clos du Clocher is a rare find among Pomerol that is still undervalued. For collectors who want to let the wine age, we recommend these vintages: 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020."

Laguna Cellars Cellar Master

94-95 points James Suckling

"Very perfumed and pretty with dark berries, vanilla and hints of chocolate on the nose. Medium to full body, bright fruit and ripe, polished tannins."

93-95 points Vinous

"The 2018 Clos du Clocher, picked from 27 September until 5 October, was matured in 60% new oak. It has a classic Pomerol bouquet with blackberry and raspberry fruit laced with smoke and black truffle. The palate is quite intense, as you would expect, since the yield was 32hL/ha. Supple tannins, very saline in the mouth with a generous sprinkling of black pepper on the finish. This is an impressive Pomerol in the making with very good persistence. Superb."

"A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2018 Clos du Clocher springs from the glass with vibrant scents of crushed black cherries, fresh blackberries and mulberries plus suggestions of Indian spices, menthol and graphite. The medium to full-bodied palate is bright and energetic, packed with crunchy black fruits and framed by grainy tannins, finishing long and refreshing." Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Rating: 93 Drink: 2023-2040

"Another outstanding Pomerol in the vintage, the 2018 Clos Du Clocher is impressive. Revealing a deep purple color as well as notes of ripe plum, black cherries, scorched earth, graphite, and cedary herbs, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a straight, focused texture, good balance, and outstanding length. It says focused and inward on the palate, but I suspect 4-5 years in the cellar will help open it up as well as let some of the tannins resolve. It's

unquestionably an outstanding wine and it should have two decades of overall longevity." Jeb Dunnuck, 2018 Bordeaux From The BottleRatings: 91+ Drink: 2024-2041

"A Pomerol that has been gaining in form and reputation over the past few years, and this is a great vintage to get to know it if you haven't done so already. Plenty of big but juicy tannins that support the black cherry, cassis fruits without hiding their potential even at this stage, with layers of licourice, cocoa bean and fresh mint as it opens up. Creamy texture, and flavours that refuse to budge for a good few minutes after the wine has left your mouth. Harvest 27 September until 5 October, natural yeast fermentation. 32hl/h yield, 60% new oak." Jane Anson, Best Pomerol 2020 Wines Tasted En Primeur Ratings: 94 Drink: 2026-2042

92-94 points Wine Advocate

"Composed of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, the deep purple-black colored 2018 Clos du Clocher slips sensuously out of the glass with kirsch, black cherry compote and preserved plums scents with hints of Chinese five spice, candied violets and Ceylon tea. Full-bodied, rich and laden with black fruit preserves and exotic spice layers, it has a soft texture and just a spark of mid-palate freshness, finishing long and opulent."

91-93 points Jeb Dunnuck

"The dark plum-colored 2018 Château Clos Du Clocher is a rich, chewy, concentrated Pomerol that has impressive amounts of dark fruits, earth, chocolate, and smoked tobacco. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated, with a stacked mid-palate, it's a serious wine that's going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and keep for 15+."

89-92 points Antonio Galloni for Vinous: *"The 2018 Clos du Clocher is terrific. Bold, punchy and flamboyantly ripe, the 2018 also has quite a bit of supporting structure. Crème de cassis, lavender, mint, licorice and new oak infuse a creamy Pomerol that stands out for its decidedly opulent personality. Clos du Clocher can be a touch over-extracted. While the 2018 is not a subtle wine by any means, it is also*

quite polished, with striking density and fine overall balance. Tasted three times."

PRE-RELEASE OF GINYARD SYMPHONY HILL GIN

In an exciting collaboration with our neighbour on Eukey Rd, The Ginyard distillery, we can announce the exciting launch of an ultra-limited edition gin (280 bottles only), which is the flagship product currently available for pre-sale from The Ginyard for \$100 per bottle. The Ginyard tasting room is ultra modern and an excellent way to finish off a day of wine sampling on the Granite Belt.



The gin is based on a portion of our newly fermented 2024 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon before it went into our barrels for ageing. Phil and Nicole from The Ginyard used botanicals of juniper, coriander, pepperberry, cinnamon, cloves, orange peel and ginger. It is a full bodied gin, bursting with flavours of peppers, garden fresh spices, and berries across the palette. Pairing suggestions are over ice, or with a splash of light tonic, soda water, or even a good quality natural ginger ale garnished with a slice of lime. Helloooo Spring!

