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Mount Crawford

2019 Mount Crawford Riesling

Gold – Rutherglen Wine Show 2019

Gold – Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

Silver – Canberra International Riesling Competition 2019

Silver – Barossa Wine Show 2019

Silver – Australia International Wine Challenge 2019

Bronze – Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019

95 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

95 Points – James Halliday's Wine Companion

An exercise in purity and elegance, the perfumed bouquet trailing through florals, powder puff and a touch of spice, the delicately engineered palate keeping all the components in their place. Terrific balance and length to an all-out bargain.

92 Points – Tyson Stelzer's Top 10 Wines under \$20 2019

Thorn-Clarke has captured fantastic purity and precision in a season so often tropical and overripe in other hands.

Impeccable ripeness defines a style of floral fragrance, delicate fruit liveliness and beautifully focused acid line.

Captivating from day one, it boasts medium-term promise.

2018 Mount Crawford Riesling

Trophy – Best Riesling of Show, Rutherglen Wine Show 2018

Trophy – Best White Wine of Show, Rutherglen Wine Show 2018

Gold (Top in Class) – Adelaide Wine Show 2018

Gold – Canberra International Riesling Competition 2018

Gold – Rutherglen Wine Shown 2018

Gold – Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2018

Gold – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Silver – Barossa Wine Show 2018

Bronze – National Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Hobart Wine Show 2018

90 Points – Wine Enthusiast

90 Points – James Suckling

Floral and easy white with sliced, spiced pears and hints of lemons and grapefruit. Medium to light body. Crisp finish.

18.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Bright, pale straw-yellow colour with slight green hues, pale edged. The nose is very fresh and intense with penetrating and deep aromas of pure lime and lemonade fruit along with subtle white florals and a suggestion of saline, unfolding mouth-watering herb and mineral nuances. Dry to taste and medium-bodied, the palate has intense and penetrating flavours of limes and lemons and white florals. The fruit has richness and lusciousness, balanced by fine acid cut, and the wine flows with excellent energy along a zesty, refreshing line with very fine textures, leading to a long, lingering finish. This is a beautifully penetrating and intense dry Riesling with luscious lime and lemon flavours with white florals and minerals on a mouth-watering palate.

2018 Mount Crawford Chardonnay

89 Points - James Halliday 2020

Only a 'small percentage of French oak maturation', explains Thorn-Clarke, was used in the vinification of this fresh, grapefruit-nuanced wine. - James Halliday

16.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Bright, very pale straw colour, near colourless. The nose is elegant and slender in proportion with a fresh heart of white and yellow stone fruits along with nuances of citrus fruit interwoven with some nutty oak. This is steely and refreshing in expression. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegant and gently fresh with restrained flavours of white and yellow stone fruits, citrus fruit and a little nutty oak. The mouthfeel is brisk and fresh with crisp acidity, and the wine flows along a very fine-textured line with moderate drive and a light finish. This is an elegant, gently refreshing Chardonnay with light flavours and fresh acidity. Serve as an aperitif and with seafood over the next 2-3 years. 'Mount Crawford' Eden Valley fruit fermented in stainless-steel with 20% in new French oak to 12.0% alc., the wine aged 4 months in barrel with batonnage, but avoiding MLF.

2017 Mount Crawford Chardonnay

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2017

16.5 Points – Raymond Chan, November 2017

Bright, even pale straw-yellow colour with slight green tints. The nose light, but has a well-concentrated core of white stone fruits and soft nutty notes of oak and thirst-quenching mineral elements, with nuances of flinty and toasty oak complexities. Medium-bodied the palate has gently rich flavours of yellow stone fruits and citrus notes, with subtle nutty oak elements and suggestions of barrel-ferment creaminess. The fruit forms a soft and rounded core, balanced by light, lacy acidity. The wine flows along a smooth line, leading to a light, clean finish of citrus fruit and nuts. This is an elegant Chardonnay with gently rich stone fruit and nutty flavours with a soft, balanced palate with freshness and smooth flow. Serve with seafood, poultry and pork dishes over the next 3-4 years.

Terra Barossa

2018 Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon

Gold – Barossa Wine Show 2019

Silver – New Zealand International Wine Show 2019

Silver - Melbourne International Wine Competition 2019

Bronze – Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Royal Perth Wine Show 2020

90 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Crushed and destemmed, three pumpovers per day, matured in French oak for 12 months. The Sandpiper label over-delivers time and again - not a hair out of place, just beautiful flavour.

2017 Terra Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon

Bronze – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – New Zealand Wine Show 2018

17.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Dark, deep, black-hued ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the edge. The nose is elegantly concentrated and tightly bound with pure aromas of blackcurrant fruit with subtle notes of blackberries and cassis entwined with fresh and dark herbs, showing mint, unfolding a little menthol. This has clarity and definition. Full-bodied, the palate is elegant in proportion, but has depth, intensity and penetration of blackcurrant fruit with notes of fresh and dark herbs, mint and cassis. The fruit is underlined by moderate tannin extraction lending good structure and supple grip with integrated acidity, and the wine carries to a light, lingering finish of blackcurrants. This is an elegant Cabernet Sauvignon with blackcurrant, dark herb, mint and cassis flavours on a supple, fine-textured palate.

