

Tasting panel: Meg Brodtmann MW, head of Education and Global Outreach at Rob Dolan Wines; Cameron Kidd, owner Rathdowne Cellars; Abby Moret DipWSET, owner Atlas Vinifera; Michael Trembath, director Trembath & Taylor; James Scarcebrook, owner and winemaker Vino Intrepido; Kara Maisano DipWSET, Wine Director Masani; Iona Baker DipWSET, Trembath & Taylor. All wines were tasted blind.

We are so pleased to receive the following feedback from the Young Gun of Wine tasting: Deep Dive on Australia's best Vermentino!



2021 Berton Vineyards 'Metal Label' Vermentino, South-Eastern Australia \$14

This came out on top for Trembath, Baker and Moret, while Kidd had it one place back, while Scarcebrook also had it in his top six. "This is a fabulous wine!" wrote Trembath. "Lifted aroma of peach, apple, melon, even some guava. Lots and lots of flavour. It's fleshy and even a little pulpy..." "Lemon sorbet, passionfruit pulp, yellow jasmine and Vietnamese mint on the nose, really bright aromatics," noted Moret. "Super-fresh acidity makes this an incredibly drinkable wine. Packed with crunchy, sweet fruit on a silky palate with impeccable balance. The overall freshness and verve of this wine are what really sell it for me – it's vibrant and evocative of a great summer day on the beach or in the park. Delicious!" Baker called it her, "standout wine of the day. This wine is highly aromatic, with enticing aromas jumping from the glass: lemon sherbet and lime juice, jasmine flowers, fresh thyme, cucumber and chalky minerality. Light bodied but with great intensity of flavours like fresh citrus juice and white peaches, chalky on the finish... delicious, could drink the whole bottle, with food or without." "Punchy Lisbon lemon zest with fragrant white florals and background notes of citrus, mandarin and cumquat," wrote Kidd. "Reminds me of old school juicy fruit chewing gum! The palate holds a great line with mostly pink grapefruit. The finish is clean, fresh and quite long. Just a dash of pithy feel, but just enough to be present and not dominate the finish. Would have been perfect with my barbecued turbot a few nights ago!"

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