# winedominion Spring 2018

## "puts a smile on the face" - James Halliday

St Hallett Eden Valley Riesling is on a roll. James Halliday, in awarding it a massive 96/100 points, said it "puts a smile on the face as its purity and freshness come through without the least hesitation". It also enjoyed great success at the International Riesling Challenge 2017 and Royal Queensland Wine Show 2017 where it was awarded gold medals. An absolute steal at such a low price.

#### **St Hallett Eden Valley Riesling 2017**

Region Eden Valley Rating 96/100

Puts a smile on the face as its purity and freshness come through without the least hesitation. Distilled Eden Valley lemon/lime/mineral notes all hunt together, and end any discussion about the quality (and exceptional value) of this label. Alcohol: 12%. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Drink by: 2032. Price: \$23. Rating: 96/100.



- 96/100 points James Halliday
- 95 Points & top gold medal Royal Queensland Wine Show 2017





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## **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **2018 Penfolds Luxurv** and Icon release at Quav restaurant

Yes folks, Kemenys most prestigious and popular event is on again

Penfolds new releases will again be unveiled at Sydney's most exclusive restaurant Quay. Penfolds top reds and wines will all be on display including the new vintage release of Penfolds Reserve Bin A Chardonnay, 389 Cabernet Shiraz, 407 Cabernet Sauvignon, St Henri Shiraz and, of course, the king of Australian wines, Penfolds Grange Hermitage.

To guide you through these iconic wines, we will have the man who is rumoured to know more about Penfolds than any living individual - the witty and urbane George Samios. All of these Penfolds wines will be expertly matched with Quay head chef Peter Gilmore's fabulous creations.

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This event is always one of the most eagerly anticipated wine events on the calendar and, as anyone who has attended this event over the years will tell you, apart from superb wine and food, it's a lot of fun. This year the event will be held on Level 1 of Quay restaurant. We are also offering the option of attending either the lunch or an evening function on the same day (sorry you can't possibly do both).

When: Tuesday 30th October 2018

Time: 12 noon for lunch or 6.30pm for dinner

Where: Ouav restaurant Overseas Passenger Terminal 5 Hickson Road, The Rocks

Cost: \$389 per person

Call 13 888 1 or email orders@kemenys.com to book a place or a make an enquiry

## THE TIME FOR PATIENCE IS OVER

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Established in 1893, Leasingham has been an integral part of the Clare Valley for over 100 years. Today, Leasingham select only their most outstanding wines for release under the premium Classic Clare label. Consistent show success rewards the depth and integrity of these distinctly regional wines. This superb 6-year-old riesling has brilliant, fresh primary fruit flavours and only now hinting at the toasty cellar-aged characters which will come with extended bottle age.

#### THE TIME FOR PATIENCE IS OVER

#### **Leasingham Classic Clare Riesling 2012**

Region: Clare Valley Rating: 98/100

A special cellar release wine. Luminous green-gold, the bouquet and palate an exercise in harmony. Meyer lemon and lime flavours lead the journey, hints of lightly browned toast in the background. The acidity is essential, but it is likewise simply part of the team. Alcohol: 12.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Drink by: 2027. Price: \$53. Rating: 98/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$53

#### TROPHIES

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quality with a Rating out of

selections that receive our

highest recommendation.

Buy as much as you can (afford)

**OUR PRICING** 

Please feel free to mix up your own case of

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All wines are judged for

Our thumbs-up rating

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A must-have

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# Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018 **TROPHY WINNERS**

The prestigious Sydney Royal Wine Show, now in its 192nd year, saw a record number of 2332 Australian wines judged in 66 categories.

This is arguably the most influential Australian wine show, with the highly anticipated results having a massive impact across the wine industry and the wine-loving public.

Here is a selection of the trophy-winners, the best of the best, showcasing the diversity of Australian wine by featuring superb wines from five different varieties, and made in both coolclimate and warm regions.

Special congratulations to Bleasdale for its Generations Shiraz 2015 being selected as the international judge's best wine.





#### **BEST ROSÉ** SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW

#### **Longview Nebbiolo** Rosato 2018

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 96/100

Longview is responsible for some of the Adelaide Hills' earliest plantings of nebbiolo and this has picked up the trophy for 'Best Rosé' at the Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018, emulating the success of its 2017 vintage . This is no ordinary, mainstream Rosé, it's pale and very dry with delicate summer berry flavours and plenty of mineral texture and packing nebbiolo's typical tannic grip. Its delicious savoury edginess is so different to most Rosés and makes it so food friendly, with anything from antipasto to classic Italian veal dishes.

Kemenys RRP \$26 **9**.95 in any 12 \$21.95 PER BOTTLE



#### BEST PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO, SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW

**Bird In Hand Pinot** Gris 2018

#### Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 95/100

This cracking pinot gris from the Adelaide Hills has won the trophy for 'Best Pinot Pinot Gris/Grigio at the Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018, doubling up on its earlier trophy win in the same category at the Royal Queensland Wine Show 2018. The fruit is sourced from vinevards in Lenswood and Lobethal, with some of the juice wild fermented in French oak. Crisp and energetic aromas with creamy flavours of spiced pear, green apple and lemon. It's charged with fresh acidity and chalky minerality. A very classy 'gris' wine to match with chicken or pork dishes.

Kemenys RRP \$25 .95 Q -1 in any 12 \$21.95 PER BOTTLE



#### **BEST PINOT NOIR**, SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW

#### **Giant Steps Yarra** Valley Pinot Noir 2017

#### Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🖒

Wild yeast open-fermented with 20% whole bunches, matured for 7 months in French oak (10% new), gravity bottled. Very good colour; the intensity of the aromas and flavours unfolding with the first sip stop you in your tracks. The whole bunch component is evident, but not dominant, simply one of many factors in shaping the flavour and texture of this lovely wine, Alcohol: 13.5%, Tasted: Feb 2018. Drink By: 2037. Price: \$35. Rating: 97/100

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$35** 

.00 in any 12 \$31.95 PER BOTTLE



#### **BEST OTHER RED VARIETAL**, SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW

#### **Serafino Reserve** Grenache 2017

Region: McLaren Vale Rating: 96/100

Grenache is at last breaking through as a major varietal on the back of captivating expressions such as this from McLaren Vale. Winner of the trophy in the 'Best Other Varietal' category at the Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018, this beautiful Grenache nails the brief. Lovely fragrant red fruits and florals with sweet baking spice and leafy notes. Flavours are deep. supple and pure, with plums, blueberries and mulberries with delicious tang. It's fresh and lithe with grippy tannins and enormous length. No wonder so many people are finally falling in love with arenache.

Kemenvs RRP \$40

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in any 12 \$31.95 PER BOTTLE



#### BEST WINEOF SHOW SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW 2018

#### **Bleasdale Generations** Shiraz 2015

Region: Langhorne Creek Rating: 96/100

Matured for 12 months in French oak (22% new). A thoroughly inviting bouquet of mixed spices, purple and black fruits and cedary oak; the palate is likewise labrador-friendly, awash with plum and black cherry fruit, but retains its shape and focus. An ever-reliable wine that fully justifies its price. Trophy for Best Shiraz Langhorne Creek Wine Show, gold medal Adelaide Wine Show '16.Alcohol: 14%. Date tasted: Jan 2017. Drink by: 2030. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$35



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# **THE VALUE IS**

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Kemenys is constantly sourcing the best wines and using our purchasing power to ensure the best prices. The wines on these pages clearly show that great drinking is possible without big prices.

From the coastal Mount Benson region about 300km east of Adelaide, Mount Benson flies under the radar most of the time but fresh, intensely varietal wines like this that drag into the spotlight. Smells great, tastes great and the price is the deal clincher.



#### "FRIGHTENINGLY EASY TO DRINK", JAMES HALLIDAY **Norfolk Rise Shiraz**

Region: Mount Benson Rating: 94/100

2017

Machine harvested, crushed, destemmed, fermented, after 12 days pressed to stainless steel and 10% French oak barriques for 10 months. Highly perfumed, inexpensive and totally enjoyable punching well above its weight. All florals, black pepper and spice with juicy red fruits and a sayoury overlay. It's medium-bodied, buoyant with supple tannins, ultra-refreshing and frighteningly easy to drink. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure screwcap. Date tasted: Jan 2018. Drink by: 2022. Price: \$18. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$18** 



Deriving its name from the picturesque Mount Chalambar near Great Western in central Victoria, Seppelt Chalambar Shiraz has an excellent pedigree. Originally crafted by the legendary Colin Preece, this wine has become one of the most sought after Seppelt releases each year. The 2016 release of Chalambar is another superb release.

Matahiwi Estate is a leading pinot noir producer in New Zealand's Wairarapa region (which includes the famous Martinborough sub-region - the home of world-class producers such as Martinborough Vineyard, Dry River and Ata Rangi). The 2016 vintage throughout Wairarapa was a stunner, and when this pinot noir hit our tasting bench we were floored.

WHEN THIS PINOT NOIR HIT OUR TASTING

**Vineyard Pinot Noir** 

Sourced from a single vineyard it shows

the ripe dark fruits and distinctive

quality Wairarapa pinot noir, but

pinosity that you would expect from

without the hefty price tag that usually

Kemenys has utilised its considerable

purchasing power, enabling us to offer

this excellent pinot noir to you for an

incredibly low price of \$9.95 a bottle.

accompanies pinot noir from this region.

**BENCH WE WERE FLOORED** 

2016

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RRP \$22

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\$11.95 PER BOTTLE

Region: Wairarana

Rating: 93/100 🖒 🖒

**Matahiwi Single** 

Named in memory and as a tribute to the families who lived at 'Chain of Ponds' hamlet from 1840 to 1970 where all that remains is a cemetary. A superb cool-climate syrah showing the concentrated plum and blackberry fruits and tighly constructed spicy and savoury framework. Stunning value.



#### "X-FACTOR" SHIRAZ

#### **Chain of Ponds Graves** Gate Syrah 2016

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 95/100

From a single vineyard in Kuitpo, 8 days on skins in open and Potter fermenters, matured in French and American oak for 15 months. Bright hue; an elegant, medium-bodied syrah, its X-factor coming from its east-facing slope that maximises the morning sun and minimises the afternoon sun. Its got a spice and cracked pepper garnish for the red and black fruits, the tannins fine but persistent. A total contrast to its Acquaintance sibling. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink by: 2026. Price: \$20. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$20** 

.95 in any 12 \$15.95 PER BOTTLE

Bleasdale has, yet again, graced us with a superb red at a ridiculously low price. The Bleasdale Mulberry Tree Cabernet 2015 is a gold medal winner at the prestigious National Wine Show of Australia and was given a very high 95 point rating by James Halliday. At only \$15.95 a bottle, it outguns many wines at twice the price.



#### "PAUL HOTKER'S MAGICAL TOUCH", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Bleasdale Mulberry **Tree Cabernet** Sauvignon 2015

Region: Langhorne Creek Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

Vibrant colour; pure cassis fruit leads the way on the bouquet and medium-bodied palate, but when you look behind the stats and find harvest baumes from 13.2 to 14.1 and cap management in the fermenters you realise the nature and extent of Paul Hotker's magical touch. Alcohol: 14%. Closure: screwcap. Drink to: 2030. Price: \$20. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$20





#### **"CONTINUES TO DELIVER GENUINE VALUE** FOR MONEY", STEVEN CREBER **Seppelt Chalambar** Shiraz 2016

Region: Victoria Rating: 95/100 🕹 🕹

Seems to be showing a stronger Heathcote influence with this release, or perhaps it's the warmer vintage expressing itself. In any case it's quite an open and accessible wine, spicy and sweet-fruited, although there is a gamey, savoury element. Finished with a smooth veneer of oak, it's a well rounded package and continues to deliver genuine value for money. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink by: 2028. Price: \$27. Rating: 94/100.

Steven Creber, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$27

.95 in any 12 \$19.95 PER BOTTLE

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#### **BLEASDALE HAS DONE IN AGAIN!**

Bleasdale is Kemenys winery of the year for their ability to produce serious wines at such great prices. Bleasdale The Broad-Side is a perfect example. James Halliday says that it has "the flavour complexity of a wine two or three times as expensive". A winner of four gold medals. Only \$12.95 a bottle - does it get any better than this?

#### "THE VALUE VERGING ON THE ABSURD", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### **Bleasdale The Broad-Side Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec 2015** Region: Langhorne Creek Rating: 95/100

A 64/26/10% blend destemmed and crushed, open-fermented with pumpovers, 7-11 days on skins, matured for 9 months in American and French oak (10% new). Top gold Adelaide and top gold Rutherglen Wine Shows '16. the value verging on the absurd. With black fruits in the ascendant, it has the tannin structure and flavour complexity of a wine two or three times as expensive. Licorice and bramble also appear on the finish and aftertaste. Alcohol: 14%. Date tasted: Jan 2017. Drink by: 2030. Price: \$16. Rating: 95/100

#### James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$16**

Australia's most famous marsanne. first planted by Tahbilk in 1860. Fresh and zesty when it's young, marsanne can develop in the bottle for decades, and like Hunter semillon, it can develop gorgeous honey, toast and marmalade. Highly underrated and brilliant value.

Made by the Tate family, one of the Margaret River's pioneers, it has collected three trophies. Margaret River sauvignon is far more restrained than most Marlborough expressions, having gentler acidity and emphasis on citrus and tropical flavours rather than obvious grassy notes



#### **"VELOCITY AND DEPTH OF FRUIT** FLAVOUR", JAMES HALLIDAY

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#### **Tahbilk Marsanne** 2017

Region: Nagambie Lakes Rating: 94/100 🕹 🕹

Honeysuckle, beeswax and wisteria on the bouquet, then firm, racy mineral and Meyer lemon on the palate, gaining velocity and depth of fruit flavour as it does. Tasted: Sept 2017. Alcohol: 12%. Drink By: 2030. Price: \$20. Rating: 94/100.

