

ESCA

Wine list



**NSW
SOMMELIER'S
WINE LIST
AWARDS**
2022
FINALIST



About

Esca Restaurant offers a specially curated, unashamedly Hunter Valley focused wine list. We are proud to showcase the wines of our estate first and foremost, with even our most premium wines available by the glass. Our team enjoy spending lots of time behind the scenes with winemaker Richard Done to become well versed in all things Bimbadgen.

Our estate wines are accompanied by a selection of the Hunters most premium and iconic wineries and winemakers. A selection of wines from 'friends of the hunter', being past Hunter winemakers, and a few extra friends we love, helps to broaden the styles on offer, and we have completed the list with a small selection of iconic Australian wines and Champagnes (just because we love champagne!).

Bimbadgen's unique name stems from the local indigenous language meaning 'Place of Good View'. The visionary architecture of the winery, including the striking bell tower that is the iconic image of our brand, seeks to complement the natural landscape by capturing the stunning views from every possible vantage point. Bimbadgen's sacred old vine vineyards are the home to our premium Single Vineyard and rare Signature labels. These old vines allow us to create stunning Hunter Valley wines year on year, full of personality and character.

The home of the Bimbadgen winery is positioned high above the surrounding area overlooking the patchwork of vineyards from Rothbury and Pokolbin to Lovedale. This 12-hectare McDonalds Road vineyard typically produces brooding wines of unmistakable depth and concentration.

The original Bimbadgen vineyard on Palmers Lane was planted in 1968 at the end of a dirt road that remains virtually untouched to this day. With century old fig trees framing a spectacular view of the Brokenback mountain range, this vineyard remains one of the Hunter Valley's best kept secrets. Less than two kilometres away from the Bimbadgen winery as the crow flies, this vineyard typically ripens a full two weeks later than the McDonalds Road site, the reasons for which remain a mystery. The soil profile at Palmers Lane is one of the most clearly delineated and distinctive anywhere in Australia. At the top of the hill is the red volcanic soil upon which our Shiraz thrives, producing a pretty, perfumed, and elegant wine. At the bottom lays our prized Semillon blocks, planted on lean, sandy loam soils. If you would like to order one of our premier or matured wines from the list, please let your waiter know at the earliest opportunity so we can ensure this wine is prepared suitably for your enjoyment.

Beer

James Boags Light Tasmania	7
Modus XPA Newcastle	9
Modus Cerveza Newcastle	9
Modus Former Tenant Newcastle	12
Bridge Road Beechworth Pale Ale Beechworth	10
Bridge Road Porter Beechworth	11
Sydney Brewery Sydney Cider Hunter Valley	9
Peroni Nastro Azzurro	9
Stone & Wood	9

Cocktails

Espresso Martini	20
Old Fashioned	20
Aperol Spritz	20
Tom Collins	20
Negroni	20
French Martini	20

Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Sparkling water	8 per person continuous
Buds & Beads "Ginger Rose" Sparkling Tea	30 btl
Pepsi, Pepsi Max, Solo, Lemonade	5
Capi Pink Grapefruit, Lemon, Ginger Beer	6
Orange, Apple, Pineapple Juice	5

Bimbadgen Sparkling Wine

		gls	btl
NV	Sparkling Semillon Hunter Valley, NSW	10	40
NV	Sparkling Rose Hunter Valley, NSW	10	40
NV	Sparkling Moscato Hunter Valley, NSW	10	40
NV	Sparkling Cuvee Hunter Valley, NSW	12	50
2015	Blanc de Blancs Hunter Valley, NSW	16	75

Bimbadgen White Wine

			gls	btl
2015	Signature Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	20	95
2020	Side Step Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	Hunter Valley & Margaret River	12	60
2021	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	14	65
2021	Single Vineyard Palmers Lane Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	14	65
2021	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Chardonnay	Hunter Valley, NSW	14	65
2021	Single Vineyard Palmers Lane Chardonnay	Hunter Valley, NSW	14	65
2022	Bimbadgen Verdelho	Hunter Valley, NSW	12	60

Bimbadgen Red Wine

			gls	btl
2017	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	16	75
2018	Signature Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	25	125
2019	Single Vineyard Palmers Lane Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	16	75
2019	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	16	75
2022	Bimbadgen Tempranillo Rose	Hunter Valley, NSW	12	60
2022	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Tempranillo	Hunter Valley, NSW	16	75

