



James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Tasting Notes



2012 Trevarrick Single Contour Clare Valley Shiraz

Deep, dense crimson-purple; estate-grown, from the hillside vines planted in the 70's. A wine of great class and elegance, with a seductive array of red and black cherry fruits, spice and pepper on its bouquet, precisely repeated on the supple, juicy, silky medium-bodied palate. So easy to enjoy now, most will be long since consumed prior to its notional best-by date.

Rating:	97
Drink By:	2047
Price:	\$72.50
Date Tasted:	18 September 2014
Alcohol:	13.5%



2012 Trevarrick Single Contour Clare Valley Cabernet Franc

Dense in the context of the variety. Fresh, lively, grassy flavour on raisiny, curranty fruit. Has a spirited personality, a joie de vivre. Tannin is fine. Finish is enduring. Decision to bottle this as a varietal wine was fully warranted.

Rating:	94
Drink By:	2025
Price:	\$75.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	14.5%



2014 Clare Valley Riesling

Citrus juice and zest notes get the mouth watering, as you'd expect of young Clare riesling, but it's grippier and richer than is standard. Thrust of flavour through the finish doesn't do its quality claims any harm.

Rating:	93
Drink By:	2022
Price:	\$24.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	12.2%



2012 Basket Pressed Clare Valley The Cabernets

85/9/6% estate-grown cabernet sauvignon, malbec and cabernet franc separately matured in French hogsheads for 24 months before the components were blended. There is a strong herbal/briary background to the cassis and black olive flavours of the medium-bodied palate. Needs time to flesh out.

Rating:	93
Drink By:	2027
Price:	\$32.00
Date Tasted:	01 July 2014
Alcohol:	14%



2012 Basket Pressed Clare Valley Shiraz

It's not the brightest spark but it's determined. Flavours are dense and dullish, all menthol, leather, blackberry and tar, but the integration of caramelly oak, grunty tannin and powerful fruit is so exemplary it makes a solid impression.

Rating:	92
Drink By:	2023
Price:	\$32.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	13.5%



2012 Take Two Basket Pressed Clare Valley Shiraz Cabernet

In the end the wine's balance wins the day. It's an easy wine to be ambivalent about, its flavour of mint, cherry-plum, leather and clove fairly stock standard, but the way it keeps its feet grounded and clips flavour all the way through the palate and out through the finish is impressive.

Rating:	92
Drink By:	2022
Price:	\$24.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	13.5%



2014 Malbec Cabernet Rose

Bright and alive in the glass, all juicy cherries/raspberries, foresty spice and violet, its herbal nuances through the finish nothing other than a positive.

Rating:	91
Drink By:	2016
Price:	\$22.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	13.4%



2014 Clare Valley Gewürztraminer

No doubting its intensity. Nor its varietal character. Turkish delight, generous splashes of spice, rich texture and flavour. It's all rolled into a ball, ready for easy consumption.

Rating:	89
Drink By:	2018
Price:	\$26.00
Date Tasted:	01 January 2015
Alcohol:	13.5%