



# The Drop In

**Alternative Reds**

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# Producer Guide

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ADEGA WINE COMPANY



# ADEGA WINE COMPANY

McLaren Vale, SA

Adega Wine Company was born from winemaker Henry Victor Smale's Lusophilia (love of all things Portuguese). Growing up on the Atlantic Coast of Portugal before returning to his native Australia, he was struck by South Australia's resemblance to the landscapes he knew on the other side of the world. Chance brought him to McLaren Vale at a career turnpoint, and after learning of the multitude of Portuguese grape varieties planted back in the day for Fortified production, an idea began to form... using these varieties exclusively to pay tribute to the wines and culture of Portugal.

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# ANTHOLOGIST WINES

## Clare Valley, SA

Grant and Linzi Carr are Anthologist Creators + Caretakers. Their little vineyard on Blocks Road sits at the heart of the Clare Valley, and their wine journey started back in 2018, when they visited the Clare Valley for a lazy, long weekend and stumbled upon Blocks Road.

It wasn't part of the plan, but the twist became a legacy sown. A vineyard home, estate grown and crafted, with a love for the Clare Valley, the land, and the fruit.

Grant and Linzi Carr didn't set out to make wine, but the best tales start with a twist.

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# ARTWINE ESTATE

## Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills, SA

Artwine is a highly regarded wine producer, leading the charge in planting and producing new-emerging Mediterranean varieties since 2003. With vineyards in both Adelaide Hills and Clare Valley they have an incredible 17 varieties. With 46 Trophies and hundreds of Medals, obviously others agree!

Ensure you visit their beautiful light filled vineyard cellar door in Woodside at 72 Bird in Hand Road and enjoy a tasting experience like no other. All our wines are created with purity, elegance and Vegan. Exciting both experienced and new wine drinkers searching for something new.

“We make wines you want to drink”.

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# BELLWETHER WINES

## Coonawarra, SA

Bellwether Wines is a boutique Coonawarra winery set in the historic 1868 Glen Roy Shearing Shed, where wine, food, nature, art, history and fun are all part of the experience.

Sue Bell is Bellwether's owner, winemaker, director and self-described optimist. As a winemaker, she focuses on climate-appropriate varietal matches, with wines shaped by fragrance, texture, mouthfeel and lower alcohol.

Her style blends classic varieties with emerging Mediterranean grapes, and her work is grounded in a strong respect for Aboriginal heritage, country and sustainability.

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# BY FABIANO

McLaren Vale, SA

By Fabiano presents a collection of wine from a vocation that is relentless in its pursuit to showcase the balance, vibrancy, and elegance of varietals and styles of Southern Italy. Fabiano Minchella's noble vision of transforming his beloved McLaren vale region to suit uncommon varietals has been inspired by his past adventures across the geographically foreign but spiritually familiar lands of Italy

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**CHALK HILL**  
McLAREN VALE



# CHALK HILL WINES

McLaren Vale, SA

Chalk Hill Wines is a family-owned winery with over 185 years of grape growing heritage in McLaren Vale. Established in 1839 by John Harvey, a pioneer of Australia's wine industry, the Harvey family has continued its winemaking legacy for six generations.

Today, Chalk Hill is McLaren Vale's most visited winery, welcoming over 100,000 guests annually. Recognised as a Top Five Red Star Winery by James Halliday every year since 2007, Chalk Hill also explores alternative grape varieties through its Small Batch Release range and has been awarded multiple regional wine show Best Wine trophies.

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**Coulter  
Wines.**



## COULTER WINES

Adelaide Hills, SA

Chris Coulter at Coulter Wines produces minimal intervention, small-batch wines that focus on purity and elegance.

Coulter purchases grapes from a small number of meticulous, trusted cool-site growers, mostly in the Adelaide Hills, with all fruit handpicked and crushed on the same day.

Nothing other than SO<sub>2</sub> is added, movements are by gravity, and the wines are unfiltered where practicable. To say he takes things seriously would be an understatement.

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# DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE WINES

McLaren Vale, SA

We love wine. We love making it, tasting it, and drinking it. We've created a series of wines, each of which are what we look for in a perfect bottle. Established in 2013, Down the Rabbit Hole Wines is a family-owned, boutique McLaren Vale winery. Our wines are made using biodynamic and organic vineyards and winemaking practices. We're dedicated to producing wines that are approachable, delicious, and have a real sense of place.

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# GASTON BRAVO WINES

## Multi-Region, SA

Gaston Bravo Wines brings together two worlds: the rich Malbec heritage of Argentina and the unique terroirs of South Australia. After making wine across four continents, Gaston Bravo established his own boutique label to create small-batch wines with personality, precision and authenticity. Specialising in Langhorne Creek Malbec and red blends, the winery focuses on quality over quantity, crafting wines that tell a story and invite discovery with every glass.