Bimbadgen Dessert Wine

2021	Bimbadgen Late Harvest Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	375ml 9	45
NV	Bimbadgen Fortified Verdelho	Hunter Valley, NSW	375ml 12	60

Bimbadgen Magnums

2014	Signature McDonalds Road Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	290
2014	Signature Palmers Lane Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	290
2017	Signature Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	250
2017	Single Vineyard Palmers Lane Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	150
2017	Single Vineyard McDonalds Road Shiraz	Hunter Valley, NSW	150
2018	Single Vineyard Palmers Lane Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	150
2018	Signature Semillon	Hunter Valley, NSW	200

Champagne

NV	Charles Heidsieck Brut Reserve	Reims, France	160
NV	Gosset Grande Reserve	Marne, France	190
NV	Billecart Salmon Brut	Epernay, France	195
NV	Taittinger Cuvee Prestige	Reims, France	160
NV	Billecart Salmon Blanc de Blancs	Epernay, France	250
NV	Krug "Grande Cuvee"	Reims, France	400
2008	Taittinger Comtes de Champagne	Reims, France	490
2009	Billecart Salmon Vintage	Epernay, France	280
2010	Dom Perignon	Epernay, France	360
2011	Taittinger Comtes de Champagne	Reims, France	450
2013	Louis Roederer Cristal	Reims, France	450

Hunter Valley

NV	Vinden Sparkling Alicante Bouschet	Hunter Valley	60
2019	Scarborough “The Obsessive” Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	95
2020	Hart and Hunter ‘Hunter River Riesling’	Hunter Valley	60
2021	Domaine De Binet Fiano	Hunter Valley	60
2021	John Wallace “Maggie” White Blend	Hunter Valley	60
2021	John Wallace “Sisters” Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	65
2021	Lisa McGuigan Vermentino	Hunter Valley	60
2021	Lakes Folly Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	170
2022	Lakes Folly Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	160
2022	Charteris Hunter Valley Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	75
2022	Mercer Pinot Grigio	Hunter Valley	60
2022	Comyns & Co Riesling	Hunter Valley	60
2022	Domaine De Binet Le Crazy Coq	Hunter Valley	60
2022	Comyns & Co Rose	Hunter Valley	60
2011	Mount Pleasant “Mountain A” Shiraz	Hunter Valley	195
2018	Mount Pleasant Old Paddock & Old Hill Shiraz	Hunter Valley	105
2018	Mount Pleasant Rosehill Shiraz	Hunter Valley	110
2018	Tyrrell’s Sacred Sites “Johnno’s” Shiraz	Hunter Valley	210
2019	Tyrrell’s Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet	Hunter Valley	145

2019	Lakes Folly Cabernets	Hunter Valley	160
2019	Margan White Label Cabernet Sauvignon	Broke Fordwich	80
2019	Silkman Reserve Shiraz Pinot Noir	Hunter Valley	90
2020	Vinden Shiraz Nouveau	Hunter Valley	60
2021	Margan White Label Barbera	Broke Fordwich	70
2021	John Wallace "B.D.P" Reserve Shiraz	Hunter Valley	75
2021	First Creek Sangiovese	Hunter Valley	60
2021	Lakes Folly Cabernets	Hunter Valley	160
2021	Lakes Folly "Hill Block" Shiraz	Hunter Valley	250

Hunter Valley Hero's

2006	Tyrrells Vat 1 Semillon	Hunter Valley	250
2009	Tyrrells Vat 1 Semillon	Hunter Valley	240
2019	Tyrrells Vat 47 Chardonnay	Hunter Valley	145
2014	Tyrrells Vat 9 Shiraz	Hunter Valley	220
2011	Andrew Thomas Kiss Shiraz	Hunter Valley	180
2013	Andrew Thomas Kiss Shiraz	Hunter Valley	170
2014	Andrew Thomas Kiss Shiraz	Hunter Valley	230
2018	Andrew Thomas Kiss Shiraz	Hunter Valley	150
2005	Mount Pleasant Lovedale Semillon	Hunter Valley	180
2014	Mount Pleasant Lovedale Semillon	Hunter Valley	145
2011	Mount Pleasant Maurice O'Shea Shiraz	Hunter Valley	420
2014	Mount Pleasant Maurice O'Shea Shiraz	Hunter Valley	400
2017	Mount Pleasant Maurice O'Shea Shiraz	Hunter Valley	360
2018	Mount Pleasant Maurice O'Shea Shiraz	Hunter Valley	340
2018	Brokenwood Graveyard Shiraz	Hunter Valley	490
2019	Brokenwood Graveyard Shiraz	Hunter Valley	420

