

# Matthew Jukes

## 100 Best Australian Wines 2013/14

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Welcome to my 100 Best Australian Wines list for 2013/14. As always, this century of greats is the result of exhaustive tastings held in the UK and Australia over the last twelve months. It represents the finest one hundred Australian wines available on the shelves in the UK for the coming year. It is designed as a balanced list of wines including sparklers, all styles of whites and reds, sweet and fortified wines. I endeavour to cover all price points and as many regions as possible in an effort to give you a complete Australian 'wine list' for the next twelve month's worth of entertaining, cellar-stocking and championing.

Looking back over the last ten years I have compiled a list of my **TOP FORTY WINERIES** in order of the number of listings in the 100 Best since 2004.

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| 1. <b>Penfolds</b>        | 21. <b>Pewsey Vale</b>      |
| 2. <b>Yalumba</b>         | 22. <b>Hardy's</b>          |
| 3. <b>de Bortoli</b>      | 23. <b>Brown Bros</b>       |
| 4. <b>Peter Lehmann</b>   | 24. <b>d'Arenberg</b>       |
| 5. <b>McWilliam's</b>     | 25. <b>Glaetzer</b>         |
| 6. <b>Wirra Wirra</b>     | 26. <b>Keith Tulloch</b>    |
| 7. <b>The Lane</b>        | 27. <b>Knapstein</b>        |
| 8. <b>Jim Barry</b>       | 28. <b>Majella</b>          |
| 9. <b>St Hallett</b>      | 29. <b>Mitolo</b>           |
| 10. <b>Jacob's Creek</b>  | 30. <b>Moss Wood</b>        |
| 11. <b>Cullen</b>         | 31. <b>Skillogalee</b>      |
| 12. <b>Petaluma</b>       | 32. <b>Jansz</b>            |
| 13. <b>Tim Adams</b>      | 33. <b>Leeuwin</b>          |
| 14. <b>Tyrrell's</b>      | 34. <b>Mount Horrocks</b>   |
| 15. <b>Yering Station</b> | 35. <b>Shaw &amp; Smith</b> |
| 16. <b>Grosset</b>        | 36. <b>Torbreck</b>         |
| 17. <b>Stonier</b>        | 37. <b>Wolf Blass</b>       |
| 18. <b>Chapel Hill</b>    | 38. <b>Brokenwood</b>       |
| 19. <b>Fox Gordon</b>     | 39. <b>Charles Melton</b>   |
| 20. <b>Tamar Ridge</b>    | 40. <b>Clonakilla</b>       |

### **2011 Keith Tulloch, Botrytis Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW (half bottle) £19.99**

Keith Tulloch posted me a range of his wines for consideration this year and they were very impressive indeed, in particular the 2012 Field of Mars Chardonnay and the 2012 Field of Mars Block 3 Semillon. These are wines that show incredible levels of composure and finesse. They are water white, lean and tense but on the palate exhibit amplitude and grace that seems almost unnerving. They are made in minuscule quantities so if you have the chance to buy a few bottles, don't hesitate. My chosen wine from Keith's impressive portfolio, however, is this phenomenal sweetie. Keith has always fashioned exceptional botrytised Semillons and I feel that this recently released 2011 is a landmark wine. The brûlée and orange blossom notes are nothing short of perfect but it is the texture and length which will take your breath away. There are precious few wines in the world that can compete with this dreamy creation and that includes all of the Châteaux in Bordeaux!