#### James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$20

.95 in any 12 \$13.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "BEST VALUE WHITE", SYDNEY **ROYAL WINF SHOW 2017 Miles From** Nowhere Sauvignon Blanc 2017

#### Region: Margaret River Rating: 94/100 🖒 🖒

A triple trophy winning savvy from Margaret River. One of the stars of the 2017 Sydney Royal Wine Show taking out the trophy for not only 'Best Sauvignon Blanc' but also the trophy for 'Best Value White Wine', Bright and zesty aromas of citrus. tropical fruits and melon. Crisp and lively, showing tangy lemon and lime, inviting tropicals, passionfruit and green melon.

Kemenys **RRP \$18** 



We've been vindicated many times over, with our prediction that Yealands would become one of New Zealands most influential wineries. This wine won two major trophies, including 'Champion Sauvignon Blanc' at the Marlborough Wine Show (where all the star wines are presented).



**DOUBLE TROPHY WINNING SAUVIGNON BLANC - EXCLUSIVE TO** KEMENVS **Peter Yealands** 

#### Reserve **Sauvignon Blanc** 2017

Region: Marlborough Rating: 95/100 🕹 🕹

Of all of the Sauvignon Blancs entered into the Marlborough Wine Show there could only be one Champion. The trophy for 'Champion Sauvignon Blanc' went to Peter Yealands Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2017. To prove it was no fluke, it also took out the trophy for 'Best Sauvignon Blanc' at the 2018 Sydney International Wine Competition. Exclusive to Kemenys

Kemenys RRP \$22



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Pinot Grigio containing King Valley

fruit always produces the goods.

The quality of this cool-climate

element along with the Tahbilk

winemaking expertise has given

us a light, bright and spicy white

Springtime dining. The low price

which will be just the shot for

belies the high quality.

#### **ITALIAN STYLE PINOT GRIGIO MADE** IN THE KING VALLEY **Dalfarras Pinot Grigio 2017** Region Victoria

Rating: 94/100 Rosa Purbrick, formerly a Dal

Farra before marriage is married to Tahbilk owner and chief winemaker Alister Purbrick. The Dalfarras range is named after Rosa who is a well-known Victorian artist with her designs featuring on the wine labels. Produced from Pinot Grigio grapes grown at Tahbilk's vineyards in the King Valley and the Goulburn Valley; this 2017 Dalfarras Pinot Grigio reflects the Italian origins of this variety light, fresh and floral with vibrant stone-fruits and a touch of spice.

Kemenys RRP \$17.95 3.95 in any 12 \$15.95 PER BOTTLE From the pioneers of cool-climate winemaking, this pinot gris is gaining a reputation as one of Australia's finest. The extended ripening period of the Eden Valley leads to trademark, concentrated lemon-pear flavours and laser-like acidity and texture from cool. long ripening. A great food wine, particularly with white meat dishes.



#### **"NAKED POWER THAT BUILDS RELENTLESSLY". JAMES HALLIDAY Mountadam Eden Valley Pinot Gris** 2016

Region: Eden Valley Rating: 94/100 🖒 🖒

From low-yielding vines planted in '68. The wine has naked power that builds relentlessly across the length of the palate and searching aftertaste. The lemon and Mever lemon flavours have a hint of lime juice, but are definitely Eden Valley. Alcohol: 13%. Date tasted: Dec 2016. Drink by: 2036. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **BRP \$27** 

6.95 in any 12 \$18.95 PER BOTTLE Seppelt Jaluka is easily the bestvalue Chardonnay we've seen. The cool Henty fruit provides very concentrated citrus and stone fruit flavours with superb natural acidity. It also contains parcels of fruit from Seppelt's prized Drumborg Vineyard. A steal at this price.



**"INTENSITY THAT BRINGS YOU UP** WITH A JOLT". JAMES HALLIDAY Seppelt Jaluka

#### Chardonnay 2016

Region: Henty Rating: 95/100

Right up there with its proud history of quality. Even though tasted in unavoidably warm conditions, came through with flying colours. It has a vibrancy and intensity that brings you up with a jolt, but you settle down quickly, enjoying the typical white peach/pink grapefruit flavour spectrum. Alcohol: 12.5%. Date tasted: Mar 2017. Drink by: 2031. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$27

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95 in any 12 \$19.95 PER BOTTLE



# **JAMES HALLIDAY'S** 2019 BEST OF VARIETALS - WHITE

After months of tasting 9,289 wines James Halliday and his tasting team have miraculously narrowed down his 'Best Varietals'. It's a daunting task across scores of varietals and a great number of outstanding wines, the majority of which didn't even make the cut.

There are names that you'll recognise which keep popping up each year, an indication of the consistent excellence of some wineries.

Special congratulations to Dukes Magpie Hill Riesling 2017on being named 'Wine of the Year' and earning a mammoth score of 99/100 points. As the production of this wine is mini the 2017 were sold out some time ago. We are, however, extremely fortunate to be able to offer you the equally impressive 2018 vintage. Again, this is only available in tiny quantities, so please don't hesitate in securing yours.

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927 VINES



#### **ONLY A TINY QUANTITY LEFT!!**

#### **Dukes Vineyard Magpie** Hill Riesling 2018

Region: Porongurup Rating: 98/100 🖒 🏠

This astounding riesling is a more-thanworthy successor to the 2017 Halliday 99 pointer. It resonates with concentration, and is a pristine expression of a regional style which is, arguably, Australia's finest riesling, It has everything you would want from a great Porongurup riesling - tightly wound with lemon, green apple, fresh acidity and cool mineral texture. A very exciting wine of structure, texture and great refinement, with the promise of a very long life in the cellar. A must-have.



RRP \$40 in any 12

\$36.95 PER BOTTLE

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#### "FLUID GRACE AND EFFORTLESS POWER", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Mountadam High Eden Chardonnay 2016

Region: Eden Valley Rating: 97/100 a

From the oldest plantings on the estate, fermented in French oak, matured for 12-14 months before a barrel selection for this wine, which is one of the best produced exthe Eden Valley as a whole. It has fluid grace and effortless power, the fruit flavours at the midpoint of the stone fruit (white peach) / citrus (grapefruit) spectrum. Lovely wine. Alcohol: 14%. Price: \$40. Drink: to 2026. Rating: 97/100.

Australian Wine Companion RRP \$40







\$31.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "LITTLE SHORT OF ELECTRIFYING", JAMES HALLIDAY Silkman Reserve

Semillon 2017 Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🕹 🏠

The highly expressive bouquet has layers far more often found in red than white wines, and the palate is little short of electrifying, instantly reaching every corner of the mouth. I seldom give points of this magnitude to a 1vo semillon, but this is no ordinary wine. Its glittering acidity throws off sparks of lemon, lime and crushed green leaves/grasses. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: March 2018. Drink by: 2037. Price: \$35. Rating: 97/100. James Halliday,

Australian Wine Companion RRP \$35 SO .95 in any 12

#### "A GLORIOUS AMALGAM OF FLAVOURS", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Peter Lehmann Wigan **Riesling 2012**

Region: Eden Valley Rating: 97/100 🕹 🏠

It's toasty yet fresh. It's complex yet approachable. A glorious amalgam of flavours from glace lemon and lime, juicy with superfine acidity ensuring it's in a good spot today and for some time yet. Alcohol: 11.5%. Date tasted: Jan 2017. Drink by: 2027. Price: \$35. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$35



#### **"AN EXTRA DEGREE OF CONCENTRATION AND** COMPLEXITY", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Tahbilk 1927 Vines Marsanne 2011

Region: Nagambie Lakes Rating: 97/100 🕹 🏠

This has an extra degree of concentration and complexity from vine age, extra years in bottle and the cool vintage. This is wonderfully fresh and delicate, citrus, apple and honevsuckle all on the same page. Sometimes the acidity can be too obvious for some, but not here, Alcohol: 11%, Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2031. Price: \$46. Rating: 97/100

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$46



#### "THIS IS WORLD CLASS", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Stella Bella Suckfizzle **Sauvignon Blanc** Semillon 2015

Region: Margaret River Rating: 98/100 🕹 🕹

Always a regional tour de force, this has high quality Graves written all over it; not merely fermented in French oak (60% new), but aged as well (40% new) for 14 months, with incremental batonnage to amplify the compelling textural detail. A citrus choir with the focus on lemon; lemon grass, lemon curd and ripe Meyer, all soaring along a balancing beam of vanilla cream oak. This is world class, transcending the general malaise when it comes to these oft-abused varieties. Alcohol: 13%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Dec 2017. Drink by: 2024. Price: \$40. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$40



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# JAMES HALLIDAY'S 2019 BEST OF VARIETALS - RED

Like the best whites, tasting thousands of red submissions resulted in many usual suspects, such as Cullen, Seppelt receiving much-deserved 99/100 points for their unique masterpieces. It also unearthed wineries doing great things while flying under the radar, such as McLaren Vale's Rouleur and Adelaide Hills' Chain of Ponds.

It was also encouraging to see Silkman's 'forgotten blend' of shiraz and pinot noir back

in the spotlight, this combination of grapes having all but disappeared after Maurice O'Shea's legendary Hunter classics. We're bound to see much more from this blend in the future.

Here are some of Halliday's best from this year's list.

#### "IT IS THE ULTIMATE NOW OR LATER STYLE", James Halliday

#### Silkman Reserve Shiraz Pinot Noir 2017

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

Silkman was, so far as I know, the first to explore this blend since the death of Maurice O'Shea. It raises a question with no real answer - why did it take so long to gain currency afresh? It is the ultimate now or later style, brilliant in its flavour profile, and in the synergy discovered by O'Shea. Drink by: 2030. Tasted: 31 Mar 2018. Price: \$50. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$50

"A VERY SPECIAL WINE" JAMES HALLIDAY

Cachet Cabernet Blends

Deep, healthy colour, still with crimson on

the rim. The particularly complex vinification

was conceived and implemented without a

hitch, 47% cabernet sauvignon, 43% shiraz

and 10% merlot from three different vineyards

with different canopy management and site

aspects, different soils, the varieties handled

separately and fermented with different

procedures. Oak choice and use varied

in barrel, then matured for a further 30

months in bottle prior to release. A very

\$100. Rating: 98/100. James Halliday,

**RRP \$100** 

Australian Wine Companion

significantly, the sumptuous, black-fruited

blend finalised after 20+ months maturation

special wine, Alcohol: 14,5%, Closure: cork,

Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink: to 2033. Price:

**Chain of Ponds the** 

2013

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 98/100 🔬 🏠

**35**.95 in any 12 **37.95 PER BOTTLE** 



#### "BLOODY GORGEOUS", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Yangarra Estate Shiraz 2016

Region: McLaren Vale 🔺 Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

50% whole berries, 50% destemmed, wild yeast open-fermented, matured for 10 months in used French oak. Just another \$30 McLaren Vale shiraz? Absolutely not. This is profoundly exciting, another masterpiece from Peter Fraser, Wine Companion Winemaker of the Year '16. It's not often I'm tempted to sneakily swallow half a mouthful of a wine, it's almost as if an unseen force refuses to let me actually drink a little. The wine is spicy, textured, with a rainbow of dark fruit flavours - bloody gorgeous. Alcohol: 14.5%. Tasted: Mar 2018. Drink By: 2036. Price: \$30. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$35

#### "A TRULY BEAUTIFUL AND GRACEFUL CABERNET", James Halliday

#### Cullen Vanya 2015

Region: Margaret River Rating: 99/100 🖒 🏠

Two-thirds whole berries/one-third crushed into 300l terracotta amphorae for wild fermentation, 10 weeks on skins before pressed to French oak (66% new) for 5 months. Stripping away all the obvious questions re price - and yes, it is cheap compared to Grange and Hill of Grace - this is a truly beautiful and graceful cabernet. Its purity of varietal fruit expression, its perfect fruit/oak/tannin balance and its length are exceptional, and amply justify Vanya Cullen's belief the wine will age well for at least 50 years. Alcohol: 13.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Dec 2017. Drink: to 2055. Price: \$500. Rating: 99/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$500

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"EXCEPTIONAL POWER AND COMPLEXITY", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Rouleur Shiraz 2017 Region: McLaren Vale

Rating: 97/100

From two vineyards at Blewitt Springs, open-fermented with varying percentages of whole bunches, 11 months in French puncheons (15% new). Exceptional power and complexity, yet retains nigh on perfect balance and structure. The combination of Blewitt Springs and '17 provides shiraz that will be remembered with awe for years to come. Super-fragrant spices and flowers leap from the glass, the glazed shiraz rounded and succulent yet not cloying. Alcohol: 14%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: March 2018. Drink to: 2040. Price: \$32. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$32



"A UNIQUE AND GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED WINE", James Halliday

#### Seppelt Show Reserve Sparkling Shiraz 2007

Region: Great Western Rating: 99/100 🕹 🏠 🏠

A whole berry ferment precedes 12 months maturation in a large, old French vat, and eight years on lees before disgorgement. Winemaker Adam Carnaby has threaded the needle with precisely the right amount of dosage, making a unique and great Australian red wine. Alcohol: 13%. Closure: crown seal. Date tasted: Sept 2017. Drink by: 2037. Price: \$100. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

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#### James Halliday's 'Best Value' Winery



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It's been an eventful and rewarding wine journey for Scott Ireland. While toiling tirelessly doing vintage in the Barossa and relentlessly operating a mobile bottling plant through the 1980s, Scott worked closely with many small wineries, learning, first hand, the intricate demands of wine production, and witnessing the constant ups and the downs of winery ownership.

Armed with all this crucial knowledge, he was well prepared, when in 2004 he took ownership of the Geelong-based contract winemaker, Provenance. With access to outstanding vineyards in Geelong , Ballarat, Henty and Macedon, Scott, now ably 👳 supported by partner, Jen Lilburn, along with long Vogel, produce some of the region's finest wines the Barwon River. The adjoining cellar-door facilit the Barwon River. The adjoining cellar-o best.

