

Wine Spectator June 2014



French and Australian stunners shine in both web only and printed reviews for June. Chambers tops the charts with scores ranging from 90 to 98 points, while Cluster M45 from Michele Chapoutier and Jasper Hill's Ron Laughton shows nicely at 93 points. Harvey Steiman notes "a core of blackberry and licorice" on the Innocent Bystander 2012 Syrah, and our fun-loving Frisk "finishes with delicacy."

98 pts Chambers Muscat Rutherglen Rosewood Vineyards Rare NV

A towering wine, dense in color, unctuously sweet, with layers of toasted walnut, burnt orange peel, clove, coffee, dried cherry and spices, coming together smoothly and harmoniously on the rich finish. Drink now through 2025. 10 cases imported. –H.S.

95 pts Chambers Muscadelle Rutherglen Rosewood Vineyards Rare NV

Smooth and unctuous, with coffee, sassafras and licorice notes interlaced with chocolate, prune, hay and spice flavors, coming together harmoniously on the extra-long finish. Drink now. 10 cases imported. -H.S.

94 pts Chambers Muscat Rutherglen Rosewood Vineyards Grand NV

Dark, spicy and richly sweet, this is the color of brewed coffee, with espresso and bittersweet chocolate notes melding with cherry pie, toasted walnut and candied orange peel flavors, lingering expressively. Drink now through 2020. 25 cases imported. –H.S.

93 pts Chapoutier & Laughton Cluster M45 Shiraz Heathcote 2010

Taut, focused and vivid, with cinnamon-accented cherry and licorice flavors, impressively refined and harmonious through the finish. This tightly wound version needs cellaring to open up. Drink now through 2020. 25 cases imported. –H.S.

93 pts Penley Cabernet Sauvignon Coonawarra Tolmer Limited Release 2009

Crisp, focused, expansive in flavor and open-textured, this harmonious wine layers currant, wet earth, bay leaf and spice flavors beautifully. The finish lingers nicely and the tannins are well-integrated. Drink now through 2019. 25 cases imported. –H.S.

91 pts Innocent Bystander Syrah Yarra Valley 2012

Fresh, expressive and light-footed, with delicate hints of sandalwood, black tea and mint layered around a lithe core of blackberry and licorice, lingering with refinement and fine tannins. Drink now through 2020. 250 cases imported. —H.S.



90 pts Chambers Muscat Rutherglen Rosewood Vineyards NV

This silky, sweet version is the color of dark tea, with banana notes around the core of caramel, chocolate and cherry, finishing with moderate intensity. Drink now. 1,000 cases imported. —H.S.

89 pts Leeuwin Riesling Margaret River Art Series 2013

Dry, on the tart side, with refreshing pear and spice flavors, picking up floral notes as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2020. 350 cases imported. -H.S.

89 pts Shoofly Chardonnay Adelaide Hills 2012

Soft in texture, with pretty pear and green guava flavors on a sleek frame, lingering gently on the finish. Drink now through 2016. 2,000 cases imported. -H.S.

87 pts Chateau de Sours Bordeaux White 2012

This has good zip, with a lemon zest frame around the core of grapefruit pulp, straw and white peach flavors. Tasty and fresh. Drink now. 300 cases imported. –J.M.

86 pts Chateau de Sours Bordeaux White 2012

Fresh, with kiwifruit pulp, straw and white peach notes, revealing a flicker of lime on the finish. Drink now. 500 cases imported. –J.M.

86 pts Frisk Riesling Victoria Prickly 2013

This is light, sweet and fizzy, with pretty pear and lemon flavors, finishing with delicacy. Drink now. 17,000 cases imported. -H.S.