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# GEORGE'S FOLLY WINES

## Fleurieu Peninsula, SA

It was a rather unconventional entrée into the Wine industry for George, Jodie and their family after years of holidaying on the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula and being very passionate about food and wine. George come home one day and announced that he had purchased a vineyard at Currency Creek, rather than the holiday house Jodie had desired! With no experience in viticulture, it was quite the baptism of fire when the first vintage was upon them. Since then and with 11 vintages under their belt, the family has well and truly adapted and affectionately call said vineyard “George’s Folly”, which has also since became their wine label. They grafted their Riesling patch to alternative grape varietals including Roussanne, Sauvignon Gris, Nero d’Avola, Montepulciano, Gamay, Primativo and Saperavi.

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# GIBSON WINES

## Barossa Valley, SA

Gibson Wines began in 1996, founded by viticulturist–geologist–winemaker Rob “The Dirtman” Gibson, and remains a family-run Barossa producer focused on terroir-led, drinkable wines guided by soil, flavour and hands-on craft. Their Light Pass home block surrounds an 1850s Blacksmith’s cottage and includes small Merlot, Cabernet and Fiano plantings plus old-vine Shiraz and Riesling from Eden Valley, while long-standing grower relationships supply prized Barossa fruit.

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# HAHNDORF HILL

## Adelaide Hills, SA

The six-hectare vineyard of Hahndorf Hill lies just outside the township from which it gets its name. Established in 2002, Hahndorf Hill was a pioneer of Austrian varieties in Australia and has established a global reputation for its work with varieties like Blaufrankisch, St Laurent and Zweigelt. Hahndorf Hill was purchased by the families behind Wirra Wirra in 2025 and winemaking is now in the hands of Kelly Wellington.

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# HITHER & YON

McLaren Vale, SA

Hither & Yon are real growers and makers with the lightest footprint - better for the earth, and healthier for you. Their purpose is rooted in regenerative agriculture, climate friendly varietals, environmental biodiversity, and embracing their community. Artisan wines crafted for sharing with great food, friends and helping create lasting memories.

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# HOFFMANN FAMILY VINEYARDS

Barossa Valley, SA

Renowned North Barossa grape growers since the 1880s, Hoffmann Family Vineyards is best known for premium Shiraz, but Adrian Hoffmann's passion for alternative varieties has inspired a range of small-batch Carignan, Durif and Zinfandel wines that challenge traditional Barossa expectations.

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# K1 WINES

## Adelaide Hills, SA

In 1986, Geoff Hardy, 5th generation descendant of the Australian wine industry pioneer Thomas Hardy, found the ideal site for growing outstanding cool climate grapes in the Kuitpo region in the Adelaide Hills. The vineyard became known as the K1 vineyard, as this unique, ground-breaking site was the first vineyard in the Kuitpo region. Over time, K1 has also become home to a diverse range of alternative varieties, reflecting a spirit of exploration and a willingness to adapt to both site and season.

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# L'ANIMA WINES

McLaren Vale, SA

L'Anima, literally, 'the soul' or animating principle. The thing that makes you tick. In this case, wine in all its diversity and how it represents an intersection of history, geography, food, culture and that idea of 'place'.

Climate appropriate varieties. Judicious use of blending in a nod to the old world and to the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Wine made naturally but with care - science in service to art while acknowledging beauty in imperfection. Wine as food, something primarily consumed at a table. The importance of context - that phenomenon of 'holiday wines' and that the pleasure of the wine is inextricably linked to both the setting and the company in which it is consumed.

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**LiNO**  
**RAMBLE**



# LINO RAMBLE

McLaren Vale, SA

Lino Ramble: Flying the flag for future proof varieties. Celebrating the unique Mediterranean/Australian character of McLaren Vale we carefully select varieties from single vineyard sites focussing on sustainability, intrigue and above all else, drinkability. The wines are hand-made with an emphasis on fruit character being the star of the show, texture is king and the winemaking “fingerprint” kept to a minimum.

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# MINISTRY OF CLOUDS WINES

McLaren Vale, SA

Bernice Ong and Julian Forwood are the duo behind Ministry of Clouds. These two are tied to McLaren Vale in every sense. Their 11ha vineyard 'The Chase' sits on top of the Onkaparinga Gorge, in Seaview bordering Blewitt Springs and showcases some of the unique sites of the Vale. MoC conveys the illusion of control in making wine. For two control freaks working with nature, it is a comforting reminder that shared magic relies as much on the arbitrary and unpredictable as it does upon intent and the detail of design. We govern what we can, the rest is chance.

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# ORBIS WINES

McLaren Vale, SA

Orbis Wines is a small, award winning, off-grid vineyard and winery located in McLaren Vale. Focusing on alternative varietals as well as the original 50 year old Shiraz vines, our wines are made with low sulphur additions and minimal intervention. Orbis focuses on regenerative viticulture and closed loop farming. We use organic and biodynamic practices, helped along by our flock Baby Doll sheep and roaming chickens.