2018 Terra Barossa Shiraz

Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2020

Gold – Barossa Wine Show 2020

Bronze – Royal Perth Wine Show 2020

91 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Estate-grown, crushed and destemmed, twice-daily pumpovers in the fermenter, 12 months in French oak. Deluxe treatment for a \$20 wine. It is medium-bodied, and over-delivers on its price. Mouthfilling satsuma plum and blackberry compote.

2017 Terra Barossa Shiraz

Gold – New World Wine Awards 2019

Gold – China Wine & Spirits Comp 2019

Gold – Korean Wine Challenge 2019

Silver – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Bronze - Melbourne International Wine Competition 2019

Bronze - Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Sydney Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – New Zealand Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Korean Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Hobart Wine Show 2018

94 Points – James Halliday 2020

If you think the flavours and texture of this wine more akin to the Eden Valley than the Barossa Valley, you're probably right - three of the four estate vineyards are in the Eden Valley, one in the Barossa Valley. The scented pepper, spice and black cherry of the wine provide a lightness of foot to the medium-bodied palate, balance following the same line. Value+.

4 Stars – Winestate Magazine Greatest Shiraz

Attractive lifted perfumed fruit fragrances and ripe rounded palate that has great flavour persistence, complexity and interest.

17/20 – Raymond Chan

Full, very dark, deep, black-hued purple-red colour, youthful in appearance. The nose is softly full with rich aromas of blackberries and black plums interwoven with a little mineral reduction, unfolding some spice, liquorice and pepper elements. Full-bodied, the palate is soft, open and accessible with sweet fruit flavours of dark raspberries and blackberries with notes of plums and a little liquorice and eucalypt. The reductive elements are integrated and the palate has a plush mouthfeel, with some underlying alcohol drive. The tannins are soft and rounded, and the acidity integrated, lending a smooth, easy mouthfeel. This is a soft, plush, open and sweet-fruited Shiraz with dark raspberry, plum and peppery flavours, a hint eucalypt with supple tannins and a little alcohol drive.

2016 Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot

Bronze – International Wine Challenge 2017

Youthful and vibrant with blackcurrant and floral notes. Grippy cabernet tannins

89 Points – Josh Reynolds, Vineous

Lurid violet. Cassis, bitter cherry and cola aromas are energized by a peppery nuance. Primary black and blue fruit flavours open up slowly with air while developing a suggestion of succulent herbs. Clings nicely on a tangy, youthfully tannic finish that shows good nerve and cut.

Eden Trail

2017 Eden Trail Chardonnay

Silver – Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2018

Silver – Rutherglen Wine Show 2018

Silver – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – National Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Royal Queensland Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2018

4 1/2 Stars – Winestate Magazine

Cool climate chardonnay that is long and lean and taught and shows a delicate balance between the varietal fruit, well-handled oak and good line of acid

92 Points – James Suckling

A fresh and creamy chardonnay with sliced-apple and honey character. Medium body. Tight palate and a crisp finish.

91 Points – James Halliday 2020

More vinification than its vintage sibling, here barrel fermentation and maturation in French oak make a statement: good viticulture and careful handling in the winery to frame, not overwhelm, the fruit. - James Halliday

90 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

A portion of the 2017 Eden Trail Chardonnay was fermented with wild yeasts; about 25% new French oak was used in this barrel-fermented wine. It's nutty and full-bodied, with a plump feel on the palate and melon and pear flavours. The finish turns smoky, with hints of mandarin oranges. It should drink well for a few years.

18/20 – Raymond Chan

Bright, even, light straw-yellow colour, little paler on the edge. The nose is elegantly concentrated with aromas of white and yellow stone fruits with fresh citrus fruits melded with nutty and toasty oak. This has a soft freshness with intensity and complexing detail to the aromatics. Medium-bodied, the palate is crisp and refreshing, with bright and vibrant, elegantly expressed flavours of citrus fruits and stone fruits entwined with nutty and toasty oak. A little creamy barrel-ferment adds richness, and is balanced by lively acidity. The flavours are up-front and are carried by plenty of energy with good linearity, leading to a lingering finish of citrus fruit and toast. This is a crisp and vibrant citrus-fruit Chardonnay with nutty and toasty oak, on a bright and poised palate with plenty of energy. Serve with grilled and roasted seafood over the next 3+ years. Fruit from 'Block 1, Mount Crawford', a portion indigenous yeast barrel-fermented with high solids, some of the oak new, and a portion tank-fermented with partial solids to 11.5% alc., the wine aged 9 months in barrel undergoing batonnage, and minimal MLF.

4 Stars – Katie Spain, Adelaide Advertiser, January 2019

So pale it almost looks like water, this barrel-fermented Eden Valley beauty packs more punch than meets the eye. Behind the pale straw veil, a fragrant, big-bosomed grandma hug awaits. It's warm, comforting and rich (thanks to part new and old French oak). Think aromas of citrus and campfire smoke and creamy peach cobbler flavours. she's got texture and intrigue, and deserves to be savoured. Find a comfy sofa and an Enid Blyton classic with which to sip, flick and disappear from the world for a while.

2018 Eden Trail Riesling

Gold – Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2018

Silver – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Silver – Canberra International Riesling Competition 2018

Bronze – Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2018

92 Points – James Halliday 2020

The complex bouquet has notes of talc and musk interwoven with potent citrus aromas. Lime and lemon assert themselves on the palate, strengthened by firm acidity. - James Halliday

91 Points – James Suckling

A dense and layered white with mineral, hot-stone and lemon-rind aromas and flavours. Medium body. Creamy texture.