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The sheer quality of the Provenance wines combined with their extremely reasonable pricing has resulted in James Halliday naming Provenance as 'Best Value Winery' in his



#### "A BEAUTIFULLY BALANCED PINOT" IAMES HALLIDAW **Provenance Golden** Plains Pinot Noir 2016 Region: Geelong Rating: 95/100 🕹 🏠

76% Geelong, 22% Ballarat, 2% Macedon, hand-picked, open-fermented with 30% whole bunches, matured for 10 months. in French oak (25% new). A beautifully balanced pinot, which shows the influence of the relatively small Ballarat component. There is a tantalising brushstroke of smoky spice before the complex array of red and black cherries form the base of the fruit flavour, oak and tannins spot on. Alcohol: 13.2%, Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Price: \$30. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$30** 





#### **Provenance Golden** Plains Pinot Noir 2017

Region: Geelong Rating: 96/100 🖏 🏠

TRUE TO FORM

We are loving the wines from the 2017 Victorian vintage and this pinot noir certainly continues the excellence of previous vintages.2017 was a cooler vintage reflected in its lifted red fruit aroma and flavours and silky texture. Its Geelong vineyard base lends generous weight and the ultra-cool regions of Ballarat and Henty bring the perfume. Fragrant with red and dark berry aromas, toasted spices and savoury, earthy characters. A rich, but elegant pinot displaying ripe cherry, plum and forest floor characters with fresh acidity and fine, chewy tannins. A wine of poise and great length. Really good value for a quality Victorian pinot.

Kemenys RRP \$30

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\$26.95 PER BOTTLE

in any 12



#### **Provenance Geelong** Shiraz 2016

Region: Geelong Rating: 96/100 🕹 🏠

From the Spence Vineyard at Bannockburn, open-fermented with 25% whole bunches, 28 days on skins, 73% matured in old French puncheons, 2% in concrete eggs for 14 months. Australian shiraz has 100 faces reflecting vine age, clone, vine site, climate and soil, canopy management, organic/biodynamic of traditionally grown, the list goes on. This vividly and deeply coloured wine is very cool grown, but its flavour overflows the fermenter, the barrel, the glass and the mouth. The predominantly black fruits are so juicy they flow past or through the tannins and oak, and is grossly underpriced. Alcohol: 13.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Drink to: 2041. Price: \$32. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$32** 

5 95 in any 12 \$27.95 PER BOTTLE



#### **BEST PROVENANCE CHARDY YET Provenance Golden Plains Chardonnay** 2017

Region: Geelong Rating: 96/100 🖏 🏠

We'll go out on a limb here and declare this as the best Golden Plains Chardonnay to date. The 2017 vintage conditions were ideal and the usual judicious blend of Geelong, Henty and Ballarat fruit has resulted in a sensuous bouquet of stone fruit, citrus, florals nuts and nutty barrel aromas. The smoothly intense flavour profile boasts waves of white peach and tangy grapefruit with grilled nuts and brisk natural acidity pulling it all into line. There is cool, riverstone mineral texture and a fresh, very long finish. Gorgeous.

Kemenys **RRP \$30** 





#### "SERIOUS ROSÉ", JAMES HALLIDAY Provenance Long Night Pinot Noir Rosé 2017

Region: Geelong Rating: 94/100

100% pinot noir, 50% from the Darriwill Vineyard at Geelong, 50% from the Pierrepoint Vineyard at Henty, handpicked, destemmed, left overnight on skins, the juice cold-settled and coolfermented in stainless steel, 6 months on lees. Crisp and crunchy, with a delightful mid-palate of wild strawberry and crab apple on the dry, but compelling, palate. Serious Rosé. Alcohol: 12.9%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Drink by: 2021. Price: \$25. Rating: 94/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$25



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## Kemenys SECRET LABEL

Secret Label deals are only made possible if we don't reveal the maker's brand. You will receive the wines wearing their maker's label. You won't find out what it is until it hits your doorstep, but you won't regret it.



#### Rating: 96/100 🖒 🏠

"This hits like a thunderstorm" says James Halliday. It is deeper and darker than you would expect from an Adelaide hills shiraz. Whilst complex, it retains the elegance of top Adelaide Hills shiraz that sells for twice the price. This winery's fortunes grew exponentially from 2012, when the winemaker from none other than Shaw + Smith joined (so he knows all about making exceptional cool climate shiraz). Their shiraz has since won numerous accolades including the title of "Best Australian Red Wine" at the 2014 International Wine Challenge. James Halliday has, very recently, rated this shiraz a hefty 96 points and it is a serious bargain at its already modest cellar door price of \$26 a bottle. We are very fortunate to have secured a small quantity for Kemenys customers at an unheard of price...only \$13.95 a bottle.



#### Rating: 93 /100 🕹 🏠

The Secret Label Clare Valley Riesling 2017 (KSL 1540) is a recognised star of the Clare Valley. 100% estate grown fruit from a renowned vineyard in the Watervale sub-district of the Clare Valley. The balance between the fresh minerally acids and the zesty lime juice is spot on! Wine critic, Gary Walsh (The Wine Front), says "It's a wine you can guzzle and enjoy right about now". At our special price no further invitation is required. It's available at cellar door for only \$20 a bottle, but we have partnered with the winery to offer at the special price of only \$9.95 a bottle.



#### Rating: 94/100 🕹 🏠

After pleading with this famous wine producer, we have been given the green light to sell their Hunter Valley estate shiraz for an incredibly low price. Just ask for Secret Label Hunter Valley Shiraz 2016 (KSL 6549) and you will receive the wine, also wearing the producer's label, for only \$9.95. It currently sells for \$25 at cellar door. James Halliday is an admirer, noting that "it is indelibly stamped with Hunter structure and savour. Bravo!...this is enjoyable now but will be a surprise after some bottle age". Don't miss this.



#### Rating: 94/100

After over a century of producing stellar wines exclusively from their 'home' region, one of Australia's most prominent family producers made their first wine from Heathcote shiraz in 1997, having long admired the wines from this famous Victorian region. This shiraz, made by a legendary Australian producer has cemented its reputation as Australia's "go-to" Heathcote shiraz because of its outstanding quality and great value-for-money at the cellar door price of \$25 a bottle. Our price of only \$9.95 is so amazingly low for a shiraz of this quality, that we have to keep the identity of the wine absolutely top secret.



#### Rating: 94/100 🕹 🕹

When we were offered this well-known Mornington Peninsula Chardonnay for inclusion as a Secret Label, we jumped at the opportunity. Made by one of the regions foremost, award-winning producers, this wine is a reflection of modern Chardonnay with minimal oak flavours and improved acid structure. It exudes citrus and stone fruit aromas with a slight hint of spicy French oak that was integrated during fermentation. James Halliday was very taken by the wine, saying that the "persistent and long palate delivers a wine that can be enjoyed now but that will only get better of the next 2-3 years." A premium Mornington chardonnay selling at cellar door for \$28, this is unbelievable value for only \$13.95.



# **CLARE VALLEY**

Situated in the northern section of the Mt Lofty Banges, South Australia's Clare Valley was settled in the late 1830s, the first vineyards planted 1840s. The climate features cool winters and warm to hot summers, but cooling afternoon breezes play a major role in slowing down the ripening process, leading to concentrate flavours and the all-important natural acidity.

Best known for its world-class rieslings, the region also produces many other varietals, including cabernet sauvignon and shiraz. With wildly variable micro-climates and soil types, the same

variety can produce similarly varied results in the winery. The sandy loam and terra rossa over limestone soils, which account for the major area of the valley create the signature regional lemon and lime characters, whilst the broken slate, free draining soils of the prized Polish Hill River sub-region add an extra element of steely acidity and stony minerality.



#### "VERY IMPRESSIVE WINE WITH A MINIMUM 40 YEAR LIFESPAN", HUON HOOKE Mitchell Sevenhill Vineyard Cabernet

Sauvignon 2010 Region: Clare Valley Rating: 96/100 🖧 🏠

Deepish red/purple colour. Fragrant and lifted, fresh and perfumey with a touch of the 2010 vintage character - star anise. Very intense and tight on the palate; firm and structured, taut and long. Still very young and needs age. Has the intensity, concentration and power of great Clare cabernet, but not 'bigness'. On the contrary, it has elegance. A very, very impressive wine with a minimum 40-year lifespan. Price \$28. Closure: screwcap. Drink: to 2050. Rating: 96/100.

Huon Hooke, huonhooke.com RRP \$28

\$23.95 in any 12 \$25.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "PRODIGIOUS LENGTH", JAMES HALLIDAY Wilson Vineyard Polish Hill River Riesling 2013

Region: Clare Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🖒

Whole bunch pressing of near-frozen grapes. Gleaming light green-gold; has a particularly convincing display of the fruit character and structure that makes Polish Hill River wines stand apart; there is a spine of minerally acidity that gives the wine structure, but without taking away from the lime and lemon juice fruit, nor the prodigious length of the wine. Alcohol: 12%. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2028. Price: \$29. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$29



\$26.95 PER BOTTLE





**BONUS CASE OF** 

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**RIDGE WINES** 

#### THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BLEND Jim Barry the Barry Bros Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Region: Clare Valley Rating: 94/100 ♦ ♦

The third generation of the Barry family, Tom & Sam Barry, have created their own take on the iconic Australian blend of shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. A rich red with plum, blackberry, cassis, chocolate/mocha and spicy oak flavours. It's a distinctive wine in an equally distinctive, sleek package. A delicious contemporary wine and as the saying rightfully goes "no one has ever turned down a night out with the Barry Bros". Worthy gold medal winner at the Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018.

Kemenys RRP \$22

#### UNHEARD OF PRICE FOR POLISH HILL RIVER Riesling

#### Devil's Ridge Block 16 Polish Hill Riesling 2017

Region: Clare Valley Rating: 94/100 🕹 🌢

Each year we're extremely fortunate that the Wilson Vineyard produces a tiny batch of Polish Hill River Riesling which it bottles exclusively for Kemenys as Devil's Ridge Block 16 Polish Hill River Riesling. Lively, concentrated aromas of citrus with tastes of lime zest, lemon and stone fruit, tightly wound typical Polish Hill acidity. The structure to develop gracefully for up to a decade. It is unheard of to have a Polish Hill Riesling under \$10 a bottle, so we suggest you snap yours up.

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in any 12 \$11.95 PER BOTTLE



# GROSSET

From the early 1980s when he converted an old Clare Valley milk depot into a winery, Jeffrey Grosset has gone on to become the most celebrated riesling producer in Australia. His meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and winemaking, including his single-minded obsession to allow the fruit and 'clone selection' do the talking are reflected in the brilliance of his wines.

#### ANOTHER OUTSTANDING SPRINGVALE Grosset Springvale Riesling 2018

Region: Clare Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 🏠

This is an outstanding Springvale Riesling. Intense citrus aromatics that linger; the palate is taut, even coiled, and powered by intenselemon and lime pith and enticing florals that persist; while the finish is long, zesty, and bone dry. For all its mouth-puckering intensity, there is balance, a touch of restraint, satisfying finesse and an immediacy that appeals.

Kemenys RRP \$45



#### THE LEGEND CONTINUES Grosset Polish Hill Riesling 2018

Region: Clare Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

There's a hint of talc and Provencale lavender and some vibrant herb aromas with a tight, intense mid-palate that features pure lime juice flavours. Mouth-puckering with a hint of lemon pith and shaley minerality, it's long, uber-dry and memorable. While plenty love the youthful tight structure and restraint of 'Polish Hill', others will prefer it after a few years in the cellar. It has the potential for significant aging.

Kemenys RRP \$58 \$**54.95** \$56.95 PER BOTTLE

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With a wine-producing history dating back over 170 years, Victoria's cool-climate Yarra Valley is recognised as the 'birthplace' of Victoria's wine industry. Wine production ceased completely in 1921 with the trend to fortifieds diminishing demand for quality table wines.

Thankfully replanting commenced in the 1960s and since then, the full potential of the region has been revealed, with talented winemakers taking full advantage of the idea terroir and the benefits of cool-climate grapes.

2017 was a very good vintage in the Yarra Valley, with perfect ripening conditions. The fruit was consistently cellent throughout the valley, which has resulted in some spectacular release



#### **"A BEAUTIFUL PINOT FOR DRINKING NOW OR** LATER", JAMES HALLIDAY **Oakridge Over the** Shoulder Pinot Noir 2017 Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

From three vineyards, hand-picked, chilled overnight, 90% whole-berry fermented, a 10% whole bunch component blended in. Bright crimson-purple: a sign of great things to come from the '17 vintage in the Yarra Valley. A beautiful pinot for drinking now or later. Long, pure cherry plum fruit; fine tannins. Great value. Alcohol: 13.3%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink by: 2029. Price: \$23. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$23





**"ALMOST LUMINOUS IN ITS VIBRANT TASTE AND** COLOUR", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### **Giant Steps LDR Pinot** Noir Syrah 2017

Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 🏠

The vintage conditions were ideal for this rapidly developing style pioneered by the pocket rocket winemaker at Yarra Yering Sarah Crowe, LDR standing for light dry red. The red cherry and plum flavours bond with each other with no sign of a dividing line - it's almost luminous in its vibrant taste and colour. Alcohol: 13%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink by: 2027. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100

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"CRYSTAL CLEAR VARIETAL EXPRESSION" IAMES HALLIDAW

#### **Helen's Hill Estate Long** Walk Pinot Noir 2016 Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 94/100 🖒

A mix of clones, Selectiv-harvested, openfermented, matured in French oak (25% new) for 11 months. This is a very good wine from a vintage that ripened grapes of all varieties very quickly. Crystal clear varietal expression of cherries and spices that immediately announce their quality, the palate going further with a freshness and intensity of red fruit flavours, silky tannins and integrated quality oak the ribbon to seal the parcel. Alcohol: 12.8%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Drink by: 2029. Price: \$35. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$35** 

#### "ONE OF THE BEST BUYS ON THE WINE LANDSCAPE", CAMPBELL MATTINSON

#### **Oakridge Meunier 2017** Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

It's in limited supply but it's one of the best buys on the Australian wine landscape. Especially from a year like 2017. Is it Cellar Door only? It may well be. My gosh. Young, fresh red wine can barely be more, well, more-ish. This takes the cake for sheer drinkability. Strawberries, aromatic herbs, cranberry and sweet cherry. A drift of woodsmoke. Emery board tannin, as fine as can be. Acidity darting throughout, bringing flavour along with it. There's a peppercorn note here too, and it works beautifully. So much going on and yet simply so delicious. Alcohol: 13.7%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Aug 2017. Drink: 2018-2024. Price: \$28. Rating: 94/100.

