

# NEWS AND REVIEWS

## 2013 COMMAND SHIRAZ

James Halliday

2013 Command Shiraz - 97 POINTS

The oak and the fruit have fast become inseparable. Rich blackberry, coal, earth and coffee-cream flavours cascade onto the palate and on out through the finish. Dry, filigreed tannin builds as the wine breathes; you'll only notice it once you're safe in its embrace. Both old school and new school at once; it's elegant and rich, unafraid of oak but blessed with pure, dark-berried fruit.

Wine Advocate

2013 Command Shiraz - 96 POINTS

Deep garnet-purple, the 2013 Command Shiraz has a savory/earthy, complex nose of yeast extract, game and damp soil intermingled with the bramble fruits, dried mulberries, crème de cassis and incense notes. Full-bodied, rich and opulently fruited on the palate, it offers lovely harmony and depth with a velvety frame and great length.

Wine Spectator

2013 Command Shiraz - 92 POINTS

Notes of smoke and toast set the stage for the berry and plum flavours, showing a firm backbone and a supple texture. Elegant and spicy on the long finish.

## 2014 ASHMEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

James Halliday

2014 Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon - 95 POINTS

Ripe fruits are rolled into a ball and the shutters haven't yet come up, but the tannin is firm, and everything seems trained to evolve slowly. Classy oak offers flavours of chocolate and sawdust; the fruit rings with blackcurrant and boysenberry. Performance will be excellent, given time.

Wine Advocate

2014 Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon - 90 POINTS

Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Ashmead has notes of crushed blackcurrants and black plums with suggestions of bay leaves, cigar boxes and cloves. Medium-bodied, the fruit fills the palate with juicy black berry and cassis flavors lifted by gentle herbal notes and well framed with grainy tannins plus plenty of freshness.



*G. Robertson*

# EXPOSURE

MARCH 2017

## NEW RELEASES

### 2015 Barossa Merlot

#### Winemaker's Comments

This medium bodied wine is supple on the palate with earth, spice and plum characters. - Richard Langford

**Style** Medium bodied, classic, supple

**Colour** Deep red

**Aroma** Plum, spice, earthy notes

**Palate** Plum, spice, black fruits and cedar

**Cellaring** Drink now or cellar confidently for 5 - 10 years from vintage



## WINE'S OF THE MONTH

### 2013 Command Shiraz

#### Winemaker's Comments

The fruit was harvested by hand, with five small parcels harvested over five weeks to attain complex nuances. Fermented in open top concrete fermenters with chilled ferments, hand pump-overs and cap submerging with oak header boards for eight days; the process finished with barrel ferment and malolactic fermentation in new French & American puncheons.

Aromas of blackberry fruit, aniseed and spices carry through to the palate which is rich, warm and generous. - Richard Langford

**Style** Rich, warm and generous

**Colour** Very dark purple with bright magenta hues

**Aroma** Blackberry fruit, aniseed and spices

**Palate** Aromas of blackberry fruit, aniseed and spices carry through to the palate which is rich, warm and generous

Alc/Vol 14.8%

### 2014 Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Winemaker's Comments

The hand harvested fruit was fermented in open top concrete fermenters with chilled ferments, hand pump-overs and cap submerging with oak header boards for eight days; the process finished with barrel ferment and malolactic fermentation in new French oak. The nose shows dark chocolate and black fruits and olives, with the palate continuing the theme, showing these typical Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon characters, giving weight and generosity to the wine. Ripe tannins add structure while being supple and mouth watering.- Richard Langford

**Style** Smooth and rich

**Colour** Deep purple

**Aroma** Dark chocolate and black fruits and olives

**Palate** Palate continues the theme of the aromas, showing these typical Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon characters, giving weight and generosity to the wine. Ripe tannins add structure while being supple and mouth watering.

Alc/Vol 14.5%

## STOCK UPDATES

2013 Command Shiraz - AVAILABLE NOW - EXTREMELY LIMITED - Contact for allocations and orders  
2014 Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon - AVAILABLE NOW  
2008 Command Shiraz Museum Release - AVAILABLE NOW  
2012 Command Shiraz - 375ml bottles still available  
2015 E Series Unoaked Chardonnay - SOLD OUT  
2016 E Series Unoaked Chardonnay - NOW AVAILABLE  
2016 Eden Valley Chardonnay - NOW AVAILABLE  
2015 Neil Ashmead Grand Tourer Shiraz - NOW AVAILABLE  
2014 Ode to Lorraine - NOW AVAILABLE  
2015 Barossa Merlot - NOW AVAILABLE  
2013 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon - Last stocks  
2014 Western Ridge Grenache Carignan - Running low  
2014 E Series Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon - Running low  
2015 Golden Semillon - Running low

## VINTAGE 2017 - ABOUT TO BEGIN

Whilst it feels like it has taken forever to get going 'Vintage 2017' it is about to begin. Ironically this year is not 'late' rather just not early. The last few years have seen a lot of wineries closing down the crush pad before the Easter long weekend, for 2017 this will not be the case.



## WORTH A GIGGLE???

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.