19/20 – Raymond Chan

Bright, pale straw-yellow colour with slight lemon-green hues, lighter on the rim. The nose is elegant and beautifully fragrant with an aromatic array of white and yellow florals with a core of lime fruit, subtly entwined with mouth-watering mineral nuances, and refreshing hints of herb elements. Dry to taste and light-medium bodied, the palate has a taut and concentrated, penetrating core of finely packed flavours of lime fruit melded with white and yellow florals and thirst-quenching minerals. The acidity is very fine, showing low pH, but with a near-electric crispness. The fruit flows with excellent linearity and drive, carrying long and sustained mouth-watering finish of citrus fruits and florals. This is a taut, concentrated and penetrating dry Riesling with an array of aromatics on a very fine-textured, thirst-quenching palate.

2017 Eden Trail Shiraz

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

4 Stars – Mainfreight World's Greatest Shiraz

94 Points – James Halliday

Another very good vintage for this wine, brimming with fresh and bright fruit aromas and flavours. The plum, blackberry and red berry characters are juicy and ripe with no hint of jamminess, and there's a feeling of liveliness and buoyancy on the palate. A dash of pepper and a seasoning of oak add some complexity, and the tannin is gentle but firm enough to do its job. - Steven Creber

90 Points – James Suckling

A super bright, light and fragrant shiraz with attractive, ripe, brambly fruit, in the blackberry and blueberry zone.

2015 Eden Trail Shiraz

Silver – Melbourne International Wine Show 2018

Bronze – New Zealand International Wine Show 2017

Bronze – Adelaide Wine Show 2017

Bronze – Sydney Royal Wine Competition 2017

92 Points - Wine spectator, November 2017

Thick and lush, with clove-scented red and black fruit flavours, showing accents of cedar, sandalwood and gingerbread on a seamless body

91 Points – James Halliday's Wine Companion 2018

Dripping with boysenberries, blackberries and spiced plums. Full-bodied yet bright as anything with some grip to the drying tannins, slippery oak, and savoury yet sweet fruited at the same time.

90 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

From vineyard blocks around the winery, the 2015 Eden Trail Shiraz features hints of eucalyptus, cola and spice. It's a savorier style than most will expect, with medium body, supple tannins and a crisp finish.

Barossa Trail

2016 Barossa Trail Shiraz

Gold – Sydney International Wine Competition 2018

Gold – Melbourne International Wine Show 2018

Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2017

Silver – Adelaide Wine Show 2017

Silver – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Rutherglen Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2017

Bronze – Queensland Wine Show 2017

5 Stars / Equal Top in category – Winestate Magazine

4 Stars – Mainfreight World's Greatest Shiraz

94 Points – James Halliday's Wine Companion 2019

From the St Kitts Vineyard in the far north of the Barossa, destemmed, open-fermented with cultured yeast, pressed 10 days after crushing to French oak for 12 months maturation. Deep, bright colour, bright and clear; a seductively fragrant and salubriously rich shiraz that keeps moving despite - or due to - its peacock's tail of aromas and flavours ranging from dark chocolate and liquorice to stewed plum and blackberries.

92 Points – Bob Campbell MW

Rich, flavoursome Barossa Shiraz with plum, dark berry, roasted meat, dark chocolate, liquorice and spicy oak flavours. A big, warm and generous red with plenty of sweet fruit that is supported by good ripe tannins.

92 Points – Campbell Mattinson, Winefront

Barossa Trail (and Eden Trail) is part of the expanding Thorn Clarke range. This sees all-French oak. It doesn't really get your pulse racing but it feels good on the tongue, has ample flavour, sits in the sweet-spot ripeness-wise and seals the deal on the finish. Not a hair out of place, you might say. Blackberry, toast, chicory and cloves. Well-weighted, well-balanced, well-good.

92 Points – Tyson Stelzer, The Barossa Mag, December 2017

The density of St Kitts in the far north of the Barossa is contained by tight-knit structure in this vibrant Shiraz. Beautifully finely textured tannins provide integrity to a plush palate of blue fruit expression.

18.5 Points – Raymond Chan, November 2017

Full, very dark, near impenetrable black-hued purple-red colour. The nose is softly packed with deep and dense aromas of ripe blackberry fruit entwined with nuances of dark raspberries and boysenberries, along with subtle notes of black pepper and hints of spice. Full-bodied, the palate has concentrated and intense flavours of blackberries, dark raspberries and boysenberries, with black pepper, spices and dark-red florals. The sweet and luscious fruit is supported by plenty of fine-grained tannins with balanced acidity. The mouthfeel is fine in texture and grip, and the wine carries with some power to a long, sustained, elegant finish of black and dark-red berry fruit with spice and pepper notes. This is a sweetly rich, ripe and densely concentrated Shiraz with black and red fruits on a well-structures palate with drive and power. Match with roasted and grilled lamb, beef and venison over the next 6-8+ years.