Campbell Mattinson The Wine Front RRP \$28

#### SPECTACULARLY STRUCTURED AND VARIETAL **Little Yarra** Chardonnay 2017

An intense, fresh and complex Yarra Valley chardonnay. Aromas are loaded with bright, concentrated citrus, stone fruit and green apple with a touch of spice. Flavours are pure and full of impact, showing grapefruit, white peach and apple with a brisk, refreshing acidity and cool, stony mineral feel. Stunning chardonnay from one of the Yarra Valley's best producers.

Kemenvs RRP \$40



# Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 🍐









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Little Yarra, is a tiny, but extremely high-quality Yarra Valley vineyard and winery which has been the recipient of rave reviews over recent years. It's run by Ian, Pip and Matt Pattison and Pip's sister Mary Padbury, with winemaking by Dylan McMahon.

There are only 1.2ha of vines planted exclusively to the Yarra Valley's star performers, chardonnay and pinot noir.

The excellence of the 2017 Yarra Valley vintage is reflected in these stunning wines.



Yet another classic pinot noir from this impressive winery. A lively and complex bouquet of red and dark berries, with earthy, spicy notes. Flavours are super-long and beautifully fresh, with red cherry, plum and blueberry with savoury elements of toasty

will cellar well over the short term. Kemenvs RRP \$40



#### A POWERFUL AND CLEAR EXPRESSION OF PINOT NOIR **Little Yarra** Pinot Noir 2017 Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 🏠

# WHITE BLENDS

Australia has a love of single varietal wines, but there have been successes to be had w In the early days they were often labelled 'classic white' or 'white burgundy,' and could product of up to four or five varieties. Then there was the 70s trend for traminer-riesling these wines were inexpensive, with the majority being relatively frivolous. The blend of with chardonnay was a more serious blend in those formative days, generally providing complex, dry, food-friendly option.

More recently, blends have been taken far more seriously, the most popular being the signature Western Australian blend of semillon and sauvignon blanc, mostly unoaked. In recent years, some winemakers have taken this blend to another level, giving the wines period of lees contact and barrel fermentation which can transform them into complex, textural masterpieces.



#### "THIS IS ONE OF THE FINEST", JAMES HALLIDAY Cape Mentelle Wallcliffe Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2015

Region: Margaret River Rating: 96/100 🖒 🍐

The best parcels of sauvignon blanc and semillon are the soul of Wallcliffe, a blend that deserves more recognition. This is one of the finest for its complexity and deliciousness from the Margaret River. Super restraint taking its high notes off the citrus scale with lemon-lime zest and pith plus lemongrass, then wraps that all up in a savoury parcel leading onto such a fine palate, with length to match. Alcohol: 13.5%. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2025. Price: \$49. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$49

\$39.95 in any 12 \$43.95 PER BOTTLE



#### THE TYRRELL'S MADE THIS FOR THE TYRRELL'S To drink

#### Tyrrells Vat 63 Chardonnay Semillon 2017

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 95/100 🕹 🏠

Made purely because the Tyrrell's family and staff love the wine style so much. The result is a wonderfully balanced white, showing the rich chardonnay fruit characters, which is harmonised by the elegance and length of the semillon. Excellent drinking upon release and will develop in complexity with medium term bottle age.

Kemenys RRP \$55



**29**.95 in any 12 **31.95 PER BOTTLE** 



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#### "STAMPED WITH CLASS", CAMPBELL MATTINSON Vasse Felix Premier Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2017

Region: Margaret River Rating: 94/100 🖒 🏠

Stamped with class. The texture, the intensity of flavour, the acceleration of the finish. Indeed it's difficult - and pointless - to single out individual flavours because it all seems so unified. It's an excellent white wine from all angles, elegance included. Alcohol: 12.5%. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2023. Price: \$24. Rating: 94/100.

#### Campbell Mattinson, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$24

17.95 in any 12 \$19.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "MARGARET RIVER DOES SO WELL WITH THESE VARIETIES", JAMES HALLIDAY Hay Shed Hill Pitchfork

#### Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2017

Region: Margaret River Rating: 94/100 🏠 🏠

Margaret River does so well with these varieties, and offers them at such tempting prices they might as well have a monopoly on them. Judging a dozen or so becomes very difficult as they impart their message so clearly, their combined flavours so similar to each other. This wine, with its beautiful green colour, fits all the above. Alcohol: 11.5%. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2021. Price: \$17. Rating: 94/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$17

\$**13**.95 in any 12 \$15.95 PER BOTTLE

#### CULLEN WINES

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Kevin and Diana Cullen were pioneers of the Margaret River wine industry. Cullen quickly became a highly respected producer and responsible for some of Australia's most admired wines.

Now under the careful stewardship of Vanya Cullen, Cullen continues to be committed to biodynamic viticulture, Cullen Wines has evolved into an iconic winery that has always been focused on quality, integrity and sustainability at all levels of the business.

Cullen is also a producer of some of the finest Margaret River white blends.

#### "LIVELY AND HIGHLY EXPRESSIVE",

#### JAMES HALLIDAY

Cullen Mangan Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2016

Region: Margaret River Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

57% sauvignon blanc, 38% semillon, 5% verdelho, 12% fermented and matured in oak (45% new). As ever, fresh, lively and highly expressive, fruit doing all the talking; all sorts of citrus on the bouquet and palate, with lemongrass, gooseberry and precisely judged acidity. Alcohol: 13%. Date tasted: Feb 2017. Drink by: 2021. Price: \$29. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$29

24.95 in any 12 \$26.95 PER BOTTLE

#### AS GOOD AS IT GETS Cullen Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2015

Region: Margaret River Rating: 96/100 🕹 🌢

A 74/26% blend fermented and matured in new French oak for 5 months. The complex bouquet brings toasty oak, cut grass and hints of stone fruit (also lurking in the Mangan SBS) into play, the palate pulling out all the stops with its mix of tropical fruits and citrusy acidity. Alcohol: 13%. Date tasted: Feb 2017. Drink by: 2025. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$36



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Since its inception in 1986 Howard Park has built a reputation as one of West Australia's greatest family owned winerieas. Howard Park produces exceptional wines from both the Margaret River and Great Southern regions. The Burch family, the custodians of Howard Park, are also a member of the elite 'Australia's First Families of Wine'.

The wines have never been better since chief winemaker Janice McDonald joined Howard Park in 2011. Janice has just been named as a Finalist for Gourmet Traveller Wine's 'Winemaker of the Year' (for a second time).

Kemenys is honoured to have formed a collaboration witah Howard Park on the 1960 range. 1960 was the year that Kemenys begun and the range aims to produce the best wines under \$20 in collaboration with Australia's leading wineries. In recognition of their 30th anniversary Howard Park released both a 1960 30th Anniversary Release Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon. You will be hard pressed to find a better Riesling or Cabernet Sauvignon for less than a lobster.



#### BONUS CASE OF TIGER BEER (12X330,ML) WITH ANY DOZEN DEVIL'S **RIDGE WINES.**



#### **Devils Ridge Block 5 Great** Southern Riesling 2016 Region: Great Southern Rating: 94/100 🖒 🏠

"THE VALUE DEFIES BELIEF", KIM BREBACH

Made by Howard Park, a winery that produces a lot of great Rieslings. Just to recap: our parameters for choosing the wine of the week are simple: we pick the wine with the highest quality / price ratio. This \$10 wine is up there with Aussie Rieslings closer to \$20. It shows the depth of quality material produced in the Great Southern region of Western Australia. My only quibble is that I would've picked it as South Australian in a blind tasting, because of the flowery aroma, the ripe limes, the crisp backbone and fine acid on the finish. I'm tossing up between 93 and 94 points. The value defies belief.

**n**.95 in any 12

Kim Brebach. Best Wines under \$20





#### "VERY IMPRESSIVE", HUON HOOKE **Howard Park Abercrombie Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

Region: Western Australia Rating: 98/100 🖒 🏠

Very deep, dark, dense colour and a concentrated cassis bouquet, some chocolate; the palate firm and almost astringent with lively tannins and a deal of grip. Acidity is vibrant, too. The wine is young and tight and demands more time. Long term. This could be a stand-out in time. Very impressive. Closure: screwcap. Drink: 2019 to 2039. Price: \$135. Rating: 98/100. Huon Hooke,

huonhooke.com **RRP \$135** 





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OWARD PARK

#### TONI PATERSON MW **Howard Park Mount Barker Riesling 2017** Region: Mount Barker Rating: 95/100 \$

"POLISHED MOUNT BARKER RIESLING",

The perfume leaps out of the glass of this polished Mount Barker riesling. Pure top notes of fresh lemon juice. The palate is refined and tailored with a defined core of acidity running the length of the wine. It has tension and persistence and will age well into the future. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Drink: 2017-2037. Price:

\$33. Rating: 95/100. Toni Paterson MW, The Real Review

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1960 Howard Park 30th

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2015** 

Region: Margaret River Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

1986 marked Howard Park's first vintage, and

this 30th Anniversary release demonstrates

the Margaret River's ability to produce world

class cabernet sauvignon. A classic Margaret

River Cabernet Sauvignon displaying complex

firm ripe tannins. Drinking well now, and will

improve in the cellar for at least a decade. Only

blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours with

1000 dozen made.

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#### "BARGAIN ++". JAMES HALLIDAY Howard Park Flint Rock Chardonnay 2016 Region: Great Southern Rating: 95/100 \$

A mix of clones from the estate Mount Barrow Vinevard at Mount Barker, wild-fermented in (mostly) used French oak, matured on lees for 9 months. This is all about length and texture, in stark style contrast to its Howard Park sibling, and will mature with effortless grace and intensity. Bargain++. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$28** 

8.95 in any in any 12 \$20.95 PER BOTTLE

BUY A STRAIGHT OR MIXED DOZEN OF THE 1960 HOWARD PARK 30TH ANNIVERSARY R AND GET A BOTTLE OF TAITTINGER BRUT RESERVE NV (WORTH \$60) FREE.

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#### 1960 Howard Park 30th **Anniversary Release Mount Barker Riesling 2016**

Region: Great Southern Rating: 96/100

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This outstanding riesling was released to commemorate 30 years since Howard Park's inaugural vintage in 1986. Howard Park is now recognised as one of Australia's elite riesing producers. A classic Mount Barker riesling showing intense flavours of lemon lime and green apple with clean, crunchy acidity. Drinking beautifully now, and will easily cellar for a decade or more. Only 600 dozen made.

Kemenys \$**10**.60



# HUNTER VALLEY Gemillon

Legendary wine reviewer, Jancis Robinson, once said Hunter Valley semillon is ""one of the unsung heroes of white wine production."

Semillon, an underrated variety in most of the world's wine regions (particularly for dry wines), is the grape behind the Hunter Valley's magnificent signature whites. A uniquely Australian wine, it stands tall amongst the great cellaring wine styles of the world.

The classic Hunter semillons are typically picked early, fermented dry and bottled without any oak treatment. An up-side of this process is that the alcohol is relatively low, and good levels of natural acidity are retained in the finished wines. When young, the wines are deliciously fresh, light and crisp, with lemon, lime and sometimes subtle tropical fruit and fresh herb flavours.

It's with cellaring, for up to three decades that the magic transformation unfolds as the wine softens, and the classic, complex honeyed toast aromas and flavours kick in. It' a joy to behold.

It so happens that the most current release Hunter semillons are from the excellent 2017 vintage and while they currently offer delicious, crisp drinking, the best examples promise great things many years into the future.

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#### SIBLING OF JAMES HALLIDAY'S SEMILLON OF THE YEAR Silkman Estate Semillon

#### 2017

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

2017 was a standout, for Hunter Valley whites in particular. For this semillon, Silkman source the grapes from selected blocks of clay-loam soils which provide classic structure, but, as for the young wine, also results in a more generous, approachable style. A modern semillon with the traditional ability to blossom gracefully for up to a decade.

TYRRELL'S SEMILLON FROM THE EXCEPTIONAL

**Devils Ridge Block 21** 

Hunter Valley Semillon

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 93/100 🖒 🏠

The classic Hunter Valley white variety crafted

by Tyrrell's (the producer of the Hunter's best

vintage. Whether you like your whites young or

with some bottle age, semillon caters beautifully

to both styles. Lean and racy lemon and green

complex honey and toast with some cellar time.

priced when you consider the obvious quality of

A classic Australian style which is way under

semillon) from the exceptionally good 2017

apple flavours when young transform into

Kemenys BBP \$25



2017 VINTAGE

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#### "AN AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC IN THE MAKING!", James Halliday

#### Tyrrells Vat 1 Semillon 2013

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

The Emperor, shy but strident, wearing a myriad of citrus and orchard colours and a tensile sash of calm, and poise. This majestic wine's lightweight belies its sheer stretch of flavours across the palate. Energetic and gently grippy; tightly wound but bristling with mineral intent. Bottle age has softened this ever so slightly. Nothing more. An Australian classic in the making! Alcohol: 11.5%. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2033. Price: \$85. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$85

\$64.95 in any 12

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#### "IT IS REALLY HARD TO SPIT OUT", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Tyrrells Stevens Single Vineyard Semillon 2011 Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🗞 🗞

Pour a glass of this for the unwary, and half will think it's a cool climate riesling, the lemon juice acidity suggesting the Eden Valley as one possibility. Porongurup another. It is really hard to spit out, and I console myself thinking it's only 11% alcohol as I sneak a micro-swallow.

