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## Whites

### Riesling

#### Bellarmino riesling Dry 2020 (\$27)

**Runners-up:** Forest Hill Vineyard Block 1 riesling 2020 (\$55); Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge riesling 2020 (\$45); Howard Park Museum Release Mount Barker riesling 2014 (\$41).

### Chardonnay

#### Leeuwin Estate Art Series chardonnay 2018 (\$126)

**Runners-up:** Flametree SRS Wallcliffe chardonnay 2020 (\$65); Evans & Tate Redbrook Reserve chardonnay 2018 (\$65); Voyager Estate MJW chardonnay 2019 (\$110); Xanadu Reserve chardonnay 2019 (\$110).

### Semillon

#### Forester Estate Jack Out The Box semillon 2020 (\$27)

**Runners-up:** Moss Wood semillon 2021 (\$46); Windows Estate Petit Lot semillon 2020 (\$39); Fire Gully semillon 2020 (\$40).

### Verdelho

#### Mandoon Estate Block 1895 verdelho 2021 (\$28)

**Runners-up:** Faber Vineyard verdelho 2021 (\$24); Pinelli Reserve verdelho 2021 (\$20).

### Sauvignon blanc

#### Cullen Legacy Series sauvignon blanc 2019 (\$100)

**Runners-up:** Flowstone Queen of the Earth sauvignon blanc 2019 (\$55); Moss Wood Ribbon Vale Elsa 2020 (\$77); Cherubino sauvignon blanc 2020 (\$39).

### Chenin blanc

#### John Kosovich Bottle Aged Reserve chenin blanc 2015 (\$52)

**Runners-up:** Marri Wood Park chenin blanc 2019 (\$40); Aravina Estate Block 4 chenin blanc 2020 (\$35); LAS VINO CBDB 2020 (\$50); Corymbia Rocket's Vineyard chenin blanc 2020 (\$32).

### Blended whites

#### Cullen Grace Madeline 2018 (\$39)

**Runners-up:** Pierro LTC 2020 (\$40); Cape Mentelle Wallcliffe sauvignon blanc semillon 2017 (\$49); Thompson Estate SSB 2020 (\$35).

### Sparkling

#### Sittella Late Disgorged Prestige Cuvee 2007 (\$150)

**Runners-up:** Howard Park Jete Grand Vintage 2015 (\$50); Bellarmine Aris Sparkling rosé (\$49); La Cache pinot chardonnay 2013 (\$36); Smithbrook The Yilgarn blanc de blancs 2017 (\$35).



## Reds

### Shiraz

#### Amelia Park Reserve shiraz 2018 (\$65)

**Runners-up:** Cherubino shiraz 2019 (\$55); Rockcliffe Nautica shiraz 2018 (\$100); Juniper Estate Block 8 shiraz 2016 (\$65).

### Syrah

#### Swinney Farvie syrah 2019 (\$150)

**Runners-up:** Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge syrah 2019 (\$45); Swinney syrah 2020 (\$42); Zarephath Single Vineyard syrah 2018 (\$35).

### Grenache

#### Swinney Farvie grenache 2019 (\$150)

**Runners-up:** Sittella Golden Mile grenache 2021 (\$40); Mandoon Estate Old Vine grenache 2019 (\$29.50); Singlefile Small Batch grenache 2019 (\$45).

### Cabernet sauvignon

#### Moss Wood cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$150)

**Runners-up:** Xanadu Reserve cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$110); Amelia Park Reserve cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$65); Howard Park Abercrombie cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$150); Woodlands Xavier cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$165); Flametree SRS Wilyabrup cabernet sauvignon 2018 (\$85); Cullen Diana Madeline 2019 (\$140).

### Blend

#### Vasse Felix Tom Cullity cabernet malbec 2017 (\$180)

**Runners-up:** McHenry Hohnen Rolling Stone 2017 (\$135);

Woodlands Margaret 2018 (\$79); Castelli Estate Il Liris cabernet sauvignon shiraz 2018 (\$80).

### Merlot

#### Moss Wood Ribbon Vale merlot 2018 (\$77)

**Runners-up:** Talisman merlot 2018 (\$40); Peccavi The Estate merlot 2018 (\$150); Below & Above merlot 2017 (\$40).

### Malbec

#### Amelia Park malbec 2020 (\$50)

**Runners-up:** Cape Grace Basket Pressed malbec 2019 (\$45); Marq Wines Epiq malbec 2020 (\$55); Talisman malbec 2019 (\$35).

### Pinot noir

#### Plantagenet Wyjup Collection pinot noir 2019 (\$70)

**Runners-up:** Castelli Estate Empirica Uno 2019 (\$70); Castelli Estate pinot noir 2020 (\$34); Paul Nelson Wines Karriview pinot noir 2019 (\$65); Rockcliffe Single Site pinot noir 2018 (\$60).

### Tempranillo

#### Corymbia Rocket's Vineyard tempranillo malbec 2020 (\$42)

**Runners-up:** Oates Ends tempranillo 2020 (\$30); Upper Reach tempranillo 2020 (\$35); McHenry Hohnen tempranillo 2020 (\$40).

### Rosé

#### Victory Point rosé 2021 (\$28)

**Runners-up:** Marq Wines Serious rosé 2021 (\$25); Sandalford 1840 rosé 2021 (\$25); Deep Woods Estate rosé 2021 (\$35).

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Best of the West: Riesling

**Bellarmino riesling Dry 2020**  
This Riesling is just exquisitely beautiful and pristine. You will fall in love with its delightfully friendly drinking.

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- Ray Jordan  
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**Best of the West - Merlot**

**Moss Wood Ribbon Vale merlot 2018**  
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**Moss Wood cabernet sauvignon 2018**  
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**Score: 99/100 Cellar: 25 years**

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