2016 Barossa Trail Grenache

Silver – Sydney Royal Wine Show 2017

Silver – Barossa Wine Show 2017

Bronze – Melbourne International Wine Show 2018

Bronze – Adelaide Wine Show 2017

Bronze – New Zealand International Wine Show 2017

5 Stars / Equal Top in category – Winestate Magazine

92 Points – Huon Hooke, November 2017

Deepish red/purple colour with a sweetly spicy, red-fruited aroma, the palate soft and fleshy, sweet-fruited and medium to full bodied, with a luxuriousness of feel. Intense, deep and sweet with some alcohol warmth: a big, generous Grenache which satisfies. Long carry, partly thanks to alcohol warmth and tannin firmness

91 Points – James Halliday's Wine Companion 2019

Hand-picked from the Schild family 80yo saleyards vineyard in Nuriootpa, 25% whole bunches, 75% whole berries, open fermented, pumped over twice daily for 10 days, matured in used French oak for 10 months. A Grenache that absolutely validates the vinification, tailor made to minimise extraction yet leaving the wine full-bodied. Just when you think the varietal expression isn't there, a splash of red/blue fruit appears at the heart of an otherwise brooding wine. Time in bottle will be repaid.

90 Points – Josh Reynolds, Vineous

Deep red. Spicy raspberry and cocoa powder scents are sharpened by a white pepper flourish. Silky, seamless and round on the palate, offering sweet red fruit and spice cake flavours that show good depth and no rough edges. Emphatically fruity and energetic, finishing with very soft tannins and a strong red berry liqueur quality.

17.5 Points – Raymond Chan, November 2017

Light ruby-red colour with some depth, pale on edge. The nose is elegant in presentation with fragrant aromas of dark raspberry fruit with a harmonious amalgam of dark herbs and red florals unveiling a little spicy interest and subtle earthy elements. The aromatics form a soft but positive core. Full-bodied, the palate possesses lusciously sweet flavours of dark raspberries, dark-red florals, and notes of spice and earth. The flavours are near-ethereal in expression and guided by moderately extracted, fine-grained tannin structure, with balanced, integrated acidity and some underlying alcohol power. The flavours carry to a lingering finish of red fruits and florals. This is a fragrant, near-ethereal fruited Grenache with raspberry and floral fruit on a fine-grained, structured palate with some alcohol drive. Match with pasta, barbecued fare, poultry and pork over the next 4-5+ years. Hand-picked Grenache fruit from the Schild family's 'Saleyards Road' vineyard, Nuriootpa, vines 80 y.o., fermented with 25% whole bunches to 14.5% alc., the wine aged 10 months in seasoned French oak.

Single Vineyard Selection

2019 Single Vineyard Selection Riesling

95 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, March 2020

It's fabulously fruited and pristine on the nose showing white flesh nectarine, blossom and lime peel aromas, leading to a finely textured palate that's splendidly focused and persistent. The wine offers excellent fruit purity together with bright acidity, finishing impressively long and linear.

94 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

94 Points – Halliday Wine Companion Cellaring Selections 2020

Night-harvested, free-run juice only, minimal fining and filtration. Seriously good wine, with even more to come over the next 5 years.

94 Points – Tony Love, Wine Pilot 2020

The wine drills down to its source within one of the variety's most revered regions, and because of that site specification the wine has everything boffiny riesling fans look for. Read that as an uncommon purity and drive from the moment you greet the glass, cut lime aromas followed by totally connected yellow-green citrus fruit bite, neatly controlled yet prominent and pithy in feel. That's the minerality of the variety many tasters refer to, rounding out a delicious, crisp and flavourful wine. Drink with fried crumb fish and chippery – the acidity will balance out any undue fattiness.

90 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2020

Attractively aromatic riesling with bright, lime-citrus and subtle wildflower flavours supported by punchy acidity. An accessible and appealing wine now but should develop well with bottle-age.

2018 Single Vineyard Selection Chardonnay

93 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Had the misfortune to be tasted alongside some exceptional Margaret River, Yarra Valley and Geelong chardonnays. Maximum effort via 30% new French oak and 69% wild yeast.

2018 Single Vineyard Selection Grenache

95 Points - Halliday Wine Companion 2021

95 Points - Halliday Wine Companion Cellaring Selections 2020

60yo vines, partial whole bunch fermentation, 10 days on skins, pressed to French oak (15% new) for 18 months maturation. The medley of forest floor fruits (wild strawberry, raspberry) with very good length and balance.

94 Points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, March 2020

Sweetly fruited and delightfully perfumed, the bouquet shows Black Doris plum, raspberry and floral characters with nuances of anise and vanilla. It's succulent and fleshy on the palate, delivering excellent fruit purity and vibrancy, wonderfully complemented by silky texture and rounded tannins. A fabulous expression.

91 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2020

Fresh, supple grenache with red fruits, raspberry, blueberry, mixed spice and subtle spicy oak flavours. An accessible red offering good drinking now but moderate cellaring potential.

2018 Single Vineyard Selection Mataro

95 Points - Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, March 2020

Ripe, dense and opulent, this gorgeous rendition shows black/blueberry, violet, vanilla, cedar and subtle spice aromas on the nose, followed by a wonderfully weighted palate that's fleshy and lingering. It's sumptuous and plush with a lengthy delicious finish.

93 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2020

Deep, inky mataro (better known as mourvèdre) with blackcurrant, red-fleshed plum, tar, liquorice, new leather and a cupboard full of spices. A rich, satisfying red that delivers plenty of bang for the buck.

93 Points – Mike Bennie 2020

Dig this. Meaty, gamey, savoury characters woven through red berry, cherry and brambly blackberry fruit notes. Amazing texture, grippy yet plush, and has exceptional length of flavour and general strong Mataro character. Super high drinkability and charisma.

92 Points – Ralph Kyte-Powell 2020

From the Hoffman DV vineyard on Ebenezer Road, this deep, dense example offers red cherry, blackcurrant and briary aromas with an overlay of exotic spices and florals. Intensely flavoured, it's medium-bodied, and savoury rather than fruit-sweet, with excellent length and a typically firm, grainy tannin profile.