Alcohol: 11%. Date tasted: 22 Mar 2016. Drink by

2026. Price: \$40. Rating: 96/100. James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$40

\$29.95 in any 12 \$32.95 PER BOTTLE

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#### LEGENDARY PRODUCER - STUNNING VINTAGE 1960 Tyrrells Old Vine Distillery Block Semillon 2017

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 95/100

A classic Hunter Valley semillon from the excellent 2017 vintage, showing a tightly structured palate with considerable length and breadth of citrus fruit flavours. This is sourced from one of Tyrrell'S finest, dry-grown vineyards with the oldest plantings dating back to 1908, and was originally the site of the Hunter Valley distillery. This is one of Australia's finest semillons, and will evolve to reveal classic, tooasty, bottle aged complexity over the next two decades. Only 1000 dozen made. **Kemenys** 

\$19.60 PER BOTTLE

TROPHY, BEST AUSTRALIAN WHITE SINGLE VARIETAL, Decanter world wine Awards 2017

#### Brokenwood ILR Semillon 2011

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

When I first tasted this wine in Oct '15 I made this note: Has the green tinge to its colour that always excites me. It has a lovely combination of lemongrass freshness with perfect first stage development of sweet fruit and incipient honey (which will take years to fully evolve). In the meantime, citrus rules the roost, allied with mouthwatering acidity. Now 15 months down the track, the honey is a little more obvious, but the all-important acidity remains the spine of the wine, and always will. Alcohol: 11%. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2031. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion BBP \$75

\$**58**.95 in any 12 \$62.95 PER BOTTLE

#### BONUS CASE OF Tiger Beer (12X330 ML) with Any Dozen Devil's Ridge Wines.





these wines. Lovely stuff.

# 2014 HUNTER VALLEY Cecls

Perfect growing conditions for the Hunter Valley's 2014 vintage has led many to declare it in their top 3, (if not the top) Hunter vintages of all time. Hunter Valley Wine Show chairman of judges Jim Chatto (McWilliams chief winemaker): "1937, 1954, 1965, 2014. If you're lucky, you get one, maybe two of these vintages in your career." Tyrrell's boss Bruce Tyrrell chimed in with a typically confident and probably very accurate assessment of the 2014s - "My father, Murray, was famous for regularly declaring a 'vintage of the century'. Well, this is possibly the best of both this and last century."

GREAT MANY", GARY WALSH

See for yourself what a great vintage it was in 2014. Here are some excellent examples to choose from.



#### "SUPERB. REALLY". MIKE BENNIE **Tyrrells Special Release** Shiraz 2014

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

Light, fine and firm wine of inward concentration, finesse and supreme control. Tannins are superb, aromas judiciously flirty with red fruits, earthy, faint herbs and clove. Action in the palate is resstrained and fine, amazingly succulent, barely sweet then whips away long to savoury tannins. Superb, really. Price: \$40. Rating: 94+/100.

Mike Bennie, The Wine Front RRP \$40

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#### "LONG, YOUNG AND LOADS OF POTENTIAL", IAMES HALLINAV First Creek Winemakers

**Reserve Shiraz 2014** 

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 🏠 Mulberry, blackberry and the trademark spice

are here in spades. It is darkly coloured and plushly fruited, but underpinned with sayoury and dusty tannins. Long, young and loads of potential. alcohol: 14.5%, Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2016. Drink: to 2028. Price: \$60. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$60** 





#### **Tyrrells Vat 8 Shiraz** Cabernet 2014 Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 96/100 🖒 Red and black fruits, choc-licorice, but fresh,

"A BEAUTIFUL VAT 8 THAT WILL WOW AND WOO A

some vanilla cream. Medium bodied, smooth operator, silky tannin, polished with perfect ripeness and a ribbon of red fruit flowing into the distance. Shows some oak and offers a more seductive, come-hither style for Tyrrells, though by the standards of many other wineries in the region, it's subdued and stylish. This is a beautiful Vat 8 that will wow and woo a great many. Alcohol: 14%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: May 15. Drink: 2017-2028. Rating: 95+/100.

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front **RRP \$75** 

54.95 in any 12 \$57.95 PER BOTTLE

#### VAT 9'S BABY BROTHER **Tyrrells Hunter Valley** Shiraz 2014

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 93/100 🖒

Bruce Tyrrell was excited by the 2014 vintage declaring it "the vintage of the century". It was no surprise that the Tyrrells Hunter Shiraz 2014 sold out in a flash (even the Tyrrells Vat 9 shiraz 2014 sold out in days on the back of this most heralded vintage). Kemenys has been cellaring this vintage for a few years as we felt it needed time before it was right in the zone (Tyrrells actually released the 2014 vintage after the 2015 for the same reason). The aromas are fresh and floral, loaded with cherry-berry fruit and a hint of cracked pepper. It is a medium bodied wine that is supple, with a peppery, silky finish. A lot of wine for the money.

Kemenys **RRP \$25** 

\$19.95 PER BOTTLE



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#### LIZ SILKMAN'S MIDAS TOUCH First Creek Shiraz 2014

First Creek (and their stablemate Silkman) are emerging as one of Hunter Valley's finest vineyards. First Creek and Silkman winemaker, Liz Silkman, has won the covered Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year and has a midas touch for producing award winning wines. This is a beautiful Hunter Shiraz. Typically Hunter medium bodied with balance throughout. Exceptional fruit flavour and savoury oak\ flow easily. Our patience has been rewarded and this is drinking beautifully. The price is also incredibly sharp.

Kemenys **RRP \$35** 

18.95 in any in any 12 \$20.95 PER BOTTLE

Shiraz 2014



SCARBIE'S BEST-EVER BLACK LABEL

Scarborough Black Label

Scarborough is such a quality producer at any

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 94/100 🖒











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#### **ENJOY WITH FRIENDS FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES**

#### **Pasqua 11 Minutes** Rosé 2017

Region: Veneto Rating: 94/100 🟠

This has spring and summer drinking all over it. From Veneto this is made from 50% Corvina grapes, 25% Trebbiano di Lugarna with a little Syrah and Carmenere. The name '11 Minutes' refers to the amount oftime the juice is left in contact with skins in order to extract colour. Pale salmon in colour, this has red berry, floral and spice aromas. Fresh and dry on the palate with lively citrus, strawberry and raspberry flavours balance with fine acidity. Chill it and love it. Kemenys RRP \$30



## Pinot Noir Rosé 2017

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 94/100 🕹 🌢

Made in the Provence style this a pale salmon, dry pinot rosé from one of the First Families of Wine. Vibrant summer berry aromas with some fresh herb and spice. Beautifully light and crisp, with fresh, tangy flavours of strawberry, raspberry and spice. Smooth, dry and supple, with balanced acidity, it should be served well-chilled. Pure refreshment at an exceptional price.

#### Kemenys





Rosé is great drinking at any time, but our warmer months always make it absolutely essential to have a few bottles at the ready in the fridge. Over the last decade, the number of Rosés on the market has risen dramatically because demand has skyrocketed. Apart from the fact that rosé is very fashionable wine, our Australian climate and lifestyle make it a great option. With traditional French and other European rosés continuing to impress, Australian winemakers are responding with an ever-increasing array of high-quality alternatives.

Rosé can be made in a range of styles, light or medium weight, sweet or dry, and from any number of grape varieties, but the dry, pale salmon-pink expressions are, by far, the most popular. Versatility is the key with Rosé, matching virtually any cuisine, as well as making a very refreshing aperitif.

Don't miss our outstanding FREE magnum offer with the excellent Pasqua 11 Minutes Rosé 2017.

#### **BORDEAUX'S GREATEST ROSÉ Chateau de Sours** Rosé 2016

Region: Bordeaux Rating: 94/100

The late Auberon Waugh of The Spectator Wine Club in the UK declared this "probably the greatest rosé in the world". The demand for this rosé is huge overseas and it is the only eosé in the world officially sold en primeur (in the UK). Chateau de Sours sits high up on a limestone and clay plateau facing the famous Bordeaux town of St Emilion. Predominantly merlot with the rest cabernet franc and sauvignon. Pretty salmon colour and attractive aromas of summer berries. Dry and smooth with flavours of red cherry, strawberries and cream, apple and a touch of spice. Has a very high refreshment factor.

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#### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND.

#### **Koonara Emily May Pinot** Noir Rosé 2018

Region: Coonawarra Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

The 2017 vintage was a hit and winner of multiple trophies including Best Rosé at the Sydney Royal Wine Show. The 2018 vintage has just been awarded a massive 97 points at the International Cool Climate Wine Show. A delicate but complex dry pinot noir rosé, with hints of Turkish delight and maraschino cherry and raspberry notes. An excellent choice that we have you coming back for more.



YANGARRA



#### ON A HOT SUMMER'S DAY WHEN YOU'RE **DESPERATE FOR REFRESHMENT El Desperado** Sangiovese Tempranillo Rosé 2016

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 93/100

A delicate pale salmon hue signifies this as a wine to be consumed on a warm summer's day, with food and friends. It shows lifted floral aromas mixed with freshly picked strawberries. The wine has a balanced acidity with a variety layered complexity that will astonish those drinkers expecting a simple quaffer. The palate has delicate hints of rosé petal and Turkish delight, and should be consumed chilled or

RRP \$22 \$**15**.95 in any 12 \$17.95 PER BOTTLE

#### **ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S TOP ROSÉS** Yangarra Estate Grenache Rosé 2017

Region: McLaren Vale Rating: 94/100

It is not surprising that this sold out at cellar door in a flash. Grenache rosé from probably Australia's greatest grenache producer. The wine critics are loving this. Toni Paterson (The Real Review) says "a stunning Rosé that is perfect served as an aperitif". Gary Walsh (The Wine Front) sums it up.. "spot on". Bush vine Grenache picked early in the season capturing the pink lady apple crunchiness of the skins, leading to a very pale coloured, elegant and dry style of Rosé. Displays delicate rosé hip and strawberry aromas with a juicy crisp palate. It is up there with Australia's top rosés.

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#### A CRACKING DEBUT ROSÉ. Elderton Rosé 2017

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100 🕹 🍐

Elderton has finally joined forces with the rosé revolution with this deliciously dry Provence-style offering. Made from traditional varieties - 78% mourvedre and 22% grenache from Elderton's Greenock vineyard, originally planted in 1915. There are ripe, lively aromatics of summer berries and rosé petal, followed by crisp flavours of raspberry and strawberry. Refreshing dry and zesty. A serious rosé.

Kemenys RP \$25

\$**19**.95 in any 12 \$**21.95 PER BOTTLE** 



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#### TRADITIONAL SPANISH ROSÉ Vina Pomal Rosé 2016 Region: Rioja Rating: 93/100 🗞 🏠

Vina Pomal is one of the great brands of Bodegas Bilbainas with its first vintage back in 1908. A rosado made from Grenache and Viura the traditional varietals for rosé from Rioja. Brilliant bold colour. Subtle aromas of strawberry and raspberry. It is structured, has

good length and is a rosé of complexity and

interest. It would makes an ideal pairing with seafood dishes. Kemenys RP \$20

\$**14**.95 in any 12 \$16.95 PER BOTTLE



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\$21.95 PER BOTTLE

#### WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH Bird In Hand Pinot Rosé 2018 Pagian: Adalaida Hilla Pating: 05/07

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 95/100 🕹 🌢

Immediately appealing with its pale salmon hue. Delicate strawberry and cherry blossom aromas. Palate shows a mix of cherry, strawberries and ruby grapefruit with fruit sweetness balanced by crisp acidity with a long, clean finish. A lovely, refreshing rosé and not surprising that this is one of Australia's most popular rosés. **Kemenys** 

### RRP \$25

in any 12 \$19.95 PER BOTTLE

#### MENCIA (SAY IT WITH AN ATTRACTIVE SPANISH LISP: MEN-THEE-AH)

#### Olivers Taranga Chica Mencia Rosé 2017

Region: McLaren Vale Rating: 94/100 ঌ

Mencia is a native variety of Spain. It's not every day you see a mencia, let alone a mencia rosé. Shame, because this is excellent and fun to drink. The back label refers to the 'white of the watermelon' and that's exactly what you taste. Like eating a watermelon right down to the white bits. Bone dry and moreish this rosé is refreshing as. It would go well with cured meats and chocolatey desserts.

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#### Hewitson Belle Ville Rosé 2017

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100 🟠 🏠

Grenache, cinsaut and mourvedre. The complexity of the fragrant bouquet with its exotic spice, dried rose petals and talcum powder segues to the palate with its Byzantine mosaic of juicy red fruits. It is so highly flavoured you might expect some sweetness on the finish, but it's dry. Alcohol: 12.5%. Price: \$25. Rating: 55/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$25

\$**19**.95 in any 12 \$21.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "BEAUTIFULL RESTRAINED MODERN ROSE", TONI PATERSON MW Marchand & Burch

#### Villages Rosé 2017

Region: Great Southern Rating: 95/100 🕹 🕹

Produced by a flagship Pyrenees winery established in 1963, making it one of Australia's pioneers in cool climate viticulture. This wine comes from early-picked, estate-grown pinot noir grapes, pressed gently, resulting in a very pale salmon-pink colour. It is fermented absolutely dry on yeast lees for 6 months, adding savoury complexity and texture to the wine. Bright aromas and flavours of blackberry, raspberry and florals, with crunchy acidity and attractive chalky mineral texture through to a crisp, dry finish. Perfect as an aperitif or with antipasto. Gold medal winner at the Victorian wine show.

