

Cellar Release Reviews

2015 Shiraz

HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

Campbell Mattinson

Trademark blend of dense, sweet fruit and earth-like savouriness. Pen and pencil style; inky fruit finely inscribed with spice, shaved dark chocolate and clove-studded leather. Super supple and super drinkable as a result, almost suede-like. Beautiful red wine.

2016 Shiraz

THE REAL REVIEW

Huon Hooke

Deep red/purple, dense colour with a rich dark chocolate aroma with black fruit and mocha nuances, and possibly a slight VA (volatile acidity) lift. It's full-bodied, soft and fleshy, with a mocha, bitter dark chocolate aftertaste. It's big and ballsy and a touch extracted, but also rich. Cellaring will help.

2017 Shiraz

JAMES SUCKLING

James Suckling

A peppery and heady shiraz in check with brambleberry compote, dark cherries and some tea leaves. Full bodied and juicy with succulent tannins.

THE WINE FRONT

Campbell Mattinson

15% carbonic maceration, 18 months in French oak (20%) new. Spot on. Svelte, stylish and sustained. A power of plum-drenched flavour, tips of bitumen, redcurrant and dried herbs, slips of dark chocolate. It feels measured and immaculate even as it lays it all on. Drink 2020 - 2030+

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Jane Faulkner

No mistaking from where this hails, the McLaren Vale stamp is strong and satisfying with its dark plum, choc-mint, smoky-earthly tones and roasted coffee beans. Full-bodied with ripe yet velvety tannins with a touch of bitter choc on the finish. It has some heft but it's not over the top..

2018 Shiraz

THE REAL REVIEW

Huon Hooke

Earthy, reserved aroma, smoky, sooty traces and a hint of bitter-cherry. The wine is medium to full-bodied and supple; a soft, savoury, rich-but-dry style that is nicely balanced. Very good fleshy density. Nice long after-palate.

THE REAL REVIEW

Nick Butler

Bright and vibrantly expressive - youthful and fresh. Violets and dried red flowers, lifted blue fruits. Oak is imperceptible - juicy, plush fruit allowed to sing. A brilliant wine, crafted to celebrate the region.

2019 Shiraz

THE REAL REVIEW

Stuart Knox

Deep ruby core with a hint of purple lingering in the rim. Vibrant red and black fruits, rosemary and broken terracotta aromas. Full-bodied, weighty dark fruits, but the palate is driven by savoury olive tapenade, wakame and graphite minerality. A feeling of darkness and depth, brooding and intense. The tannins are like fine chalk, giving length. Many years of enjoyment here .

2020 Shiraz

THE REAL REVIEW

Huon Hooke

Deepish red/purple colour. Aromas of white pepper and dry spices, the palate firm and taut, tense and tightly packed, with potential to unfold more with time. Some elegance here and it still has more to show us.

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Ned Goodwin

Very good proprietary shiraz. Weighty, but svelte and stylish, the French oak (15% new) and the period in it (18 months) both well placed, serving to harness lively florals, dark cherry, dried nori, clove and anise. Nicely structured and fresh of feel as a result. Very good drinking.