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MY 'BEST BUYS'
ARE THE STRUIE
2017 AND THE GASK
2017: BOTH BRIGHT,
CHARACTER - FILLED,
SPICY WINES OF REAL
SUBSTANCE.

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The Real Review

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2016 RUNRIG

RATING: 97

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz, Viognier

Impressively deep, dark red/purple colour, with a bouquet of dried herbs, chaff, straw and black fruits. Viognier is not obvious as it is in the Descendant. It's full-bodied and powerful, with abundant sandy tannins and some toasted-nutty oak influences. Coal-dust, graphite, earthy Western Barossa nuances are strongly evident. Dense, concentrated and compact, with a nicely complete, resolved structure and impressive elegance considering the hot year. Excellent wine.



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2017 THE GASK

RATING: 97

FROM: Eden Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

Deep, bright, concentrated, youthful purple/red colour. The bouquet is fragrant and floral, with lifted pepper and spice aromas and some background meaty charcuterie notes. The wine is very elegant and intense, driving and precise, with lots of detail and tremendous, penetrating flavour. A ripping shiraz.



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2017 THE STRUIE

RATING: 96

FROM: Barossa, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz

(Barossa Valley & Eden Valley) Deep, concentrated purple/red hue with a rich, ripe aroma of violets, blackberry and hints of spice and background sooty and earthy notes. The wine is intense and bright, with rich sweet fruit on the mid-palate backed up by strong but supple tannins. Very long carry. A most impressive shiraz, the high and low country components fitting together seamlessly.



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2017 THE STEADING

RATING: 95

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Grenache, Mataro, Shiraz

Medium to deep red/purple, a bright youthful colour. The bouquet is loaded with pepper, spices and earthy notes, with that particular earthy pepperiness of Barossa mataro. The palate is sinewy, drying and savoury, with a lovely core of dark plum and cherry pulled into line at the finish by fine, persistent tannins. Lovely wine.



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2017 HILLSIDE SHIRAZ ROUSSANNE

RATING: 94

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz Roussanne

Deep, dark red colour with a good tint of purple, the bouquet loaded with black fruits, black olives and dark chocolate. It's very powerful, concentrated and tightly-focused on the palate, with firm structure and a long carry. The roussanne gives more floral notes as opposed to the apricot of viognier, but the dominant note in the bouquet is the coal-dusty, sooty character of Barossa shiraz grown on ironstone. A very smart wine. (8% co-fermented roussanne, included as wet skins)

2016 HILLSIDE GRENACHE

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Grenache

Deep red/purple colour bright and youthful, a bouquet of lovely dark cherry and spices, rich and deep in the mouth with coal-dust and ironstone nuances. Lush sweet fruit populates the mid-palate and lasts long on the finish, aided and abetted by abundant fine, dry tannins that cleanse the finish beautifully.

2017 KYLOE MATARO

RATING: 93

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Mataro

Medium to full red colour with a good tint of purple. The bouquet is earthy, meaty and savoury, peppery later as well, and the palate is tight and firm, disciplined and taut, with a long carry and a youthfully firm follow-through. (300 dozen made. On-premise sale only)

2016 DESCENDANT

RATING: 91

FROM: Barossa Valley, South Australia

VARIETY: Shiraz, Viognier

Deep, dark red/purple colour, with a sweetly jammy bouquet of super-ripe fruit. The floral and apricot notes of the viognier soar above the graphite and black fruits of the hot-year Western Barossa shiraz. The wine has massive concentration and power, amplitude and breadth, with gritty tannins and a certain lack of elegance. It's a big, ballsy wine which showcases guts over grace. The viognier is a bit too overt for my liking.



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