Toni Paterson MW, *The Real Review* RRP \$26

#### "EXCELLENT BALANCE AND FLAVOUR", Huon hooke

#### La Vieille Ferme Cote de Ventoux Rosé 2017

Region: France Rating: 93/100 🖒 🏠

Light, fresh purple-pink colour. Nutty savoury bouquet, possibly some barrel involvement, the palate quite rich and deep, with lots of flavour and a nice dry style. The finish is clean and long. Excellent balance and flavour, a little alcohol warmth, but very good indeed. Alcohol: 12.5%. Tasted: June 2018. Price: \$18. Rating: 97/100.

Huon Hooke, The Real Review RRP \$18

\$12.95 in any 12 \$14.95 PER BOTTLE



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"What is a classic Australian red ?", you might ask yourself. Well, up until a few decades ago, no one would argue if you said big Barossa, Coonawarra, Langhorne Creek amd more recently Margaret River. Since then, Australia's wine landscape has become more diverse and sophisticated, with new regions establishing themselves, specialising in a raft of new varieties which are challenging the old-school notions with their quality and consistency.

The usual suspects still prevail, with shiraz and cabernet leading the way but wines such as Yabby Lakes' perennial trophy-winning pinot noir are making an undeniable bid for inclusion as a classic Australian due to its almost iconic status and amazing consistency.

Try these classic Australian reds.



#### "EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS IS JUST RIGHT", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### **Teusner the Bilmore** Shiraz 2016

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

Everything about this is just right: it's colour, a dark purple-red; the core of ripe black fruits dipped in licorice, dark chocolate and woodsy spices and the suppleness of the silky tannins leading on the medium to fuller-bodied palate. It's so easy to drink and great value. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Jan 2018. Drink to: 2028. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$27** 

#### **"CONTINUE TO CRUISE ALONG FOR ANOTHER** DECADE" JAMES HALLIDAY

#### **Geoff Merrill Jacko's** Shiraz 2012

Region: McLaren Vale Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

Matured for 24 months in American oak (20% new). A deliciously fresh and vibrant wine underlining just how great the '12 vintage was. Multifaceted red and black berry fruits are juicy, yet have ample texture and structure. This will continue to cruise along for another decade at least, Alcohol: 14.5%, Date tasted: Feb 2017. Drink: to 2027. Price: \$31. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$31

#### "IMPRESSIVE WINE", BOB CAMPBELL MW Yalumba the Cigar Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Region: Coonawarra Rating: 95/100 🖒 🏠

Dense, classy cabernet sauvignon with classic cassis, cedar and black olive flavours. Impressive wine showing very good varietal definition. Promises to grow in stature with bottle age. Drink:2017-2024. Price: \$35. Rating: 95/100.

Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review **RRP \$35** 





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#### "THIS IS AUSTRALIA'S FINEST VALUE SPARKLING SHIRAZ" MATTHEW JUKES

**Bleasdale Sparkling** 

Shiraz NV Region: Langhorne Creek Rating: 93/100 🖒

"AT ONCE FULL-BODIED AND ELEGANT".

Region: Barossa Valley Score: 97/100 🕹 🏠

60% Barossa Valley, 40% Eden Valley grapes, open-fermented with submerged cap, matured

for 15 months in new (33%) and used French

hogsheads. Deeply coloured; this is at once

full-bodied and elegant, not a common marriage

with young red wines with decades in front of

them. The flavours are all black: blackberry,

blackcurrant, black cherry, earth and licorice.

The old vines have also provided ripe tannins.

the whole theme resonated with oak a la

Grange, Alcohol: 14.5%, Closure: screwcap,

Date tasted: Jan 2018. Drink by: 2056. Price: \$50.

**John Duval Entity** 

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Rating: 97/100.

**RRP \$50** 

James Halliday,

Australian Wine Companion

Shiraz 2016

This is Australia's finest value sparkling Shiraz and it delights in this appraisal by giving us a desperately sexy and curvaceous body to grab hold of - packed with glistening plum, blackberry, mocha and exotic spice. There is also a faint kiss of sweetness on the finish which tantalises the palate pulling you in for another mouthful.

Matthew Jukes, matthewiukes.com **RRP \$26** 

#### BEST SINGLE VINEYARD DRY RED. NATIONAL WINE SHOW OF AUSTRALIA 2017

Yabby Lake Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016

Region: Mornington Peninsula Rating: 96/100 කි කි

95% MV6, 5% D4V2 clone, hand-picked, an average of 20% whole bunches (separate batches 0-30%), wild-fermented, 8-15 days on skins, matured for 11 months in French oak (20% new). Supple and smooth; red fruits in the ascendant on the expressive bouquet and palate. Gentle spices will grow over time, adding another dimension to an already compelling wine, Alcohol: 13.5%, Date tasted: Mar 2016, Drink by: 2028. Price: \$64. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$64

#### ALL GUNS BLAZING 1960 Teusner Old Vine The Young Gun Shiraz 2015

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 96/100 🕹 🌢

In 2007, Kym Teusner won the Kemenys medal for Young Winemaker of the Year and has since emerged as the star of the new breed of Barossa winemakers. Teusner's love of old-vine grapes sourced from old-school Barossa growers has led to the evolution of his concentrated and powerful shiraz style - and this shiraz is no exception. Sourced from the surrounds of the original Teusner homestead in the Barossa Valley, it is generous and fleshy with restrained ripeness and deep, long flavours that will gain further complexity with cellaring for a decade or more. True & righteous pleasure. Only 700 dozen made.

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#### A cabernet offer like this is seen as rarely as Halley<u>'s comet</u> (

Secret Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (KSL 6127) RRP \$28 \$13.95 PER BOTTLE

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#### Rating: 94/100 🕹 🏠

Wine writer, Winsor Dobbin, connects the dots nicely: "take arguably Australia's best region for cabernet sauvignon, throw in one of the best winemakers in the west in {secret winemaker}, and add the mighty resources of the {secret winery} and you have one of the best sub \$30 cabernets in the land". Winsor goes for gold and states that it's "a winner at \$28 a bottle". Why can't we tell you the winery's name? Well this winery would never allow its brand to be discounted this heavily, but they've have had a little accident. 500 cases of their prized cabernet was bottled with a gold cap, rather than a black cap, specifically for a Chinese customer. The gold cap proved fortunate for us, as the export order fell through, so this is a one-off chance for us to offer this cabernet sauvignon at a very special price, exclusively to Kemenys customers.



Rob Gibson has proudly released his 2008 Bin 60 Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz; A special creation to celebrate Rob's 60th birthday and 50 years of of wine industry knowledge and achievement, Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Eden Valley Shiraz, an exceptional blend from a great vintage and two phenomenal vineyards. This limited production, super premium wine will age for many years and is truly Rob Gibson's personal pride and joy. Rob has always had a passion for Shiraz Cabernet from his 23 years at Penfolds in which he was involved in Penfolds Bin 389 blending.

#### "QUINTESSENTIALLY AUSTRALIAN", JAMES HALLIDAY Gibson the Smithy Shiraz Cabernet 2016

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 94/100 🖒 🏠

52% shiraz, the remnant cabernet, this is quintessentially Australian and smeared with Barossan dirt. Profits go toward preserving the settler's cottage on the property, dating from the 1850's. Black plum and fruitcake spice aplenty, set with savour by anise, olive and some scrubby thyme and menthol. These work their way across the gently appointed pillars of oak, guiding the wine's facets rather than shellacking them. A generous, satisfying wine, of sincere value. Alcohol: 14.8%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted" Dec 2017. Drink by: 2029. Rating: 93/100.

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* RRP \$35





GIBSON THE DIRTMAN-UNCRAZ "THE TEXTURE IS WONDERFULLY SOFT AND SUPPLE", HUON HOOKE

#### Gibson Bin 60 Shiraz Cabernet 2008

Region Barossa Valley Rating: 96/100 🏠

This is finally being released at 10 years old to celebrate Rob Gibson's 60th birthday, which was in 2011. (60% Barossa cabernet; 40% Eden Valley shiraz.2000 numbered bottles priced at \$300) The wine has matured gracefully, the flavour is tremendously complex and rich, and the style of the wine is quite reminiscent of Eden Valley, with a lot of raspberry, truffle and subtle herbal nuances. The texture is wonderfully soft and supple. Price \$300. Rating: 95/100.

Huon Hooke, *The Real Review* RRP \$300



#### "PERFUME, FINESSE, BALANCE AND JUICY DRINKABILITY", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Gibson the Dirtman Shiraz 2016

Region Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100 🕹 🌢

Violet, anise and bouncy blue fruits are tucked in neatly by a curl of western Barossan mineral and a seam of softly wrought tannins, belying the hefty alcohol (14.8%) noted on the label. The ultimate impression is one of perfume, finesse, balance and juicy drinkability, stamped with regional generosity. Alcohol: 14.8%, Date tasted: Dec 2017. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2032. Price: \$35. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$35



#### "A SUPERB VINTAGE", HUON HOOKE Wynns Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Region: Coonawarra Rating: 98/100 🖒 🏠

Very deep purple colour; the bouquet young and fresh, the fruit aromas bright and reminding of blueberry, raspberry and mulberry. A hint of dried banana on the nose is the only inkling of oak that is given. A very elegant wine, intense and balanced, finely-honed and very long. Time will reveal it to be a superb vintage. Tremendous persistence and utterly gorgeous flavours. Alcohol: 13.8%. Closure: screwcap. Drink: 2017 to 2043. Price: \$45. Rating: 98/100.

Huon Hooke, *The Real Review* RRP \$45



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#### "FANTASTIC LENGTH" - JAMES HALLIDAY

Tyrrell's Vat 9 Shiraz 2010

Region: Hunter Valley Rating: 97/100 🖒 🏠

Light, clear crimson-purple; the deliberately gentle touch in the winery is exemplified by the 2700-litre new and used French casks (10 times the capacity of a barrique) in which the wine is matured, and the resultant fragrance of the bouquet and the delicious light to medium-bodied palate with its vibrant fruit and silky tannins. Has fantastic length. Alcohol: 13%. Drink by: 2030. Rating: 97/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$100

#### A TIMELESS CLASSIC Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2017 Region: Langhorne Creek



Created from exceptional fruit from South Australia's Langhorne Creek region, Metala is a stalwart of the Australian wine industry. Winning the first ever Jimmy Watson Trophy in 1962, Metala has stood the test of time with its timeless label and exceptional, consistent quality with each vintage. The White Label Metala has an excellent reputation for its cellaring potential but there is no need to. Oodles of dark fruit flavour yet seamless. One of Australia's best value reds.

Kemenys RRP \$23.00

Rating: 94/100 🕹 🏠



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#### The Hidden Label concept is simple.

We sell high quality, highly rated wines for far less than a winery would ever be prepared to let it be sold for under its own label. Simple.





#### Hidden Label Tumbarumba Chardonnay 2016 (KHL 8551) Region: Tumbarumba

Region: lumbarumba Rating: 96/100

Hand-picked, part whole bunchpressed and wild-fermented in barriques and puncheons (30% new), part fermented in stainless steel and kept on lees for 6 months. The bouquet is complex and attractive, but it's the power, focus, drive, length and purity of the palate that takes you prisoner from the first sip. It scales the heights of white peach, green apple and pink grapefruit, the 30% new oak swallowed by the fruit, acidity a given. Terrific value. Alcohol: 13.5% Date tasted: Apr 2017. Drink by: 2026. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion Sells for up to \$35 under its own label



#### Hidden Label Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc 2017 (KHL 6382) Region: Margaret River

Rating: 94/100

A triple trophy winning savvy from one of Margaret River's pioneering family-owned wineries - the Tate family. One of the stars of the 2017 Sydney Royal Wine Show taking out the trophy for not only 'Best Sauvignon Blanc' but also the trophy for 'Best Value White Wine'. To prove it was no fluke, it was also awarded the trophy for Best Sauvignon Blanc at the Royal Hobart Wine Show, Bright and zesty aromas of citrus. tropical fruits and melon. Crisp and lively, showing tangy lemon and lime, inviting tropicals, passionfruit and green melon. Delicious drinking on its own, or a perfect match with grilled seafood.

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#### COMPLEX TEXTURAL PINOT GRIS

#### Hidden Label Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris 2017 (KHL 2024)

Region: Adelaide Hills Rating: 95/100

Made by Australia's secondoldest family owned and operated winery (Est.1850) .100% Adelaide Hills pinot gris, handpicked and whole-bunch pressed, with a 20% portion undergoing wild, old- barrel fermentation for extra complexity and texture. Fresh aromas of citrus, honeysuckle, green melon and spice. Pristine flavours of nashi pear, green apple and citrus underpinned with a classic chalky texture. A superior pinot aris and a great match with spicy Asian cuisine.

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#### COOL-CLIMATE PINOT GRIGIO

Hidden Label Orange Pinot Grigio 2017 (KHL 8309) Region: Orange

#### Region: Orange Rating: 93/100 A stylish, cool-climate pinot

grigio from one of the Orange region's leading wineries. Walk through an apple orchard on a crisp, cool morning and bite into a nice big apple - that's the style reflected by this lively zesty pinot grigio. Also displays some nice pear overtones. Linear acidity and lovely balance. Perfect with seafood or spicy Asian cuisine.

Kemenys Sells for up to \$20 under its own label



#### "STILL UNBEATABLE VALUE", James Halliday

#### Hidden Label Cellar Release Hunter Valley Semillon 2012 (KHL 3433) Region: Hunter Valley

Rating: 93/100

Bright green-straw: 2 years down the track, taking the first tentative steps along the development path, but this should not suggest that you should wait for the wine semillon does not seem to go into the dumb phase that most other varieties fall prey to when the first flush of youth has dissipated, and proper maturity is well around the corner. Here vou have lots of lime, just a hint of honey, and the promise of toast somewhere down the track. Still unbeatable value. Alcohol: 11%. Date tasted: Mar 2014. Drink by: 2027. Price: \$35. Rating: 93/100.

