

NEWS AND REVIEWS

2019 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION RESULTS

PLEASE NOTE MANY OF THESE VINTAGES HAVE NOW ROLLED



2015 COMMAND SHIRAZ - AVAILABLE MARCH 2019

Score: 95 POINTS

"Oddly, I once poured this wine by the glass at an employe in Paris. While nostalgic, it still embodies the sort of inimitable, old vine (average 121 years) power that warm climate Australia does so well. The violet, pepper grind and meld of plummy fruit and Chinese five spice remain this brooding, highly ageable wine's calling card. Vanilla pod oak serves as a welcome restraining device to the exuberance. Exaggerated? You be the judge." NG

2016 ASHMEAD CABERNET SAUVIGNON - AVAILABLE MARCH 2019

Score: 96 POINTS

"Cabernet's bursting swag of currant, dried sage and olive, at least as its voice in warmer climes, is all here in spades. What, though, makes this wine impressive, is its sheer strut across the palate. Buxom and confident, yet dichotomously restrained (at least in a warm climatic context), it coats the inner sanctum with a smooth veneer of tannin and old vine glycerol." NG

2015 ODE TO LORRAINE CSM - AVAILABLE NOW

Score: 96 POINTS

"A select barrel blend of each of the estate's Nuriopto-planted varieties, partially fermented in concrete and barrel with the addition of a judicious smattering of pressings, this is a complex jigsaw. Thankfully delicious given the effort, cabernet's voice rises uber alles with its potpourri of herbal berry notes and sagacious tannins, compressing the warm climate hedonism of the other parties into a nourishing whole. A rich phalanx of fruit and glossy structural attributes." NG

2016 NEIL ASHMEAD GTS - AVAILABLE NOW

Score: 94 POINTS

"Sourced from water-friendly, gnarled shiraz vines, the bottle is the sort that you hope for in a hotel sans gym! The wine is similarly impressionable: rich and glossy; polished beautifully by a piste of massaged tannins, oak endowment and dutiful acidity. Pulp! The flavours are strongly regional: dark plum, fruitcake spice and beef bouillon to coffee-marinated bbq ribs, presumably from barrel fermentation and extended lees handling. Salacious, but delicious!" NG

2017 WESTERN RIDGE GRENACHE CARIGNAN - AVAILABLE NOW

Score: 95 POINTS

"A rarity on these shores, this logical blend is an archetypal Mediterranean one, from the Languedoc to Spain. Why? Grenache's bumptious hedonism is ably tamed by carignan's bristling acidity and sinew. This is no exception. Barossan fruitcake spice and raspberry liqueur DNA is all there, but with a wiry bristle of carnal allure and a welcome rasp." NG

2015 BAROSSA SHIRAZ - SOLD OUT

Score: 92 POINTS

"...Abundant black and purple fruit populate the evocative bouquet and medium to full-bodied palate. The multi-district approach serves to put a line under its Barossa origin, and hence style. One of those can't go wrong wines." JH

2015 BAROSSA CABERNET SAUVIGNON - SOLD OUT

Score: 90 POINTS

"Deep colour; a full-bodied Barossa Valley cabernet, abounding in ripe, rich black fruits with a glimmer of cassis and earth. Will go the distance, and then some." JH

2015 BAROSSA GSM - SOLD OUT

Score: 91 POINTS

"A 35/33/32% blend, the grenache and mourvedre co-fermented, matured in used French oak. Plenty of activity here; red and blue berries, plums, licorice and gently savoury notes all combine well in traditional Barossa Valley style." JH

2016 BAROSSA MERLOT - SOLD OUT

Score: 90 POINTS

"Tomato bush, tobacco and intensely ripe black plum notes ride across some softly pliant coffee bean tannins, dusty and expansive. This is a soft ride. Full, flavoursome and ready to enjoy over the short to medium-term." NG

2017 EDEN VALLEY RIESLING - SOLD OUT

Score: 92 POINTS

"Hewn of fruit from 31-41yo vines, this is Rose's lime cordial and lemon drop flavours, cascading down a beam of bright tarcy, sherbet-like acidity. Pez-like." NG

2017 BAROSSA SEMILLON - AVAILABLE NOW

Score: 89 POINTS

"Partial barrel fermentation combined with a conventional approach to picking criteria produce a medium-bodied dry white wine that will not be especially long lived, and doesn't need to be..." JH

EXPOSURE

AUGUST 2018

WINE OF THE MONTH

2017 WESTERN RIDGE GRENACHE CARIGNAN

The two varieties were handpicked and placed into the crusher simultaneously. Fermentation in open 1 tonne fermenter at relatively cool temperatures to ensure the freshness of the fruit character was preserved, with intention that the wine be luscious and textural, yet be as far from the blockbuster concept as possible.
- Richard Langford

Grenache 89%, Carignan 11%
Style: Stunningly pretty and textural wine
Colour: Light red
Aroma & Palate: Luscious strawberries and cream
Alc/Vol: 14.6%
Vineyard Source: 100% Estate Grown, Greenock
Vine Age: 48 - 101 years
Picking Date: 13 April 2017
Oak: Old French puncheons, 8 months
Cellaring: Drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years



NEW RELEASES

2018 Eden Valley Riesling 2017 E Series Chardonnay 2016 E Series Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon



ELDERTON RETAIN THE 'HUMMUS DIP' TENNIS

Late June saw Allister and Cameron having the pleasure of playing at Tennis SA's Memorial Drive courts (SA's premium tennis venue). This was for the coveted 'Hummus Dip' Tennis Trophy where Team Elderton (The Ashmead brothers) take on Dan Standish (The Standish Wine Company) and Fraser McKinley (Sami Odi Wines) for yearly bragging rights. Needless to say Team Elderton took the win 6-3, 7-6 and now hold the strong lead of 8-4, and retain the 'Trophy'.



STOCK UPDATES

2014 Command Shiraz - ALLOCATED PRODUCT

2015 Ashmead Cabernet Sauvignon - Now Available

2008 Command Shiraz Museum Release - Now available

2012 Command Shiraz - 375ml bottles still available

2015 Fifteen Shiraz - Small amounts available

2018 Eden Valley Riesling - Now Available

2017 E Series Chardonnay - New Label - Now Available

2016 E Series Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon - New Label - Now Available

2018 Barossa Rosé - Now Available

2017 Barossa Semillon - Last Stocks

2016 Eden Valley Chardonnay - Last Stocks

2016 Golden Semillon - Getting Low (once gone will be unavailable mid 2019)

WORTH A GIGGLE???

