

WHAT TO DRINK... FORTIFIEDS FROM RUTHERGLEN

The region's fortifieds are some of the most complex wines created in Australia, and making them is a real art, writes **Jane Faulkner.**

UP TO \$20

PFEIFFER RUTHERGLEN MUSCAT \$20

RUTHERGLEN'S fortifieds are classified into four tiers: rare, because they are and also the most complex with at least 20 years of barrel age; grand has an average age of 10-15 years; classic between five and 10 years; and Rutherford two-five years. So this muscat is in the latter camp and reveals an amber-cherry hue, floral nuances and tasting of raisins; acidity balances the sweetness. Decent palate weight if a tad hot on the finish but otherwise a very good muscat for the price. Better with a slice of plum cake and dotted cream.



UP TO \$25

ALL SAINTS RUTHERGLEN TOKAY \$22

THE savvy Brown clan, three young siblings who own All Saints, are determined to hook a younger generation on to its fortifieds, hence the sharp labelling and slim-line bottles sealed in Vino-Lok — the snazzy glass stopper. Of course, what's in the bottle counts most of all and winemaker Dan Crane crafts exceptional wine. This tokay (classified as Rutherford, so about five years old) is a wonderful mix of burnt toffee, molasses and cold tea. It's silky smooth and, while rich, it's not at all cloying. Lovely stuff.



UP TO \$40

STANTON & KILLEN CLASSIC MUSCAT \$30

A GLASS of this classic muscat (average age of 12 years) is all that's needed after dinner with coffee, in place of dessert. It's dark and enticing in the glass with depth, molasses, toffee, raisin and dried fig notes but a pretty floral lift, too. Rich and luscious on the palate and lip-smackingly good. These wines have already been aged so don't cellar them (the exception is vintage port). Once opened, it will last a couple of months.



SPLURGE

CAMPBELLS ISABELLA RARE TOKAY \$120

WHEN it comes to tokay, Campbell's Isabella is in a category all its own. This is classified as a rare Rutherford and for good reason: with a base wine more than 60 years old it's complex, ultra-rich and utterly gorgous. It pours almost as thick as treacle and tastes of it, too, with layers of flavour: Christmas cake, toffee, exotic spice and while super sweet it is beautifully balanced. Perfection in a glass. The name tokay is to be phased out in a few years and replaced with topeque because the Hungarians produce tokaji from the same place and won the right to use it.



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