For more information and to pre-order before its September release, click [here](#).

SPRING PREMIUM WINE CLUB DELIVERY

Members who have elected to receive the premium selection will be receiving their shipment soon.

You won't automatically receive this selection, however you are most welcome to take advantage of the specials listed below. If you would like to receive this spring selection as a one-off delivery, then click [here](#)!

We are proud to present our selection for spring 2024. Another diverse range of wines to enjoy as you say farewell to the cold and heartily welcome the joy of the new warmer season. Spring on the Granite Belt always lifts your spirits as you see new farm life being born and bud burst beginning. Make sure you come early in the season to pick wild asparagus from the side of the road and take in the beauty of Girraween National Park in full bloom.



The tasting notes of this care package can be viewed [here](#).

At just \$30 per bottle, this selection is designed for you to enjoy this spring, and

your member discount of 30% can be used to order more of your favourites for ageing or enjoying now!

These spring whites are all fabulously vibrant in the glass. The Prosecco is made in the traditional charmat method with no yeast contact, capturing the purity of the fruit. The new 2024 Sauvignon Blanc is fresh, vibrant and crisp, demanding to be enjoyed with Thai chilli mudcrabs. The Gewürztraminer is our signature white wine and as always, prepare to have your hair blown back with wild aromatics of rose water and lychees and savour Turkish delight on the palate.

Our estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon is the best value red wine and exhibits a style more reminiscent of great European Cabernets with its elegance and complexity. The 2022 Reserve Nero d'Avola is released first to our members in this selection and we also include the last bottles of our stunning 2021 vintage of Reserve Shiraz.

2023 Prosecco



Treat yourself to some well-earned Fizziotherapy!

Audacious aromas of lemonade and kaffir lime peer through sophisticated notes of

yellow-flesh peach and apricot. Delicate citrus notes highlight the delicious lip smacking profile of apple and pear, with a lovely balance of acidity to enhance the fresh zingy finish.

PROSECCO SPECIAL: To order 6 bottles of our \$30 2023 Prosecco for \$21.00 per bottle and free delivery (Total: \$126.00) just reply to this email with [YES TO PROSECCO SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.

2024 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc



Scented whiffs of passionfruit flowers combine with hints of gooseberry and green pepper. Deliciously rich mouth filling passionfruit and citrus flavours delicately balance out the seamless acid profile intelligently supported by a zippy textural finish. Best served with chilli mud crabs!

SAVVY B SPECIAL: To order 6 bottles of our \$30 2024 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc for \$21.00 per bottle and free delivery (Total: \$126.00) just reply to this email with [YES TO SAVVY B SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.

2023 Gewurztraminer



This wine has jazz hands - being wildly aromatic! Your mind will think you are walking through a Turkish bazaar as you breathe in Turkish delight, rose and lychees. The palate also offers Turkish delight, ginger and grapefruit. Best enjoyed with any spicy dish you crave.

GEWURZTRAMINER SPECIAL: To order 6 bottles of our \$45 2023 Gewurztraminer for \$30.00 per bottle and free delivery (Total: \$180.00) just reply to this email with [YES TO GEWURZTRAMINER SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.

2022 Cabernet Sauvignon



An excellent vintage from our estate vineyard has produced a Cabernet Sauvignon that displays old world nuances. There is an elegance not usually seen in new

world cabernets including complexities of tobacco leaf, cassis, dark Belgian chocolate, cedar, baking spice and graphite. There is a beautiful whole pallet profile with an excellent balance of wood, fruit and acid. The wine is fresh yet intense in structure.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SPECIAL: To order 6 bottles of our \$45 Cabernet Sauvignon for \$30.00 per bottle and free delivery (Total: \$180.00) just reply to this email with [YES TO CABERNET SAUVIGNON SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.

2022 Reserve Nero d'Avola



The wine captivates with an earth-inspired bouquet that blends chilli pepper with sage and black plum before giving way to crushed wild blueberries. It's silky and refined, with a sleek wave of ripe red and blue fruits carried across a core of zesty acidity. A saline tinge adds a savory edge toward the close. It finishes lightly structured, long and with immaculate balance, leaving a coating of black cherry, hints of citrus and vanilla.

