

James Halliday

# Australian Wine Companion

**Stefani Estate** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES



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The View Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2007

Gleaming green-straw; a notably complex wine with barrel ferment inputs to intense stone fruit and some citrus flavours; has compelling length. Diam.  
13.5% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2014 \$45 Date Tasted Mar 10**

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The View Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2007

Exceptional crimson hue for a three-year-old pinot; has a complex and rich bouquet of plum and black cherry fruit, characters than in turn drive the long, textured palate and lingering aftertaste. Diam.  
13.5% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2015 \$50 Date Tasted Mar 10**



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The Gate Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2007

Some colour development; a complex medium- to full-bodied wine with quite juicy blackcurrant and cassis fruit, then a savoury finish, the question of smoke taint refusing to go away, but it's only a question, not an answer Diam.  
13.5% alc. **Rating 91 Drink 2014 \$45 Date Tasted Mar 10**

Vino Rosso Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

Good colour; an interesting savoury style, with a distinctly European feel; medium-bodied with red fruits prevailing, the tannins are plentiful; chewy and mouthfilling. Screwcap.  
14% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2014 \$25 Date Tasted Jan 10**

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Heathcote Vineyard Shiraz 2007

Undeniably concentrated with rich and dark, fruitcake-like offerings; the palate is dense and quite chewy, and quite massively proportioned; a big wine, in need of plenty of protein. Diam.  
14.5% alc. **Rating 90 Drink 2014 \$50 Date Tasted Jan 10**



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The View Yarra Valley Pinot Gris 2008

Pale bronze; is in the mainstream gris style, ripe fruit giving texture to the brown pear and red apple flavours. Diam.  
14% alc. **Rating 89 Drink 2012 \$35 Date Tasted Mar 10**