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It's a wine-matched mainstage season!!

Queensland Theatre Company & Clovely Estate Winery share their flair for drama and announce a Vintage Season 2014

Exactly what wine would complement a tale of betrayal and murder? Does red or white best suit the rollercoaster story of young love? What's the best tipple to celebrate a world premiere? What do you sip before a clever comedy?

These questions have been more than answered in what is believed to be the first Wine-Matched Mainstage Theatre Season. The pairing is a result of Queensland Theatre Company's partnership with Clovely Estate Winery. The two companies share a flair for the dramatic - from treading the boards to stomping the grapes, enthralling the audience or enrapturing the palate, it's a partnership forged on creativity and passion.

Clovely Estate Winemaker Luke Fitzpatrick has carefully matched QTC's remaining Season 2014, and the result? Theatre never tasted better!!

The Mountaintop - Left Field Sangiovese 2013

An intriguing fictional depiction of the Reverend Martin Luther King's last night on earth, this two-actor play is deep, moving and funny, examining Dr King as man, not a myth. In keeping with the revolutionary message, *The Mountaintop* this has been matched with the stunning 2013 Left Field Sangiovese, given it is a beautiful vintage that stands out in the crowd and unites with its palatability.

Until 16 March | THE MOUNTAINTOP | At The Playhouse

Macbeth - Clovely Estate Reserve Shiraz

Shakespeare's famous tempestuous and bloodthirsty tale of power, passion and alchemy can only be complimented by a full-bodied wine with a heady, spicy undercurrent. Give in to the hedonistic call of this South-Burnett Shiraz, and sit back and enjoy this epic, directed by the internationally acclaimed UK director, Michael Attenborough.

24 March – 13 April | MACBETH | At The Playhouse

The Effect - 2013 White Label Verdelho

Young love has never been so much fun! *The Effect* is written by acclaimed British playwright Lucy Prebble and examines the world of drug-testing clinics and neuroscience (and stars Anna McGahan from TV's *House Husbands* and *Underbelly Razor*). Fun, flirtatious and maybe a little sexy, *The Effect* is paired with the 2013 White Label Verdelho, an enticing drop which delivers citrusy flavours that burst like a lemon-meringue kiss in the mouth – perfect for the Australian Premiere of this play!

7 June - 5 July | THE EFFECT | At the Bille Brown Studio QTC

Gloria – Non-Vintage Sparkling Shiraz

Starring the award-winning stage powerhouse Christen O'Leary as a lost musician and mother searching for a way to reconnect with her son, *Gloria* is a story of reconciliation. The World Premiere season of this Australian play has been paired with the Non-Vintage Sparkling Shiraz, which is as bright, dry and toasty as the Australian clime in which it was birthed. Theatre-goers can reminisce about good times and plan new adventures with this no-holds-barred drop that takes the palate to the centre of the earth and back again.

19 July – 16 August | GLORIA, World Premiere | At the Bille Brown Studio QTC







Black Diggers – 2012 Left Field Petit Verdot

Black Diggers is a compelling new work by **Tom Wright** that tells the story of the Indigenous Australians who enlisted to fight for the British Commonwealth during WWI. The important play has been carefully matched to the 2012 Left Field Petit Verdot, a strong red wine of earthy flavours with a nod to the battlefields of France. Maturing under the fierce Australian sun, this French variety bears the burden of sweet purpose yet stands and delivers perfectly in the marriage of French tradition and Australian ambition. Raise a glass in respect to our brave fallen...

24 September – 12 October | BLACK DIGGERS | At The Playhouse

Gasp! – Non-Vintage Sparkling Brut

A sparkling drop for the Australian Premiere of a sparklingly witty play! *Gasp!*, a satirical piece by the internationally acclaimed author, comedian and social commentator, Ben Elton, it is set in a world where the air people breathe comes at a price. This LOL piece of stagecraft has been matched with the Non-Vintage Sparkling Brut, a bubbly, witty reminder-in-a-bottle of all that Mother Earth has given us. Herbaceous with a tongue-in- cheek effervescence that doesn't take itself too seriously, yet is bursting with life. Enjoy!

17 November – 7 December | GASP! By Ben Elton, Australian Premiere | At The Playhouse

Queensland Theatre Company:

Tickets are available at queenslandtheatre.com.au or by calling 1800 355 528.

Clovely Estate Winery:

Wines are available at the Clovely Estate - Red Hill Cellar Door, Brisbane and at the Clovely Estate - Moffatdale Cellar Door in South Burnett, as well as at a wide range of hotels and liquor sellers. There is also an online store and more information at www.clovely.com.au