89 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

50yo vines, destemmed, 10-day ferment, 18 months in used oak. Clear varietal character, but that of itself doesn't warm my cockles.

3.5/4 Stars (Extraordinary/Sublime) - Dave McIntyre, Washington Post 2021

This wine grew on me with time, enticing my palate and engaging my imagination with each sip. Fruit-forward and extroverted in the Australian style, it nonetheless is savory and earthy, revealing new layers as you get deeper into the bottle. I had the luxury of savoring it over three days, and it kept getting better, so I recommend cracking the screw cap and decanting it several hours before dinner.

2018 Single Vineyard Selection Malbec

94 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, March 2020

Offering terrific fruit richness with seductive complexity, the bouquet shows dark plum, mulberry, olive, game, cocoa and toasted nut characters. The palate delivers excellent fruit intensity together with rich texture and silky tannins, making it delectable and persistent. A wonderfully generous wine with attractive savoury undertones.

91 Points – Bob Campbell MW 2020

Ripe, fleshy, warming malbec with typical dark fruits, fruitcake, and appealing spicy flavours. A velvet-textured red in an approachable style but with some ageing potential.

90 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Destemmed into 4t and 6t fermenters, 7 days on skins, matured in well used oak. Simple? Yes, but it does the job.

Shotfire

2018 Shotfire GSM

Bronze – New Zealand International Wine Show 2020

91 Points – Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine

The gamey scent of Mataro stands behind this wine's spicy red cherry flavors. The fruit is sweet, but that ripeness is edged with high-toned acidity that extends those cherry flavors in a salty, spicy finish. Pour it with spicy braised pork shoulder.

2018 Shotfire Quartage

Silver – New Zealand International Wine Show 2020

2017 Shotfire Quartage

Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2019

Silver – New World Wine Awards 2019

Silver – Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Royal Perth Wine Show 2020

Bronze – Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2019

Bronze – International Wine & Spirits Competition 2019

89 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

The fragrant blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, petit verdot and merlot is built from the ground up, but is just that bit too savoury/herbal to break free.

2016 Shotfire Quartage

Gold – Melbourne International Wine Challenge 2019

Bronze – Decanter World Wine Awards 2019

Silver – Vinalies Internationales 2019

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2018

5 Stars / Top in Category – Winestate Magazine

The nose is a layered complexity of varietal fruits, toasty oak and hints of coffee. The palate is massive, tannic, full of flavour and still very young. Has years in it yet.

94 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

It is sweetly fruited and fabulously fragrant on the nose showing blackberry, blueberry jam, vanilla, roasted nut and mixed spice characters, leading to a concentrated palate that is plump and fleshy. It is generous and flavoursome with plenty of delectable flavours, finishing long and satisfying.

91 Points – Bob Campbell MW

A blend of cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, petit verdot and merlot. Elegant red wine with dark berry, cherry and spicy oak flavours. A fine-boned wine with good underlying power. It offers value at this price

90 Points – Wine Front

Thorn Clarke's "Bordeaux blend" is one of the more reliable performers on the Australian red wine landscape. First impressions are good. It's a bold, substantial wine, loaded with both fruit and oak. There's lot of tannin too, giving the

wine a real presence in the mouth. First sip and I thought we were really onto something here. Subsequent sips saw the oak creep further and further forward, so that it came to be the dominant impression. The aftertaste is particularly resinous and plucky. If you like big oak, big tannin and big fruit, more or less in that order, then we have a real contender here. I still think it has a lot to offer but it's a wine you buy/drink as much on style as you do on quality.

18.5/20 - Raymond Chan

Full, dark, deep, black-hued ruby-red colour, a little lighter on the rim. The nose is softly full and well-packed with concentrated, ripe aromas of blackberries and blackcurrants along with black plums and nuances of redcurrants. The aromatics are refined and show intensity, unfolding subtle nutty oak. The aromatics grow in density with aeration. Full-bodied, the has deep and softly packed, concentrated flavours of ripe blackberries and blackcurrants with plums and notes of nutty, spicy oak. The fruit is harmoniously interwoven and balanced with the oak and supported by integrated flowery tannin extraction with integrated acidity. The flavours grow in richness to fill the mouth and carry to a concentrated, lingering, nuanced finish. This is a softly concentrated and densely packed, ripe Bordeaux-varietal blend with harmoniously integrated and balanced black fruits on a very fine-grained palate.

2018 Shotfire Shiraz

Gold – Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2020

Silver – New Zealand International Wine Show 2020

92 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Destemmed, pressed approximately 7 days later, 14 months in American oak (40% new). Rich, layered, mocha/chocolate overtones to the black berry fruits are obvious.

