

Great Australian Variety Challenge

The rules of the game

The object of the game is to taste as many of the 180 plus wine grape varieties used in Australia.

You must define a starting date for the challenge. Make the date now or immediately after you get some friends organised to share in the fun.

Blends. Quite a few of the varieties used in Australia appear solely or mainly in blends. If you taste a blend such as the lovely Grenache, Shiraz Morvedre reds from South Australia you can count it as three varieties. You should record a variety as tasted if its name is mentioned on the front or back label of the bottle.

Synonyms. You can only score once for the same variety, even if it has several synonyms. For example Bastardo and Trousseau are the same variety. Some others are Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio, Pinot Blanc/Pinot Bianco, Zinfandel/Primitivo etc.

The challenge is **best played in a small team**. Get a few wine loving friends to share the fun, and the research. You can play the challenge cooperatively or competitively.

How to use this guide.

Use the following pages to chart your progress.

The first few pages has a list of about **180 wine grape varieties** that are used commercially in Australia now or will be released in the next year or two. At the end of this list there are a few blank spaces for the ones that have arrived on the scene while you were printing the guide.

The second list is for you to keep **tally of the wines** and varieties you have tasted. You can write actual tasting notes or just a note about where and with whom you tasted the and maybe a note about the food. Print off extra copies of page 6 as necessary.

References

The Home page of the competition is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/204981050551305/>

The **Facebook Group** for the Challenge is at <http://bitly.com/GAVCFB> You can compare notes with other challengers, share tips about where to find some of these wines, and announce (boast about) milestones in your tally of varieties tasted.

Vinodiversity has a list of main alternative varieties used in Australia, including the names of most of the producers. See <http://bitly.com/vinovars>

Rare Ozzies Book includes notes and lists of producers of 120 or so of the rarest wine grape varieties used in Australia. You can see how to get your copy from <http://bitly.com/gavcbook>

Also published by Vinodiversity is the book ***What Varietal is That?*** <http://bit.ly/wvitbook>

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- Prosecco/Glera
- Red Semillon
- Refosco
- Ribolla Giallo
- Riesling
- Rondinella
- Roter Veltliner
- Roussanne
- Rubienne
- Rubired
- Ruby Cabernet
- Sagrantino
- Saint Macaire
- Sangiovese
- Sankt Laurent
- Saperavi
- Sauvignon Blanc
- Sauvignon Gris

- Savagnin
- Scheurebe
- Schioppettino
- Schonburger
- Semillon
- Shalistin
- Shavkapito
- Salankmenka Bela
- Shiraz
- Siegerrebe
- Souzao
- Sylvaner
- Taminga
- Tannat
- Tarrango
- Tempranillo
- Teroldego
- Tinto Cao
- Tinta Negra Molle

- Torrontes
- Touriga
- Trincadeira
- Trebbiano
- Tribidrag
- Trollinger
- Tyrian
- Verdejo
- Verdelho
- Verdiccio
- Verduzzo
- Vermentino
- Vespolina
- Villard blanc
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