RESERVE NERO D'AVOLA SPECIAL: To order 6 bottles of our \$65 2022 Reserve Nero d'Avola for \$40 per bottle and free delivery (Total: \$240.00) just reply to this email with [YES TO RESERVE NERO D'AVOLA SPECIAL!](#) or click on the link.

2021 Reserve Shiraz



Next is our latest release of Reserve Shiraz. This wine will take you to a place that isn't human and you may actually meow! In addition, you may also experience other side effects like proposing marriage, changing careers, retiring to travel the world, dreaming dreams and smelling colours. You are about to experience a wine that will make love to your taste buds while bringing all your senses to a heightened level.

First your sense of smell will come alive to opulent aromas of rich plum, blueberry, green pepper-corns, crushed black pepper and coffee beans ground upon dark Belgian chocolate with a lover's exhale of fragrant vanilla gently caressing your mind. Next your mouth will embrace the wine and just as your mind is about to explode, you will experience even more complexity of chocolate, mocha and a texture of deer horn soft velvety tannins.

This wine has sold out, so we hope you enjoy this last bottle saved for the spring wine club release.

QLD BALLETT TO HOST SHANGHAI BALLETT AT QPAC

We are proud to be the exclusive wine partner with QLD Ballet and are excited to announce their incredible event hosting Shanghai Ballet at QPAC from 5 - 8 December 2024.