2017 Shotfire Shiraz

Gold – Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2019

Gold – Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Gold – Vinalies Internationales 2019

Top 100 / Gold – Sydney International Wine Competition

Silver - New World Wine Awards 2019

Silver – Korean Wine Challenge 2019

Silver – International Wine Challenge 2019

Bronze – Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze – Australia International Wine Challenge 2019

Bronze – China Wine & Spirits Comp 2019

Bronze – Decanter World Wine Awards 2019

5 Stars – Mainfreight World's Greatest Shiraz

4.5 Stars - World's Greatest Shiraz/Syrah XV Wine Show 2020

95 Points – James Halliday 2020

Good colour; an immaculately balanced and elegant medium-bodied shiraz, benefiting from the cool vintage that has blown freshness into so many wines. Blackberry and red cherry both in the ring. - James Halliday

94 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Gorgeously fruited and fragrant, the bouquet shows dark fruit richness with seductive notes of vanilla, game, spice and cedar, which lead to a succulent palate that is plush and silky. It is gorgeously flavoursome with loads of tasty flavours, wonderfully supported by velvety texture and supple tannins

92 Points – Drinks Trade Magazine June 2019

Burnt confectionary, rich and juicy - grippy palate. Delivers a true varietal expression with a fine, integrated finish.

John Fordham, Sunday Telegraph October 2018

Sumptuous expression of Barossa Valley Shiraz, its flavour, texture and balance in absolute sync, thanks to winemaker Peter Kelly's ability to merge the variety's rich quantities and characters in such commanding fashion. Deep, peppery fruit flavours roll easily in tandem with soft tannins and enduring oak.

18.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Dark, deep, near impenetrable, black-hued purple-red colour, a little lighter on the rim, youthful in appearance. The nose is softly full and voluminous with moderately deep aromas of blackberry fruit with nuances of black plums, and hints of dark raspberries. Soft, integrated notes of spices, liquorice and pepper add to the richness, and the nose reveals nuances of dark herbs. Full-bodied, the palate has vibrant flavours of ripe blackberries with dark raspberries, black plums and black pepper, with liquorice, spice and floral elements. The fruit is rich, sweet and mouth filling and underlined by fine-grained tannin extraction and grip lending structure and mouthfeel, with fresh acidity enhancing the vitality. The flavours show aromatic lift as they carry to a lingering finish. This is a rich and sweetly ripe Shiraz with vibrant blackberry and plum fruit along with raspberries, spices and liquorice on a finely extracted palate.

2015 Shotfire Cabernet Shiraz

Silver – New York World Wine & Spirits Award 2017

91 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

The 2015 Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz is a 76-24 blend. It favours the Cabernet in its aromas and flavour profile as well, with mint and cassis leading the way, the Shiraz serving mainly to help round out the mid-palate and provide some juiciness to offset the dry Cabernet tannins. It should drink well for several more years.

William Randell

2017 William Randell Shiraz

Gold – New Zealand International Wine Show 2019

Silver – Royal Perth Wine Show 2020

Bronze – Barossa Wine Show 2019

5 Stars/Equal Top In Category - World's Greatest Shiraz/Syrah XV Wine Show 2020

96 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

Richly fruited and perfumed, the seductively fragrant bouquet shows blackberry, dark plum, cocoa, olive and roasted hazelnut characters with spicy nuances. It's concentrated and opulent on the palate, while remaining harmonious and structured, finishing impressively long and gratifying.

95 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

From the estate St Kitts and Milton Park Vineyards, night-harvested, each block separately vinified in 4t open fermenters, matured for 18 months in American oak (40% new). A powerful, full-bodied shiraz with blackberry fruit, tannins and oak all driving the long palate. The absorption of the oak into the fabric of the wine is particularly impressive.

93 Points – Campbell Mattison

Rich red wine grown in bare hard soil. This is an excellent example of a typical Barossa red. It has wealth and generosity, chains of tannin, vanillin characters, ground coffee. It feels big, real, warm and good. Mouthfilling. Acidity dangles fractionally, the only quibble to an all-round impressive package.

2016 William Randell Shiraz

Silver – China Wine & Spirits Comp 2019

Silver – International Wine Challenge 2019

Silver – New Zealand Wine Show 2018

Silver – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Bronze – Decanter World Wine Awards 2019

95 Points – Bob Campbell MW

Dense, inky red colour, with a Christmas cake medley of dried fruit and nut flavours together with liquorice, chocolate/mocha and vanilla characters. A power-packed wine with impressive ageing potential

93- 95 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

Stereotypical Oz Shiraz to some extent, the 2016 William Randell Shiraz is big, ripe and heavily accented by American oak. Cedar and vanilla notes blend with rich, plummy fruit, those sweet notes brought together and balanced by savoury dry tannins. It's a big-ass steak wine, one that will be appreciated by consumers at steakhouses around the world.

19.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Very dark, near saturated lack-hue ruby-red colour. The nose is full and sweetly ripe with vibrant and luscious aromas of blackberries melded with boysenberries and black plums along with a layer of black pepper and Asian spices, and sweet, nutty oak. This has excellent intensity and unfolds layers of richness with exotic detail. Full-bodied, the palate has beautifully ripened and sweetly luscious flavours of blackberries with notes of boysenberries and black plums, with complexing black pepper, spices and exotic oak. The flavours are succulent, decadent and opulent, and are supported by considerable fine-grained tannin structure and grip to match the power of the fruit. The acidity is ripe and restrained, lending a thread of vitality that sees the wine carry to a sustained, rich and sweet finish. This is a beautifully

rich, decadent and opulent Shiraz with ripe black fruits, spices and exotic oak on a palate with great structure and power.

2017 William Randell Cabernet Sauvignon

Silver – New Zealand International Wine Show 2020

Bronze – New Zealand International Wine Show 2019

96 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

From the cool Milton Park and St Kitts Vineyards, destemmed, open-fermented, 10 days on skins, matured for 16 months in French hogsheads (35% new). The vintage was made to measure for cabernet in this district, the wine revelling in its full-bodied guise. Blackcurrant, black olive, dark chocolate and cedar sweep you along - relax and enjoy it.

