

79 TASTED
58 AWARDED

SWEET WHITE & FORTIFIED

Sweet wines are always interesting, not least for their diversity of varieties involved but also the levels of sugar therein. One person's sweetness is another person's dry. Fortifieds also confuse, but fortunately most deliver in quality terms, with world class examples abounding at the complex aged examples.

LATE HARVEST

5 TASTED
4 AWARDED

A small confusing class from slightly sweet to very sweet botrytis wines. The best wines really stood out.

**Schild Estate Wines
Lorraine Schild
Reserve Barossa
Valley Late Harvest
Semillon
2012 ★★★★★1/2**

Rich, thick and sweet with dense golden hues. It has Turkish Delight aromas and delicious fruit salad-like flavours with a dash of lemon curd. Looking good for a 6-year-old. \$20 


**K1 By Geoff Hardy
Adelaide Hills
Autumn Harvest
Riesling 2017 ★★★★★**

Lovely fig/raisined-like characters on the nose with a touch of apricot-like botrytis characters which is echoed on the well-balanced palate. \$25

**Gilbert By Simon
Gilbert Orange
NSW Late Harvest
Riesling
2013 ★★★★★1/2**

Smells of brown limes with hints of honeysuckle. Tastes of orange marmalade with nice drying tannins. Well-made. \$18 

**1847 Wines Lily's
Barossa Valley Late
Harvest Semillon
2017 ★★★**

Honeyed marmalade nose with a citrus lift and a broad sweet and uncomplicated fruit palate. \$20 

OTHER SWEET WHITE STYLES

5 TASTED
3 AWARDED

Even more confusing category than the previous one with varietal additions adding to the mix but there were a couple of nice examples.

**Mr Riggs Sticky
End McLaren Vale
Viognier
2016 ★★★★★1/2**


Lovely genuine apricots and raisin botrytis characters here. Nice nuttiness on the nose with rich butterscotch/citrusy flavours. Showing some age development. \$25



**Colli Euganei Fior
d'Arancio DOCG
Alpanae Veneto
Passito 2015 ★★★★★**

A lovely lift of citrus marmalade aromas and lots of lusciously rich apricot and citrus flavours that linger long after the wine has gone. \$28

**Trentham The
Family Murray
Darling Moscato
2017 ★★★**


A well-made quaffer with very light and youthful zesty/spritzly raisined fruit characters. \$16 

NOBLE BOTRYTIS WINES

5 TASTED
4 AWARDED

We do this well in Australia. "The quality and price ratio is fantastic," said one judge. "Leave one on the fridge for emergency purposes!"

**GMH Noble South
Eastern Australia
Sweet White
2016 ★★★★★**

Very lifted botrytis nose - all dried apricots and raisins with similar characters on the very floral, rich and complex palate. Nice tannins and acid to counter sugar levels. \$18 

JUDGES



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Winemaker for Scarpantoni Wines. Has vintaged in California, Italy, Canada and Hungary. Formerly winemaker at Seppeltsfield in the Barossa Valley.



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Matthew Pick
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