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#### Hidden Label Nagambie Lakes Marsanne 2016 (KHL 1720)

Region: Victoria Rating: 94/100

Made by one of the top-rated Australian marsanne producers (not Thabilk). A native of France's Rhone Valley, Marsanne was planted in the Nagambie Lakes district as early as the 1860s, and is now the region's signature varietal white. Boasts racy aromas of citrus, white stonefruit and honeysuckle. Fresh, smooth flavours consisting of lemon, lime, nectarine, spiced pear and apple. Well balanced with crisp acidity, finishing dry and long with a chalky mineral texture.

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#### **Hidden Label Chianti Superiore DOCG** 2016 (KHL 2514)

Region: Tuscany Rating: 96/100

This premium chianti from Tuscany is made by one of the world's most revered winemakers - Alberto Antonini - voted by his peers as one of the top winemakers in the world, based on Decanters latest review. Loaded with rich aromas of dark berry fruits and a slight green herbal note, on a multi layered palate rich and juicy with balanced grainy tannins. A top accompaniment with food such as red-sauced pastas and roasted or grilled

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"ALREADY SEDUCTIVE". JAMES HALLIDAY

#### **Hidden Label** Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (KHL 8812)

Region: Coonawarra Rating: 95/100

Good colour; the excellent vintage has provided winemaker Paul Gordon with a full hand of cassis and mulberry to play with, and he's played his cards well. The overall result is a medium-bodied cabernet that is already seductive, but please keep your hands off it for the first few years of what will be a long life. Alcohol: 14.5%. Date tasted: Mar 2017. Drink by: 2035. Rating: 95/100.

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#### **Hidden Label Central Victorian** Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 (KHL 5201)

Region: Central Victoria Rating: 94/100

Unimpeachable varietal expression from the first whiff of the bouquet to the finish of the medium-bodied palate. A fusion of cassis/blackcurrant. black olive, bay leaf and savoury tannins. As is usual, oak plays a minor role in shaping flavour. Alcohol: 14%. Tasted: Sep 2017. Drink By: 2035. Price: \$26. Rating: 94/100.

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Rating: 95/100. James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion Sells for up to \$26 under its own label

SELDOM IS MERLOT AS GOOD AS THIS

**Hidden Label** 

Coonawarra

Merlot 2015

(KHL 8813)

Region: Coonawarra

It's easy to see why this should

Limestone Coast Wine Show '16,

its juicy cassis fruit augmented

fermentation of part of the wine.

context of traditional Aus clones

available between '82 and '99.

Alcohol: 14%. Date tasted: Dec

2016. Drink by: 2030. Price: \$26.

by the spicy fruit and tannin

extract, the result of barrel

This is right up there in the

have won a trophy at the

Rating: 95/100

MADE BY AN ICONIC FAMILY-OWNED YARRA VALLEY PRODUCER.

#### Hidden Label Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2017 (KHL 5917)

Region: Yarra Valley Rating: 94/100

Their prolific award-winning winemaker is a pinot noir obsessive and is fortunate to have access to some of the very best pinot vineyards in the region. This wine has the signature pinot aromas of dark and red fruits, savoury earthy notes and subtle spice. Beautifully balanced sweet and sour cherry and plum flavours with savoury elements of spicy oak, undergrowth and game, complemented by velvety tannins and fresh acidity. Kemenvs

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"A TRULY WONDERFUL TRATTORIA WINE", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Hidden Label **Barossa Grenache** Shiraz Mourvedre 2015 (KHL 8814)

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100

A light, brilliantly coloured blend of grenache, shiraz, mourvedre, cinsaut and carignan. A finely wrought and balanced wine with just about every spice and every red berry you can imagine from this Southern Rhone blend. A truly wonderful trattoria wine that soars on the gently savoury finish. Alcohol: 14%. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Drink by: 2030. Price: \$25. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion Sells for up to \$25 under its own label





"SO HIGHLY FLAVOURED..BUT IT'S DRY", JAMES HALLIDAY

#### Hidden Label **Barossa Valley** Rosé 2017 (KHL 2396)

Region: Barossa Valley Rating: 95/100

Grenache, cinsaut and mourvedre. The complexity of the fragrant bouquet with its exotic spice, dried rosé petals and talcum powder seques to the palate with its Byzantine mosaic of juicy red fruits. It is so highly flavoured you might expect some sweetness on the finish, but it's dry. Alcohol: 12.5%. Price: \$25. Rating: 95/100.

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Champagne EGparklings



#### BELIES THE PRICE Piper Heidsieck Brut NV

Region: Champagne Rating: 94/100 🖒 🏠

Kemenys "go-to" champagne, created by eight time winner of 'Sparkling Winemaker of the Year' at the International Wine Challenge, Regis Camus. Piper is better than ever with longer time on lees making it a more serious, textural and complex offering that belies the price. As champagne critic Tyson Stelzer sums it up "Piper is a reliable champagne at a great price, and I recommend it all the time for weddings, parties, anything".

Kemenys RRP \$85

\$**38**.95 in any 12

\$41.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "VIVACITY, ELEGANCE AND ENTICING APPEAL", Tyson Stelzer

#### Ruinart Blanc de Blancs NV

Region: Champagne Rating: 96/100 🖒

Ruinart is the oldest established house producing champagne since 1729. The Blanc de Blancs is crafted from 100% Premier Cru chardonnay vineyards. Champagne expert Tyson Stelzer says that "vivacity, elegance and enticing appeal unite in this fresh, young blend that exemplifies the exciting mood of Ruinart. Montagne de Reims chardonnay is strategically deployed to provide body and mid-palate fleshiness, without diminishing the line and mineral structure of the Cote des Blancs". It is an outstanding blanc de blancs champagne.

Kemenys RRP \$130

\$**96**.95 in any 12 \$99.95 PER BOTTLE

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\$69.95 PER BOTTLE

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**Perrier Jouet Grand** 

Region: Champagne Rating: 95/100

A blend of fifty different Crus with 20%

reserve wines, Perrier Jouet Grand Brut is

a complex yet elegant champagne. It is

dominated by the elegance and finesse of the

Chardonnay (20%) from the best vineyards

in the Cote des Blancs. Pinot noir (40%) and

balance. The striking freshness and vivacity

pinot meunier (40%) bring harmony and

of the floral fragrances take root, before

giving way to subtle notes of honeysuckle

and nutmeg of age. Great freshness and

presence on the mid-palate and admirable

persistence on the finish. True to the house

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Blanc de Blancs NV Region Loire Valley Rating 93/100 🟠

Produced in the cool continental climate of the French, Loire Valley using the 'Charmat Method', this pale golden straw blend of Chardonnay, Chenin and Sauvignon Blanc is an elegant Blanc de Blancs, Uniquely light bodied with fresh simple fruit flavours, Aromas of Granny Smith apples, fresh citrus and delicate floral notes combine with toasted bread, biscuit, malt, honey and marzipan characters. The palate is refreshing with crisp acidity and tight structure, balanced with a hint of residual sweetness to soften the wine and finish. A delicate fine, light mousse, this drink now style is the perfect light starter to accompany appetisers.

Kemenys RRP \$20

#### THE OFFICIAL CHAMPAGNE OF THE MELBOURNE CUP Mumm Cordon Rouge NV

Region: Champagne Rating: 94/100 🖒 🏠

Mumm Cordon Rouge NV is at No.3 on the list of the world's biggest selling champagnes. Cordon Rouge has graced the scene since 1876, and the current offering displays the fresh and savoury pinot noir aromas and flavours, and cracked yeast/ brioche characters we've come to expect from this house. Stylish and rich. Top value champagne. So popular in fact, that Australians are the largest drinkers of Mumm in the world outside of France. The official Champagne of the Melbourne Cup.

Kemenys RRP \$80





Ruinart



#### THE MOST EXCITING CHAMPAGNE LAUNCH THIS MILLENNIUM

#### Laurent-Perrier La Cuvee Champagne NV Region: Champagne Rating: 94/100

After 15 years of experimentation, Laurent Perrier is replacing its non-vintage Champagne with Laurent Perrier La Cuvee Champagne NV. The scale of this undertaking by Laurent-Perrier is better understood by the fact its brut non-vintage is the fifth biggest selling champagne in the world. Launching a new champagne to replace the house style is an extremely rare event. The new La Cuvee spends an extra year ageing in the cellar, resulting in a more complex wine. No fewer than 100 different crus enter into the La Cuvee blend. Laurent-Perrier cellarmaster Michel Fauconnet says "La Cuvee allows us to turn up our style" which has always been chardonnay driven. La Cuvee has double the chardonnay content of the average champagne and it is noticeably fresher and purer, the higher chardonnay creating a nose with hints of fresh citrus. A new star has been born and we predict that La Cuvee will emerge as one of Australe's most popular champagnes.

Kemenys RRP \$90



#### THE WORLD'S FIRST SPARKLING PRODUCER Codorniu 1551 Cava

Region: Rioja Rating: 93/100 🖒

Cava is Spain's take on sparkling wine and Codorniu have been making wines since 1551. A combination of youth and nobility, its aroma is an original balance rendered from three traditional Spanish grape varietals. The soft fruity notes of Macabeo combined with the elegance and suppleness of Pareliada join forces with Xarello's complexity and structure. A blend which makes 1551 cava dry and versatile as an aperitif or with a variety of foods.

Kemenys RRP \$18 \$**11.95** in any

in any 12 \$13.95 PER BOTTLE

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#### Region: Champagne Rating: 94/100

Pere et Fils is a big step up on the standard Lanson Black Label. Named after the first bottle of Lanson produced over 250 years ago, it is aged in the cellars for a minimum of 4 years to allow the wine to flourish and its aromas to develop perfectly. Blended using a selection of the best crus from ten different vintages, the result is a rich, elegant champagne with a fresh finish. After 4 years of ageing, it unveils a magnificent bright golden colour, animated by tiny bubbles. The nose reveals aromas of ripe fruits, honey and spices. On the palate, this blend offers a complex, full and persistent impact with honeydew flavours.

Kemenys RRP \$95

#### COLD PLATED PROSÉCCO COING FOR A SONG Sensi Calappiano 18 Carat Prosecco DOC

Region: Friuli-Venezia Giulia Rating: 93/100

Striking gold bottle but it is what's inside that matters and this doesn't disappoint. Marvellously fruity, pleasantly-dry and superbly fresh on the palate, with a perfectlybalanced texture which combines gentle acidity and a lively, creamy bubble. A lovely aperitif that won't strain the hip pocket.

Kemenys RRP \$30 \$16.95 in any 12 \$18.95 PER BOTTLE



#### ONE OF THE GREAT Champagne Bargain-Buys.

The high quality of AR Lenoble champagnes has impressed Kemenys from the first time they were tasted. We were absolutely floored when we discovered the price. AR Lenoble must go down as one of the great champagne bargain-buys.

We weren't alone in our praise. World- renowned wine critic Jancis Robinson was clearly excited by these wines, saying "AR Lenoble's reputation as a high-quality boutique producer is already established. Anyone with money can choose a prestige cuvée of champagne - a Dom Pérignon or a Cristal - but it takes a bit more knowledge, and confidence, to serve a better-value alternative such as a long-aged non-vintage champagne from... AR Lenoble." -Jancis Robinson

#### "A CUVEE OF INTEGRITY AND POISE", TYSON STELZER

#### AR Lenoble Brut Intense NV

**Region**: Champagne **Rating**: 94/100

An impeccably crafted wine from noble fruit sources, offering value for money. Crunchy apple and grapefruit define a well-focused fruit profile, backed by the biscuity complexity of bottle age and a touch of oak, culminating in a finish of well focused malic acid line and neatly integrated low dosage. A touch of phenolic texture does not interrupt its flow or mineral mouthfeel. A cuvee of integrity and poise. Rating: 93/100.

Tyson Stelzer, The Champagne Guide 2018-2019

\$44.95 in any 12 \$47.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "MAGNIFICENT LINE AND PERSISTENCE", TYSON STELZER

#### AR Lenoble Grand Cru Blanc de Blancs 2008

Region: Champagne Rating: 95/100 🖒

The tension and definition of the energetic 2008 vintage is endearing in the opulent village of Chouilly, and Malassagne has sensitively matched the elegance of the vintage with a subtle 10% oak vinification and a very light dosage. Youthful lemon, pear and apple fruit of impressive poise and proportion is propelled by a wonderful line of glistening 2008 acidity and frothing salt mineral texture, elongating a finish of magnificent line and persistence. Oak lends an appealing, almost invisible note of vanilla and almond. A masterful and age-worthy contrast between the rounded intensity of Chouilly and the vivacious drive of a terrific season. Rating: 95/100.

 \$79.95 in any 12
\$84.95 PER BOTTLE

#### "GORGEOUSLY COMPLEX", SAM KIM Secret Label Pyrenees Vintage Brut 2013 (KSL 9072) Region: Pyrenees Rating: 94/100 ₺ ₺

Wonderfully expressed and gorgeously complex, the bouquet shows baked apple, oatmeal, almond and lemon peel characters with stylish yeasty complexity. The palate is concentrated and lavoursome, and displays lovely mid palate weight and creamy texture, brilliantly structured by bright acidity. Multilayered and gratifying. At its best: now to 2020. Price: \$32. Rating: 94/100.