95 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

This is magnificently fruited and lifted on the nose showing blackcurrant, dark cherry, tobacco, cedar and dark spice aromas, followed by a wonderfully weighted palate that offers excellent power and intensity. It's mouthfilling and delicious, gorgeously framed by fine, chalky tannins.

89 Points – Campbell Mattison

This release though isn't up to the standard of its sibling Shiraz. It starts off well but it thins through the finish. It's blueberryed, floral, curranty and remarkably soft. The mid-palate is lovely but I was left wanting more.

2016 William Randell Cabernet Sauvignon

Gold – Decanter World Wine Awards 2019

Silver – International Wine Challenge 2019

Silver – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

95 Points – James Halliday 2020

Open-fermented in small fermenters, each treated separately and matured in French oak (40% new) for an average of 18 months. The best barrels went to make this wine, its fragrant bouquet opening proceedings. The medium to full-bodied palate rides on typical cabernet tannins that lengthen the palate and its core of blackcurrant fruit.

- James Halliday

95 Points – Bob Campbell MW

Elegant, powerful cabernet sauvignon with classic cassis, blackcurrant, cedar and black olive varietal characters. A taut, high-energy wine that can be appreciated now but has obvious cellaring potential.

94 Points – Beverage Dynamics USA – Best of Cabernet Sauvignon

A dark ruby red in the glass, the wine has a lovely nose of dark fruit and minty hints. On the palate, it possesses robust dark fruit, with good tannins, and finishes with great balance.

92 Points – James Suckling

A rich and forthright cabernet core of dark fruit here that really commands the nose and palate. The tannins are softly ripened, to the point of supple release, and have curvy rather than linear drive. Very approachable with some chocolate to close.

91 Points – Huon Hooke

Deep, brightly glowing purple/blue colour, very youthful. The bouquet is subdued but has notes of smoky charry oak and some background celery and herbal notes. The wine is raw and edgy on the tongue, astringent and bold, with some hardness due largely to acidity. The berry fruit aromas are raw and shrill, too.

90- 93 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

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I tasted the 2016 William Randell Cabernet Sauvignon as a final blend, one month before bottling. Mint and cassis mark the nose, followed by a full-bodied, ripe wine that seemed creamy-textured and soft. For a Cabernet Sauvignon, it's awfully plush and easy to drink.

19/20 – Raymond Chan

Very dark, deep, near impenetrable black-hued ruby-red colour with some purple on the rim. The nose is initially a little restrained but shows plenty of presence and depth with well-packed and concentrated aromas of ripe blackcurrants and blackberries with hints of plums entwined with cassis liqueur, with nuances of dark herbs and mint. The aromatics are harmoniously integrated and grow in depth with aeration. Full-bodied, the palate has a rich and softly sweet, rounded core of fully-ripened blackcurrant and blackberry fruit with notes of plums, cassis liqueur and dark herbs. The oaking is sensitive and is integral. The flavours are integrated and balanced, and the fruit is supported by very fine-grained tannin extraction lending a refined structure. The acidity is soft, but there is power and energy driving the wine, which flows seamlessly to a smooth, sustained finish. This is a sweetly rich and harmoniously balanced Cabernet Sauvignon with ripe black fruits, cassis and herbs on a fine-grained, smooth flowing palate.

Ron Thorn

2016 Ron Thorn Shiraz

Gold – New Zealand Wine Show 2018

Silver – International Wine Challenge 2019

Silver – International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

97 Points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit

A profound offering; the gloriously complex bouquet shows dark fruit richness together with vanilla pod, cocoa, smoked game, cedary wood and warm spice characters, leading to a concentrated palate that is opulent and velvety. The wine exhibits magnificent depth and intensity, superbly supported by seamlessly woven tannins, finishing impressively long and engaging.

96 Points – Bob Campbell MW

Thorn-Clarke's flagship red lives up to its lofty status with intense and concentrated Christmas cake-like characters including dried fruits, chocolate/mocha and spices together with liquorice and a generous oak influence. The wine handles its generous 15.5% alcohol perfectly. Surprisingly good now but definitely one for the cellar.

94- 96 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, the 2016 Ron Thorn Shiraz delivers classy hints of pencil shavings, dense, plummy fruit and almost meaty-savoury intensity. Tannic, with a dry, velvety finish, give it a few years to soften further.

94 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2021

The best of the 40 batches of grapes vinified in the vintage, from Block 7 of the St Kitts Vineyard. Matured for 20 months in 100% new American oak, which combines with the tannins to thickly coat the mouth. Needs many years to soften the overall impact of the wine.

93 Points – James Suckling

A big statement in glass, this heavy bottle holds a richly styled shiraz that is packed with dark plums and blackberries, as well as some redder-fruit nuances, all dressed in baking spices and toasty timber. The palate is very plush and very rich, carrying good concentration of red plums.

93 Points – Toni Patterson MW, The Real Review

A young wine that is craving some cellar time. Deeply-coloured with intense dark fruit and chocolate and raisin accents. The palate is nicely knitted together with youthful tension and chewy tannin. Lie down for a few years to allow the palate to soften and evolve.