Friends of the Hunter

2021	Giant Steps “Sexton Vineyard” Chardonnay	Yarra Valley, Victoria	105
2021	Shaw & Smith “M3” Chardonnay	Adelaide Hills, South Australia	100
2021	Rockford “Vine Vale” Riesling	Barossa Valley, South Australia	105
2022	Clonakilla Riesling	Canberra, ACT	70
2019	Rockford “Rod & Spur” Shiraz Cabernet	Barossa Valley, South Australia	110
2019	Rockford “Rifle Range” Cabernet Sauvignon	Barossa Valley, South Australia	150
2021	Yarra Yering New Territories Shiraz Touriga	Yarra Valley, Victoria	95
2021	Charteris Central Otago Pinot Noir	Central Otago, New Zealand	80
2022	Giant Steps Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley, Victoria	70

Australian Icons

NV	Rockford Black Shiraz 2020 Disg	Barossa Valley, South Australia	170
2019	Mount Mary Chardonnay	Yarra Valley, Victoria	210
2022	Grosset Polish Hill Riesling	Clare Valley, South Australia	150
2021	Grosset Springvale Riesling	Clare Valley, South Australia	115
2021	Cullen “Kevin John” Chardonnay	Margaret River, WA	270
2011	Yeringberg Shiraz	Yarra Valley, Victoria	160
2016	Penfolds St Henri Shiraz	Multi Regional Blend, South Australia	220
2016	Henschke Mount Edelstone Shiraz	Barossa Valley, South Australia	350
2016	Mount Mary Quintet	Yarra Valley, Victoria	280
2016	Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier	Canberra, ACT	260
2017	Yarra Yering Dry Red Wine No.1	Yarra Valley, Victoria	180
2018	Yarra Yering Dry Red Wine No.1	Yarra Valley, Victoria	190
2018	Yeringberg Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley, Victoria	160
2018	Cullen “Diana Madeline” Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Margaret River, WA	260
2018	Yeringberg Cabernets	Yarra Valley, Victoria	160
2019	Yeringberg Cabernets	Yarra Valley, Victoria	150

2019	Mount Mary Quintet	Yarra Valley, Victoria	250
2019	Clonakilla Shiraz Viognier	Canberra, ACT	190
2019	Mount Mary Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley, Victoria	350
2020	Cullen “Diana Madeline” Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Margaret River, WA	240
2017	De Bortoli Noble One Botrytis Semillon	Riverina, NSW	375ml 110

Spirits

Freshwater Gin	9
Farmers Wife Gin	12
Tanqueray Gin	10
Bombay Sapphire Gin	10
Hendricks Gin	14
Absolut Vodka	9
Grey Goose Vodka	12
Bacardi Carta Blanca	9
Ron Zacapa 23 year old Rum	12
Jack Daniels	9
Makers Mark	15
Jameson Irish Whiskey	9
Canadian Club	9
Bundaberg Rum	9
Don Julio Anejo Tequila	15
Cassamigos Reposado Tequila	12
Hennessy V.S.O.P	17
Remy Martin XO	32

Chivas Regal 12 year old Highlands, Scotland	12
Ardbeg 10 year Lowlands, Scotland	14
Glenfiddich 12 year old Speyside, Scotland	16
Ardbeg Corryvreckan Lowlands, Scotland	19
Glenmorangie Extremely Rare 18 year old Highlands, Scotland	28

Aperitifs/Liqueurs

Campari	9
Aperol	9
Pimms	9
Baileys	9
Frangelico	9
Kahlua	9
Chambord	9
Cointreau	9
Margan Off Sweet Semillon Vermouth	9
Galliano Amaretto	9
Galliano Vanilla	9
Opal Nero Sambuca	9

Port

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NV Gallaway Pipe Grand Tawny 12 Year Old

9

NV Penfolds Grandfather Tawny 20 Year Old

20