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30 IRONCLAD PASSION

Eisenstone Wines, literally meaning iron stone, have a passion for all things shiraz and all things Barossa as Nigel Hopkins found out after chatting to founder/winemaker Stephen Cook. At a time when most wineries are producing "fruit-basket" wines sourced from everywhere, Cook maintains a single focus on the iconic Barossa's most lauded variety.

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With only one wine bearing its label, Western Australia's Story Bay has a huge national following. So much so that sales restrictions have been placed on the annual output of its semillon sauvignon blanc blend, reports Mike Zekulich. First released in 2011, the wine rocketed to national attention, with demand outstripping supply. And with a price tag of just \$7 a bottle, the blend's 2017 vintage walked away with Winestate's Wine of the Year in the under \$20 category.

36 THIRST FOR GREAT WINES CONTINUES TO GROW

Asia's love affair with premium wines continues unabated and more Australian wineries are taking notice of the trend, writes Dan Traucki. At the latest Hong Kong International

Wine and Spirits fair more than 19,000 buyers and trade visitors sampled drinks from more than 1000 exhibitors from 33 countries, including a growing number of Australian wineries. China continues to be the market of choice, with the number of licensed importers growing from 812 in 2016 to over 10,000 this year.

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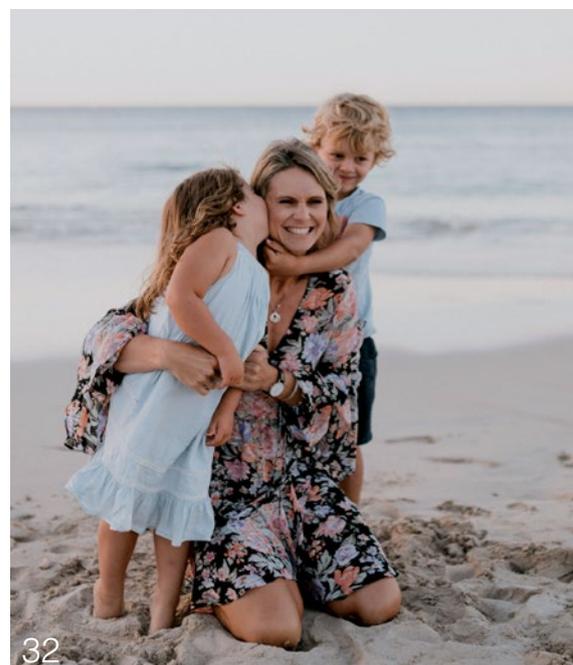
While Tokyo might be the headline act for most visitors to Japan, Winsor Dobbin writes that the Kansai region might be a cheaper and easier travel option for many Australian tourists. Attractions are many and varied, with Osaka (Japan's third city), Kyoto, Lake Biwako, Himeji Castle, the historic district in Nara and the thriving city of Kobe among the must-visit locations.

For a complete list of what we tasted for this issue please refer to www.winestate.com.au

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