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# PIKE & JOYCE

## Clare Valley, SA

Pike & Joyce is a proud partnership between two families who share a history, a love of the Adelaide Hills, a passion for great food and wine, and a determination to produce the finest wine possible from any given year. In 1998 the Joyce family, which has owned and managed Adelaide Hills orchards for five generations, joined with the Pike family, who have a proud history in producing authentic, hand-crafted beverages in South Australia, dating back to 1886. Andrew Pike's wife Cathy is related to the Joyce family and this relationship was instrumental in the formation of Pike & Joyce.

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# PIKES WINES

## Clare Valley, SA

Pikes aim to produce wines with character and personality which reflect the variety, the site, the vintage conditions and the passion which they invest into their vineyards and winemaking. They closely monitor their wines during their formative stage and intervene as little as possible during the vinification process, thereby protecting the integrity of the fruit characters delivered by the vineyard. A combination of modern and traditional winemaking techniques is used to produce wines of finesse and style which celebrate the fruit grown on their Polish Hill River Estate. Pure yeast cultures are used for delicate white varieties, while some wild yeast ferments are encouraged for Shiraz and Sangiovese.

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# RICCA TERRA

Riverland, SA

Aligning climatic conditions with alternative grape varieties that allow for sustainable farming in the Riverland, SA and the crafting of premium vegan wines is the core philosophy that drives Ricca Terra's vision of creating one of Australia's great vineyards.

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# SERAFINO WINES

## McLaren Vale, SA

Serafino is a distinguished winery in South Australia's McLaren Vale, celebrated for crafting premium wines that balance tradition with innovation

Set among picturesque vineyards, it offers more than just wine - featuring 30 room accommodation, wedding, and conference venue and renowned one Chef Hat restaurant delivering exceptional regional cuisine.

With a strong focus on quality, sustainability, and authentic experiences, Serafino provides a complete destination where guests can relax, indulge, and connect with the beauty and flavours of the region.

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# THE ISLANDER ESTATE VINEYARDS

## Kangaroo Island, SA

Discover Kangaroo Island Wine, Australia's most surprising wine region.

The Islander Estate Vineyards brings together two vastly different worlds. The history, heritage and finesse of Bordeaux. And one of Australia's newest and untamed wine regions - Kangaroo Island. These two are blended together to create unique, elegant, cool-climate wines that stand amongst Australia's best.

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# VIGNA BOTTIN

McLaren Vale, SA

Discover Italy in the Heart of Willunga at Vigna Bottin Cellar Door & Osteria.

At Vigna Bottin, Italian heritage meets family-run warmth. Taste small-batch whites like Vermentino and Fiano, or classic Italian reds, each crafted to showcase tradition and terroir. Enjoy a guided tasting at the cellar door, then share seasonal Italian dishes made for connection and joy. Every visit invites you to slow down, savor and celebrate great wine, memorable food and the pleasure of being together.

Vigna Bottin – where every glass tells a story and every meal feels like home.

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# VINTELOPER

Adelaide Hills, SA

We exist to make life better. Simple as that.

We love knowing that each day, somewhere in the world, we've been on the table or in a glass during the good times life has to offer. For the celebrations or the quiet moments. The rowdy nights or the romantic dinners.

Fun on the outside. Serious in the bottle.

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# WANGOLINA

## Limestone Coast, SA

The Wangolina story begins in the 1880s when the Goode family laid down its roots in the seaside town of Kingston. In 1999 grape vines were planted for farming diversity and with fifth-generation Anita studying winemaking at university, Wangolina was born.

Owned and farmed by our winemaker Anita Goode, with guidance from her father John, varieties include not only the traditional varieties of Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Semillon, but also Grüner Veltliner, Malvasia Istriana, Verdicchio and Aligote.

Anita's focus is to make wines that speak to the variety, that are clean and have play and vibrance. Our range is fresh, easy drinking and diverse, designed for the modern wine drinker.

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## WINES BY FARQUHAR

### Barossa Valley, SA

Our single estate vineyard - Farquhar Vineyards is nestled in the Barossa Valley, where the rich soils and ideal climate create the perfect environment for producing exceptional wines.

Inspired by use of organic growing principles, hand-selected rootstocks, and high-density plantings, combined with small-batch winemaking to craft stunning wines with character.

From bold Italian varieties to elegant French and exciting Spanish and Portuguese wines, we've created a showcase range that celebrates the diversity of global wine styles—all with that unmistakable Barossa touch.

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# NATIONAL WINE CENTRE ONLINE STORE

Browse through our hand-selected, curated selection of our lesser-known producers and bottles you won't find at your local. With wines from different regions across Australia, there is something for every palate, delivered straight to your door.

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