

JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION RESULTS 2017

KERRIGAN + BERRY WINES

RATING

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KERRIGAN + BERRY SHIRAZ 2014

Variety: Shiraz

Region: South West Australia Zone

Drink by: 2044

Date tasted: 24/3/2016

Fragrant black fruits, multi spices, licorice and a subnote of tar presage a totally distinguished and focused cool palate, cool in the sense of grapes that have been cool grown and picked at optimal ripeness, reflected by its sheer intensity.

RATING

95

KERRIGAN + BERRY RIESLING 2015



Variety: Riesling

Region: South West Australia Zone

Drink by: 2028

Date tasted: 1/7/2015

Lemon and lime notes spider their way through to a biting, dramatic finish. Frisson meets pure white wine. Talc and mineral characters add to the landscape. Scintillating.

RATING

95

KERRIGAN + BERRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2011

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Margaret River/Mt Barker

Drink by: 2031

Date tasted: 18/9/2014

A 50/50% blend of the two regions, eloquently demonstrating just how compatible the union can be; Margaret River provides the fleshy mid-palate, Mount Barker the finely boned structure and notes of cassis, the finish a duet between two tenors, oak and tannins provide the beat.



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HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 1 SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2015

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Variety: Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2025

Date tasted: 28/3/2016

Dry-grown old vines, subtle use of barrel fermentation. It's a superb effort: it's not a rock concert, but a symphony, intelligent and nuanced, long and superbly balanced.

RATING

96

HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 6 CHARDONNAY 2015

Variety: Chardonnay

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2025

Date tasted: 28/3/2016

The progression of Margaret River chardonnay continues unabated. Exceptionally fine and poised, it is laden with white peach, nectarine and a hint of complex leesy oak. Superbly fine and poised, long and energetic.

RATING

95

HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 8 CABERNET FRANC 2014

Variety: Cabernet Franc

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2026

Date tasted: 28/3/2016

It's rare to find a 100% cabernet franc, and this demonstrates there should be more. Lifted florals and berry fruit lead to a finely poised palate, superfine and with substantial length, it builds and builds, its finish full of energy.

RATING

95

HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 2 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2047

Date tasted: 28/1/2015

Destemmed, open-fermented with pump overs, 10 days post-fermentation maceration, matured in French oak for 18 months. Vivid crimson-purple colour introduces a cabernet's cabernet, full of blackcurrant fruits ringed by the autocratic tannins that are unique to the variety. Because the balance is there, patience (which is essential) will be richly rewarded.



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HAY SHED HILL WHITE LABEL MALBEC 2014

Variety: Malbec

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2028

Date tasted: 25/3/2016

It feels effortless and firm simultaneously, no mean feat. This is a 'thinking person's red', in the best sense of the words. Long chains of integrated tannin, smoke and ferrous nuances, berried fruits, herbs. It cuts its own path, and it's a rewarding one to follow.

RATING

94

HAY SHED HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2030

Date tasted: 2/3/2016

Wines like this can certainly be cellared but you're always left to wonder: why wait? Balance, flavour and texture are in such good form now that there's no good reason to deny yourself.

RATING

93

HAY SHED HILL CABERNET MERLOT 2014

Variety: Cabernet Merlot

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2025

Date tasted: 2/3/2016

This is what medium-weight red wine drinking is all about. It has fruit, it has flow, it has tannin and acid and yet it never threatens to become caught up in itself. For now or for the medium term cellar, it has the bases covered.

RATING

93

HAY SHED HILL SHIRAZ TEMPRANILLO 2014

Variety: Shiraz Blend

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2020

Date tasted: 2/3/2016

As soon as you open it you know you're onto something good. It's chocolatey and red/black berried and while not at all heavy, it still manages to fill all corners of your mouth with flavour. It feels and tastes good, and finishes well.

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HAY SHED HILL WHITE LABEL G40 RIESLING 2015

Variety: Off Dry White

Region: Mount Barker

Drink by: 2022

Date tasted: 28/3/2016

Spitoons aren't really needed when tasting wines such as this, it's so easy to swallow. (Why does that bring a naughty limerick to mind?) Perfect balance, but the fresh, zesty finish is the key. Lime in a tall glass with ice blocks.

RATING

93

HAY SHED HILL WHITE LABEL NEBBIOLO 2015

Variety: Nebbiolo

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2028

Date tasted: 25/3/2016

Gruff with tannin, as is the variety's want, and indeed it won't have much appeal unless you're totally onboard the nebbiolo train. There are no concessions here, no easy 'ins'. That put to bed, it's a fine wine. Leathery, laced with fennel and salt bush, and black cherried but in a surly way. It comes pretty close to nailing the variety.

RATING

93

HAY SHED HILL WHITE MERLOT 2014

Variety: Merlot

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2026

Date tasted: 25/3/2016

Excellent merlot. Made to be cellared over the medium term at least. Pencils, mulberry, dried herb and general bay leaf characters. It strikes up a conversation, engaging your interest, then politely suggests that you come back later.

RATING

92

HAY SHED HILL SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON 2015

Variety: Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2017

Date tasted: 1/7/2015

Such a convincing pitch. Smoothness to the texture, a general sense of restraint, and yet still it packs plenty of lemongrass, tropical fruit and citrus flavour into its punch.



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HAY SHED HILL PITCHFORK PINK 2015



Variety: Rose

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2016

Date tasted: 12/9/2015

Made from early picked cabernet sauvignon, and absolutely none the worse for that. Pale salmon-pink; a fragrant red berry-accented bouquet guides the way to a palate that has a beguiling texture, joining redcurrant with a gently savoury twist. The low alcohol is a distinct plus, the finish long and precise.

RATING

90

HAY SHED HILL PITCHFORK SHIRAZ 2013

Variety: Shiraz

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2018

Date tasted: 28/1/2015

Fermented in open stainless steel tanks with daily pump overs, matured in new and used French oak for 12 months. The bright crimson hue signals a fresh, juicy/spicy red fruit shiraz, and a gently savoury finish. Raring to go.

RATING

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HAY SHED HILL PITCHFORK CHARDONNAY 2015



Variety: Chardonnay

Region: Margaret River

Drink by: 2018

Date tasted: 12/9/2015

An unoaked version of chardonnay, more difficult than it might seem. The decision to pick early and retain maximum natural acidity has given the wine freshness and energy, with citrus/grapefruit flavours making the running.



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