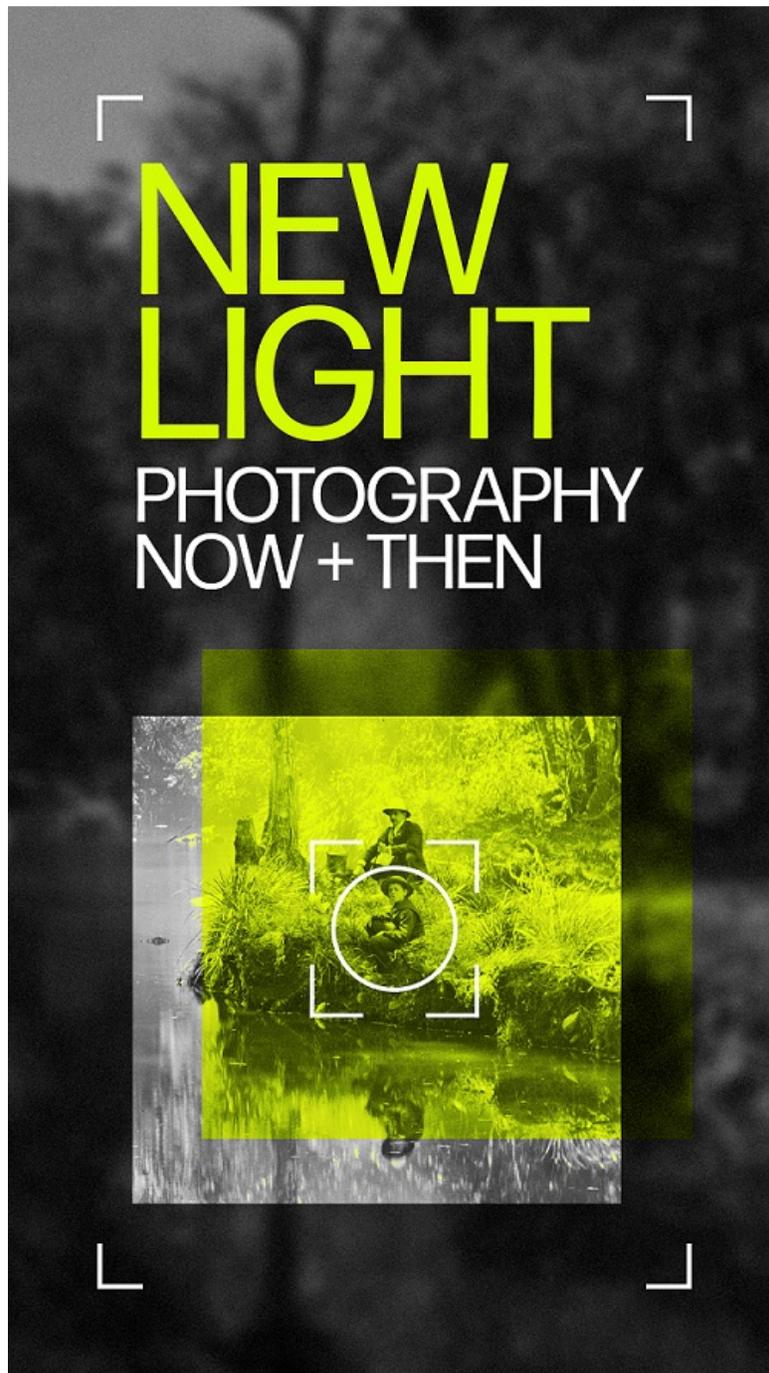


Derek Deane OBE's *The Lady of the Camellias* will be performed by the acclaimed Shanghai Ballet. Don't miss this glittering tale of love and tragedy that inspired

countless stage, operatic and film productions – including the award-winning *Moulin Rouge!* in a season exclusive to Brisbane.

How absolutely fabulous!! Remember, believe in truth, beauty, freedom, and above all things, love. For all the information and to book tickets head to [QLD Ballet The Lady of the Camellias](#).

NEW EXHIBITION OPENS AT MUSEUM OF BRISBANE



And for you culture vultures, the fun does not stop there. As exclusive wine sponsor of the sensationally creative Museum of Brisbane, we are excited to announce the opening of their new exhibition. Come and see Brisbane framed in a new light through a historic and contemporary lens. Entry is free and is available to enjoy at Level 3 of Brisbane City Hall.

The New Light: Photography Now + Then exhibition at Museum of Brisbane curates a fascinating spectrum of past and present photography, drawing on its most prolific historic archive, the Elliott Collection, juxtaposed with fresh takes from contemporary local image-makers.

The Elliott Collection collates the work of amateur photographer Alfred Henrie Elliott (1870 – 1954) whose black-and-white imagery capturing a bygone era of Brisbane lay dormant for decades until discovered preserved in cedar cigar boxes under a Red Hill residence in 1983. Donated to the City of Brisbane Collection, these photographs are one of the most significant collections of historical images of Brisbane.

COBB AND CO MUSEUM CELEBRATES 100 YEARS SINCE LAST COACH RUN

We were honoured to have our wines served at Cobb and Co Coach Museum's celebration of 100 years since Cobb & Co's last run. QLD Chamber Orchestra's Camerata played beautiful, stirring music accompanied by eminent Australian actor, Barbara Lowing. This collaboration transported us back in time to the Cobb & Co Coach era.

Through Barbara's performance, we experienced the beauty of a bush spring as we bounced along on our coach ride, we were held up by a bushranger and experienced the joy of re-uniting with loved ones after 3 days ride back to our home. Cobb & Co were the Qantas of the day (minus the bushrangers) - reminds me of the start of the movie "Love Actually" where you see people joyously greeting each other at the airport.



As a result of this performance, I have now fallen in love with the poetry of Dorothy McKellar. To celebrate the start of Spring, here is an excerpt from her 1912 poem,

September (An Australian in London)

Spring has begun.

The crying flocks are driven to feed in
peace again,

They stream and spread and scatter
over the smooth green plain ;

And in the sky above them, the soft
spring breezes keep

A flock of clouds as snowy as the new
shorn sheep.

(My Australian air) is more clear than you can dream it;
as bright as diamond

It bathes the plains and ridges, and the
hills beyond ;

It bathes the pillarded woodlands, that
ring with bell-bird notes,

With mating calls and answers from a
thousand throats.

TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS SEP 13 - 15

It's on again!!! Our most favourite festival of the year is back! So excited to be serving our wine again for the 15th straight year at Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. We look forward to grooving to the beats of Kate Cebrano, James Reyne and Pete Murray. My boys James and Hamish will be running the stall so join me in the mosh pit singing my heart out with my usual wrong lyrics - I mean, can anyone actually understand what James Reyne is singing? See you there!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW WINERY DOG – NALA!!



Abraham has adopted the most adorable doggo in the word - Nala the Australian Cattle Dog who is 11 weeks old. It is so much fun having a winery dog again and hilarious watching Abraham as a first time parent. Soooo cute!!!

Happy spring!

Ewen, Elissa, Abraham, James, Hamish and Bec

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