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AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2013

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YARRA VALLEY

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FIVE-STAR WINERY

★★★★★ 2010 ESTATE CHARDONNAY | TO BE RELEASED

Vibrant green hue; a beguiling combination of fresh grapefruit and pear, mixed with savoury notes of charcuterie, spicy oak and grilled nuts; the palate is electric on entry, with a fine balance of acidity and fruit weight seamlessly working toward a long energetic and expansive conclusion. Rating 96. To 2018.

★★★★☆ 2010 ESTATE SHIRAZ | TO BE RELEASED

Deep crimson; the bouquet shows savoury notes of game, leather, spice, layered with red and dark fruits; medium-bodied with tangy acidity, the palate is taut and fresh, slowly revealing the fine tannin and ample fruit lying beneath; time is needed for true revelation. Rating 92. To 2020.

★★★★☆ 2008 RESERVE CHARDONNAY | TO BE RELEASED

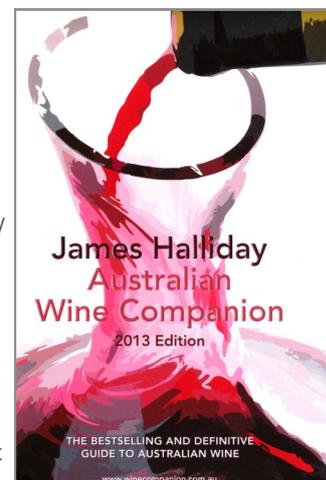
Deep gold, green hue; the concentration and depth of fruit in this wine is compelling, showing a savoury grilled nut and charcuterie driven personality; rich, unctuous and mouth coating, the backbone of acidity merely plays a supporting role to such hedonistic offerings; long, toasty, tasty and complex. Rating 94. To 2015.

★★★★☆ 2010 CHARDONNAY

A fleshy and generous wine showing melon, grapefruit and spice; forward and accessible, with tangy acidity and a long toasty finish; a good wine for drinking while the Estate wine slowly matures. Rating 90. To 2015.

★★★★☆ 2010 PINOT NOIR

Mid-crimson, bright; a vibrant and alluring bouquet of red cherry, spiced plums and earthy minerality; the palate is finely textured, silky and fresh, with an evenly balanced and inviting finish; a good example of user friendly and good value Yarra Valley pinot. Rating 90. To 2016.



CURRENT WINES REVIEWED IN PRIOR EDITIONS

★★★★★ 2009 DENTON CHARDONNAY | 2012 Edition

Mid-gold, bright; tightly wound and pure pear bouquet with accents of clove and ginger; vibrant and crunchy acidity provides detail, while the succulent fruit gives the wine length and generosity; a vibrant and pure expression of the region. Rating 94. To 2016.

★★★★★ 2007 RESERVE CHARDONNAY | 2010 Edition

Ripe and highly expressive bouquet with lots of toasty oak, grilled nuts and nectarine; the wine has pure power at all levels, and needs time to integrate all of its parts, and will go a long way. Rating 94. To 2015.

★★★★★ 2007 ESTATE CHARDONNAY | 2010 Edition

Vibrant hue; a restrained bouquet with pear, nectarine and gentle spice from the well-handled oak; fine and tightly wound with rapier-like acidity, and a pure fruit palate; very long and extremely fine and poised. Rating 95. To 2015.

★★★★☆ 2010 VIOGNIER | 2012 Edition

Pale colour; a tightly wound yet varietal bouquet, showing both talc and apricot kernel; the winemaking strives for a taut and refreshing palate and achieves this result; a fresh and zesty example of Viognier. Rating 90. To 2015.

★★★★ 2008 ESTATE PINOT NOIR | 2012 Edition

Showing developed characters of leather, forest floor and liqueur soaked plums; fleshy, rich and sweet fruited palate, the wine is ready to go now. Rating 89.

★★★★ 2008 ESTATE SHIRAZ | 2012 Edition

A medium bodied and spicy red and black fruit bouquet, supported by a complex brambly and tannin palate; savoury and refreshing on the finish, a fine example of cool Victorian Shiraz. Rating 94. To 2018.

★★★★ 2008 RESERVE SHIRAZ | 2011 Edition

Classic cool climate shiraz, with a complex spider's web of black cherry, spice and pepper aromas and flavours; the tannins on the mid-palate are perfect, master-minding the long finish. Rating 96. To 2028.