Wine Appreciation Group

This month we tasted Australian Reds, viz. Longmeil 2022 Barossa Valley, Tanunda area. Three grapes are used in this brew: Grenache, Syrah, Mataro. Nice nose, plum and blackberry flavours. A bit bitey but still a lovely, easy drinking red. Peter Lehmann 2021. The Barossan. Shiraz, Barossa Valley, Tanunda Area. Stunning, delicious showcase Shiraz, typical of what an Aussie Shiraz should be. Bold, cherry notes, brooding dark fruit aromas with chocolate and Mocha undertones. Has won 2 gold medals at world wine awards. As it says on the bottle - "a quintessential expression of a Barossa Shiraz." We then did a 'Vertical Tasting' where you compare the different vintages of the same wine. We chose Pepperjack Shiraz from Saltram in the Barossa Valley, One of the oldest wineries in the Barossa, with the following results: 2022 vintage – Spicey, peppery great with a steak on the barbie!. Good tasting, red, rich and delicious. Easy drinking. 2023 vintage – Fresh, delightful drinking and slightly more 'spring' than the older Pepperjack tasted. Bold, plush rich red. Vibrant and juicy with soft tannins. All wines were worthy representatives of the great Aussie Shiraz. Long live the mighty Barossa Shiraz. Cheese was made and supplied by a member of the group, Lesley Dunn, plus an Australian cheese. Next meeting will be tasting different varieties of Malbec.

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