2015 Ron Thorn Shiraz

Silver – Decanter World Wine Awards 2018

Bronze – International Wine Challenge 2018

97 Points - Bob Campbell MW

Flagship Shiraz only produced in exceptional years. It's a big, dense red with classic chocolate/mocha, liquorice, vanilla and spicy oak flavours. An impressively layered wine, with real power demonstrated in its very lengthy finish. Good now but with masses of cellaring potential

95 Points – Robert Parker Wine Advocate September 2018

Yes, the 100% new oak shows on this bad boy, but the fruit is so massively concentrated that I don't see it being a problem. The 2015 Ron Thorn Single Vineyard Shiraz is a full-bodied, plush wine, with loads of baking spices, vanilla, boysenberry and cola. Long and dusty on the finish, this should be a long-lived wine.

19.5/20 – Raymond Chan

Full, dark, deep, near impenetrable black-hued garnet-red colour. The nose is very full and voluminous, and packed with ripe, rich fruit aromas of black plums and blackberries harmoniously melded with a layering of spicy new oak with vanilla, cedar and pencil notes. Nuances of liquorice, spices and black pepper unfold to enrich the aromatics. The aromatics grow with a degree of finesse to exhibit sensationalism. Full-bodied, the palate has rich, intense, succulently sweet and vibrant flavours of ripe dark-red and black plums with blackberries, harmoniously melded with black pepper, liquorice and spices. The fruit intensity is remarkable and the flavours are layered with bold, exotic new oak with vanilla and cedar elements. This has great intensity, richness, depth, detail and dimension, the palate discretely forming a deep and densely concentrated heart with seamless power and drive. The considerable extraction is enveloped by the fruit richness, and the flavours carry with great linearity to a long and sustained finish of plums, spices, game and oak. This is a wonderfully rich and immensely concentrated and powerful, fully ripened Shiraz with flavours of plums, blackberries, spices, liquorice and a layering of exotic new oak, with deep structure. Match with casseroles and slow-cooked game meat dishes over the next 10-15+ years.

2014 Ron Thorn Shiraz

Gold – International Wine Challenge 2017

Silver Outstanding - International Wine & Spirit Competition 2016

Silver – Decanter World Wine Awards 2017

Intense, concentrated, toasty oak aromas follow through to a powerful, polished beast of a wine, with impressive structure and a long finish.

Bronze – Hobart Wine Show 2016

95 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion 2018

Best take care when lifting the dreadnought bottle, appropriately heavy - seriously heavy - given the ultra-full-bodied Shiraz it contains. It oozes blackberry, blackcurrant, liquorice and quality oak, tannins doing their best to provide balance. Its prime lies decades away.

94 Points – Josh Reynolds, Vineous

Vivid purple. Heady, oak-accented cherry preserve, blackberry, cola and coconut scents are energized by a jolt of spicy cracked pepper. Alluringly sweet and expansive, offering palate-staining dark fruit, spice cake and mocha flavours and a suave floral pastille nuance. Shows impressive vivacity for its brawn, and finishes very long, smooth and smoky, featuring repeating coconut and blue fruit character and harmonious tannins that come in late.

92 Points – Wine Spectator Nov 2016

The dill, smoky mahogany, cedar and tobacco notes are distinctive and aromatic, balanced against wild blackberry and huckleberry flavours. Intense and bold, with rustic tannins. A smoky bacon-like accent lingers on the finish.

4 ½ Stars – Winestate Magazine, April 2017

A big Barossa wine. Lovely perfumed oak lifts off the fruit filled nose and the oak driven palate is dark and rich with generous amount of old vine fruit underneath.

2012 Ron Thorn Shiraz

Trophy/Gold Outstanding – International Wine and Spirit Competition 2015

Grand Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2015

Gold – San Francisco International Wine Competition 2015

Silver – International Wine Challenge 2015

97 Points – James Halliday Wine Companion 2016

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'Substantial wine in all respects. The Incredible Hulk in a glass, though a lot classier. Deep black berry, boysenberry and coffee-cream flavour, a deep river of tannin, an aspect of brood but not lack of brightness either. It's a heavy-hitter but it's not just that; it's neat, it exercises its power both responsibly and with a form of precision, and it flies boldly through the finish as if there's not a shadow of a doubt that the future is a place where it belongs.'

96 Points / Editor's Choice – Wine Spectator December 2016

Thorn-Clarke has taken its Shiraz to a new level with this single-vineyard wine, bottled only in exceptional vintages. The 100% new American oak gives this a classic Barossa profile, starting with vanilla, cedar and maple syrup-like notes and flowing seamlessly through ripe blackberry and plum flavours. It's full-bodied, lush and creamy in texture, with a long, velvety finish.

96 Points – Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 2016

95 Points – Wine Spectator October, 2015

'Plush and generous, dark and expressive, focusing the blackberry, plum and floral flavours into a supple structure, coming together into a seamless finish. Has tremendous presence and persistence, with fine, beautifully submerged tannins. Drink now through 2025. 300 cases made. –H.S.'

93 Points – Josh Reynolds

Vivid purple. Ripe, spice-tinged black and blue fruits, mocha, vanilla and toasty oak on the assertively perfumed nose. Lush, velvety and expansive, with bright acidity adding lift to deeply concentrated cassis, blueberry and spice cake flavours. Closes sappy, smooth and very long, with excellent focus, supple tannins and lingering smokiness.

4.5 Stars – Winestate Magazine, Best of Style, Annual Edition 2016

4.5 Stars – Winestate Shiraz, Syrah & Blends, September/October 2015 Edition