Sam Kim, Wine Orbit RRP \$32





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#### Hidden Label Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 (KHL 2787) Region Hilltops

Rating 95/100 This producer is acknowledged

as the flagship Hilltops winery, and one of the rising stars of top-end Australian wine. Ranked among the most prolific award-winners on the major Australian and international wine-show circuits, this winery has won over 90 medals and trophies since 2009. A James Halliday 5-star rated winery, they have crafted this richly flavoured. classically structured cabernet sauvignon which drinks beautifully now and will develop well with five or six years in the cellar. A must with rich red meat dishes

#### Hidden Label Langhorne Creek Cabernet Malbec 2014 (KHL 5459)

Region Langhorne Creek Rating 96/100

61% cabernet sauvignon, 18% malbec, 9% merlot, 8% petit verdot, 4% cabernet franc, gold medal National Wine Show '15. Almost nonchalantly floods the mouth with blackcurrant and plum, the texture mesmeric, focusing on the fruit, yet providing the edge of tannin that is an integral part of the quality of the wine. Alcohol: 14%. Date tasted: Jan 2016. Drink by: 2034. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100.

#### James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion Sells for up to \$35 under its

own label

#### Hidden Label McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache 2017 (KHL 2602)

Region McLaren Vale Rating 94/100

The winery is a leader in organic and biodynamic viticulture with fruit for all wines sourced from their estate vineyards in McLaren Vale. Under it's makers label this Shiraz Grenache is one of Australia's best known red blends. As always the flavours are fruit forward and generous, with ripe plum, blackberry, savoury spice and super-fine tannins. Outstanding balance and structure make this so very drinkable right now. Will easily last a decade in the cellar, but why bother? Delicious. Sells for up to \$25 under its

own label

#### Hidden Label Reserve Great Southern Riesling 2016 (KHL 2203)

RegionGreat SouthernRating95/100

This winery was one of the original pioneers to champion the cool climate Great Southern region. Today this riesling under its maker's label has grown to become one of the most collected riesling's in Australia. A brilliant, pale lemon in colour with a many and varied mix of fresh and poached fruit notes. The lively citrus zest and green pear, the rich lemon curd and guince give great dimension to the bouquet. These same rich yet fresh flavours build on the palate which is textured with a soft, talcy mineral note and driven by the line of fine citrus acidity. Cellar for a decade or two.

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#### Hidden Label Hunter Valley Semillon 2017 (KHL 2712)

Region Hunter Valley Rating 94/100

All from the HVD vineyard I believe. I'm told 2017 was a very good vintage for Hunter Semillon too. Lemon barley, lemongrass, talc and ester perfume. There's a softness and roundness to the acidity here that's very appealing, which along with ample lemon/ lime flavour and a delightful chalky texture, makes it immediately appealing. It's long too. A lot of wine for your money here. Alcohol: 11%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: May 17. Drink: 2017-2027+. Price: §25. Rating: 94/100.

Gary Walsh, The Winefront Sells for up to \$25 under its own label

#### Hidden Label Marlborough Pinot Gris 2017 (KHL 3468)

Region Marlborough Rating 93/100

We predicted some time ago that the very determined wine industry legend behind this winery and the drive to become the world's most sustainable wine producer would lead them to becoming New Zealand's most successful wine brand. Countless accolades over recent times have reinforced this hunch. Pristine pinot gris grapes from Marlborough's cool Awatere sub-region has delivered classic honeysuckle and ripe, spiced pear aromas and flavours, with a fine stony mineral texture. Perfect with barbequed chicken or seafood.

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#### St Hallett Eden Valley **Riesling 2017** Region Eden Valley Rating 96/100

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Puts a smile on the face as its purity and freshness come through without the least hesitation. Distilled Eden Vallev lemon/lime/mineral notes all hunt together, and end any discussion about the quality (and exceptional value) of this label. Alcohol: 12%. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Drink by: 2032. Price: \$23. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$23** 

#### Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2017 Region Margaret River

Hay Shed Hill Pitchfork

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Rating 94/100 Margaret River does so well with these varieties, and offers them at such tempting prices they might as well have a monopoly on them. Judging a dozen or so becomes very difficult as they impart their message so clearly, their combined flavours so similar to each other. This wine, with its beautiful green colour, fits all the above. Alcohol: 11.5%. Date tasted: Sep 2017. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2021. Price: \$17. Rating: 94/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$17



Region Adelaide Hills Rating 95/100 🔬

Chain of Ponds Graves

Gate Syrah 2016

From a single vineyard in Kuitpo, 8 days on skins in open and Potter fermenters, matured in French and American oak for 15 months. Bright hue; an elegant, medium-bodied syrah, its X-factor coming from its east-facing slope that maximises the morning sun and minimises the afternoon sun. Its got a spice and cracked pepper garnish for the red and black fruits, the tannins fine but persistent. A total contrast to its Acquaintance sibling. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Feb 2018. Drink by: 2026. Price: \$20. Rating: 95/100

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP** \$20





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St Hallett Faith Shiraz 2016 Region Barossa Valley

Rating 93/100 🏠 If you are an admirer of St

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Hallett reds, this is the shiraz which most likely started it for you. Faith's vibrant yet dense purple hue hints at the generosity of fruit within. It is a fruit driven, expressive example of Barossa Shiraz made all the more remarkable by its modest price tag.2016 was an excellent vintage in the Barossa and this Faith is in terrific form

Kemenys RRP \$23

Tree Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Region Langhorne Creek Rating 95/100

**Bleasdale Mulberry** 

Vibrant colour; pure cassis fruit leads the way on the bouquet and medium-bodied palate, but when you look behind the stats and find harvest baumes from 13.2 to 14.1 and cap management in the fermenters you realise the nature and extent of Paul Hotker's magical touch. Alcohol: 14%. Closure: screwcap. Drink to: 2030. Price: \$20. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$20

**RRP \$268** 

#### Seppelt Jaluka Chardonnay 2016 Region Henty Rating 95/100

Right up there with its proud history of quality, and also a world record number of label design changes - please don't try to improve what you have now. Even though tasted in unavoidably warm conditions, came through with flying colours. It has a vibrancy and intensity that brings you up with a jolt, but you settle down quickly, enjoying the typical white peach/pink grapefruit flavour spectrum. Alcohol: 12.5%. Date tasted: Mar 2017. Drink by: 2031. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion



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#### **Teusner Bilmore** Shiraz 2016 Region Barossa Valley Rating 95/100

Everything about this is just right: it's colour, a dark purplered; the core of ripe black fruits dipped in licorice, dark chocolate and woodsy spices and the suppleness of the silky tannins leading on the medium to fullerbodied palate. It's so easy to drink and great value. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Jan 2018. Drink to: 2028. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday. Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$27** 

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#### Gibson the Dirtman Shiraz 2016 Region Barossa Valley Rating 95/100

Violet, anise and bouncy blue fruits are tucked in neatly by a curl of western Barossan mineral and a seam of softly wrought tannins, belying the hefty alcohol (14.8%) noted on the label. The ultimate impression is one of perfume, finesse, balance and juicy drinkability, stamped with regional generosity. Alcohol: 14.8%. Date tasted: Dec 2017. Closure: screwcap, Drink by: 2032. Price: \$35. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$35



**McHenry Hohnen Cabernet Merlot 2014** Region Margaret River Rating 95/100

65% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot and 5% each of malbec and shiraz; the vinification is in the usual McHenry Hohnen template, with whole berry, partial wild yeast ferment in a stone vat, basketpressed, no additions other than minimal SO2. Deeply coloured, it has a medium to full-bodied palate replete with blackcurrant, redcurrant, black olive and bay leaf flavours within a mesh of fine-grained tannins. Alcohol: 14.5%. Date tasted: Jul 2016. Drink by: 2029. Australian Wine Companion

Price: \$25. Rating: 95/100. James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

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#### Vasse Felix Premier Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2017

Region Margaret River Rating 94/100 🏠

Stamped with class. The texture, the intensity of flavour, the acceleration of the finish. Indeed it's difficult - and pointless - to single out individual flavours because it all seems so unified. It's an excellent white wine from all angles, elegance included. Alcohol: 12.5%. Date tasted: Mar 2018. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2023. Price: \$24. Rating: 94/100.

Campbell Mattinson. RRP \$24

#### Mountadam Eden Valley **Riesling 2016**

Region Eden Valley Rating 95/100 🏠

From low-yielding vines planted in '68. The wine has naked power that builds relentlessly across the length of the palate and searching aftertaste. The lemon and Meyer lemon flavours have a hint of lime juice, but are definitely Eden Valley. Alcohol: 13%. Date tasted: Dec 2016. Drink by: 2036. Price: \$27. Rating: 95/100

James Halliday. Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$27** 



#### Region Adelaide Hills Rating 95/100 🎶

This cracking pinot gris from the Adelaide Hills has won the trophy for 'Best Pinot Pinot Gris/Grigio at the Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018, doubling up on its earlier trophy win in the same category at the Royal Queensland Wine Show 2018. The fruit is sourced from vineyards in Lenswood and Lobethal, with some of the juice wild fermented in French oak. Crisp and energetic aromas with creamy flavours of spiced pear, green apple and lemon. It's charged with fresh acidity and chalky minerality. A very classy 'gris' wine to match with chicken or pork dishes.

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Region Hunter Valley Rating 96/100

Mulberry, blackberry and the trademark spice are here in spades. It is darkly coloured and plushly fruited, but underpinned with savoury and dusty tannins. Long, young and loads of potential. Alcohol: 14.5%, Closure: screwcap. Date tasted: Mar 2016. Drink: to 2028. Price: \$60. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday. Australian Wine Companion RRP \$60

#### **Giant Steps Yarra Valley** Pinot Noir 2017

Region Yarra Valley Rating 97/100

Wild yeast open-fermented with 20% whole bunches, matured for 7 months in French oak (10% new), gravity bottled. Very good colour; the intensity of the aromas and flavours unfolding with the first sip stop you in your tracks. The whole bunch component is evident, but not dominant, simply one of many factors in shaping the flavour and texture of this lovely wine. Alcohol: 13.5%. Tasted: Feb 2018. Drink By: 2037. Price: \$35. Rating: 97/100. James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion

**RRP** \$35



**McHenry Honen Hazel's** Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Region Margaret River Rating 95/100 🏠

Open stone fermenter, 15% whole bunches, hand-plunged, partial wild fermentation, 5 weeks on skins, matured for 14 months in French oak (20% new), no acid or tannin additions. A high quality cabernet with attitude and individuality: blackcurrant fruit is fused with black olive and dried herbs, the earthy tannins supple/ silky in texture, and the cedary oak infusion is the cat's whiskers. Alcohol: 14.5%. Closure: screwcap. Drink by: 2038. Price: \$60. Rating: 95/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion RRP \$60

# **Cullen Vineyard**

Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2015 Region Margaret River

Rating 96/100 A 74/26% blend fermented and matured in new French oak for 5 months. The complex bouquet brings toasty oak, cut grass and hints of stone fruit (also lurking in the Mangan SBS) into play, the palate pulling out all the stops with its mix of tropical fruits and citrussy acidity. Alcohol: 13% Date tasted: Feb 2017. Drink by: 2025. Price: \$35. Rating: 96/100.

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion **RRP** \$35



#### **Mountadam High Eden** Chardonnay 2016 Region Eden Valley Rating 97/100

From the oldest plantings on the estate, fermented in French oak, matured for 12-14 months before a barrel selection for this wine, which is one of the best produced ex the Eden Valley as a whole. It has fluid grace and effortless power, the fruit flavours at the midpoint of the stone fruit (white peach) /citrus (grapefruit) spectrum. Lovely wine. Alcohol: 14%. Price: \$40. Drink: to 2026. Rating: 97/100. James Halliday,

Australian Wine Companion **RRP \$40** 

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**Museum Release Riesling 2012** 

Region Great Southern Rating 97/100

Light to medium vellow colour, with a lovely developed bouquet of buttered toast. There are peach, stone fruit and floral nuances, too. The palate is full in the mouth, round and soft, with almost fluffy mouth-feel, finely-textured and superbly harmonious. Yum! A great wine. Alcohol: 12%. Closure: screwcap. Drink: to 2027. Price: \$41. Rating: 97/100. Huon Hooke. HuonHooke.com RRP \$41

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where consumers are recognising its great synergy with our temperate climate and alfresco lifestyle. Of course Provence rosé is a significant part of the Australian 'Rosé Revolution' with its signature pale salmon-pink colour and delicate but complex aromas and flavours (ususally from grenache, cinsault and mourvedre grapes) gently seducing the senses.



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Provence Rosé 2017 Region: Cotes de Provence

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#### **Domaines Ott Clos** Mireille Rosé 2016 Region: Cotes de Provence Rating: 97/100

Today, this famous rosé wine, which has been a success all over theworld since the 1930s, is the darling of Saint-Tropez evenings, fooding crowds and the chic terraces of Paris cafes. This traditional rosé wine seduces fine wine lovers by its orange pink colour, which is in perfect harmony with the aromas of small red berries, peaches and flowers that it releases. But by its suppleness, and its fresh and tasty character as well. A standard in rosé wines that your summer wine cellars must be filled with!

New York Times RRP \$75

#### **AFFORDARI F LUXURY** Chateau de **Bregancon La Reserve** Cru Classe Provence Rosé 2016

Region: Cotes de Provence Rating: 96/100 🕹 🕹

Provence is the spiritual home of rosé and this is one of its best. It was recently rated in the top five 2016 Provence rosés in US Wine & Spirits magazine. A blend of Grenache and cinsault. The colour is luminous and pale. The complex and delicate nose is marked by peach, grapefruit and exotic fruits. The palate is silky and elegant. A bowl of garlicky clams or mussels please.

Kemenys RRP \$40

#### **BRANGELINA ROSÉ**

#### **Chateau Miraval Cotes** de Provence Rosé 2016

Region: Cotes de Provence Rating: 95/100

From Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's magnificent (maybe soon to be ex) Provence estate. Gorgeous pale pink colour. This crisp rosé has a lovely mineral freshness with delicate aromas of citrus, red fruits and white blossoms. On the palate the terroir reveals a summer berries, citrus and fresh herbal notes. Well balanced with tight acidity and mineral texture, finishing with great length. Luxury plus.

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