



Astro Bunny Pét-Nat 2023

Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale, Riverland - South Australia
Arneis 43%, Zibibbo 23%, Nero d'Avola 21%, Fiano 13%

Mike Bennie, Wine Front

Time flies, or Tim flies. This is the project of MW and rabble-rouser, pét-nat expert, English sparkling wine revivalist and honorary Australian Tim Wildman. It's ten years since the release of his first Astro Bunny, a 600 bottle run. Now, he's exported to sixteen countries, and doing well. Meanwhile, this iteration is a blend of arneis, nero d'Avola and fiano.

Guava juice! Wow. Could be switched out pretty easily. Strong scents and flavours of that, almost a nectar-like texture but with bright, persistent and prickly fizz. It's a fruity number, lots of fun, clean and cool and fresh. You can see a legion of enthusiasts of fun fizz getting really stuck in. And in that, well done. 90 points



Piggy Pop Pét-Nat 2023

McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Riverland - South Australia
Nero d'Avola 56%, Arneis 31%, Zibibbo 9%, Fiano 4%

Mike Bennie, Wine Front

From UK-based Master of Wine, Tim Wildman, comes another iteration of his spot on pet nats. This one is a blend of nero d'Avola 56%, arneis 31%, zibibbo 9%, fiano 4% sourced from Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale and Riverland vineyards. Neat and tidy.

It's a bright, fresh and vivacious sparkling wine set a few rungs up the ladder from rosé with strong currency of cranberry, rose hip tea, sweet cherry and a mix of woody and herbal spices gently chiming in. Bubbles are frisky, the wine refreshing yet shows a little extra depth of flavour, nee fruitiness. It's a guzzler alright. Easy does it, charming and fun. 90 points