

SHIRAZ 2015**JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2018**James Halliday, August 2017

96 Points

Deep, bright purple; the bouquet and medium to full-bodied palate sing loud and clear from the same page, with blackberry and plum fruit skilfully enshrined in fine, ripe tannins, plus a nudge of oak. There is a harmony, a completeness to the wine that means it is toally open-ended, its drinking window without borders.

WINEORBIT.CO.NZSam Kim, July 2017

5 Stars & 95 Points

This is a hugely appealing shiraz; the gloriously rich bouquet shows black/blueberry, cocoa, floral and toasted hazelnut characters, leading to a sumptuous palate that is concentrated and superbly fruited. The wine offers opulence and power, wonderfully complemented by velvety texture and silky tannins. At its best: now to 2025.

RAYMONDCHANWINEREVIEWS.CO.NZRaymond Chan, July 2017

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Full, near-impenetrable black-red colour with a lighter edge and slight purple hues. The nose is fine and firmly concentrated with intensely packed aromas of ripe blackberries, black pepper, ink and spices with subtle earthy and fragrant ok notes. Medium-full bodied, the palate is well-concentrated with ripe flavours of blackberries, black pepper, plum and spice notes with liquorice, earth and ok detail. The fruit is supported by fine, grainy tannin structure, balancing the richness. The wine is carried by the texture and grip to a long, lingering finish of sweet black fruits, pepper and earth. This is a well-concentrated, ripe, black-fruited Shiraz with complexing pepper, spice and earthy interest on a well-structured palate. Match with slow-cooked game meats over the next 7-9+ years. McLaren Vale fruit from the company's vineyards on Binney and Malpas Roads, fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 12 months in 25% new French and American oak hogsheads.

THE REAL REVIEWHuon Hooke, May 2017

4.5 Stars & 94 Points

Deep, youthful purple/red colour and a rich, chocolate-infused bouquet. The wine is full-bodied and fleshy, deep and dense, with full-bodied warm-climate style, and an abundance of tannin. Very rich, deep, luxurious wine, almost hedonistic. It will cellar long term.

ROYAL MELBOURNE WINE AWARDS

October 2017

Silver Medal & 93 Points

THE WINE FRONT

Campbell Mattinson, May 2017

5 Stars & 92 Points

McLaren Vale shiraz, with a twist. Toasty/smoky oak is a clear and important part of the wine's shtick but sweet, plum-like fruit is more than up to the task. This cuts a pretty good groove; it's a rich red but it's not without elegance. Indeed spicier, more red-berried notes add lift and energy. It's not at all heavy. It's not even especially dark in the glass. And yet it doesn't leave you wanting. Kudos.

CUISINE MAGAZINE

Issue 189, June 2018

4 Stars

"A wonderfully clean, vibrant style," noted John Belsham. Dark, brambly fruit has the lead, with coconut and mint in cameo roles. The tannins are not shy; they stand tall with a slaty intensity. It's not a demure, tidy wine, more of a rambunctious, big-hearted larrikin. Serve it with a hearty beef casserole.

CAMERONDOUGLASMS.CO.NZ

Cameron Douglas MS, August 2017

91 Points

Toasty, broody, oaky and very fruity bouquet; engaging and alluring aromas of dark berry fruits – fresh and cooked, a jammy note and packed with liquorice, vanilla and pepper spices. On the palate – intense, fruity, spicy and dry; decent level of concentration mid-palate with ripe berry fruit and oak flavours; fine tannins and medium acidity; fleshy, plump and toasty; dark spices, chocolate and pepper. Lengthy finish, balanced and well made. Drink now and through 2026.

AWC INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE VIENNA

October 2017

Silver Medal

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW

September 2017

Silver Medal

PERTH ROYAL WINE AWARDS

October 2017

Silver Medal & 17.0 / 20 Points