

Stefani Estate

Yarra Valley

Star Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES

Stefani Estate 2014 Heathcote Vineyard Shiraz Barrel Selection

<p>Rating: 96 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2034</p> <p>Price: \$55</p> <p>Date Tasted: February 2016</p>	<p>From the higher slopes of the vineyard, matured in new and used French barrels for 12 months, a best barrel selection. Densely coloured, this is a particularly concentrated, yet fine, full-bodied wine, with blackberry, plum and licorice running through the long beautifully composed palate.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2013 The View Yarra Valley Chardonnay

<p>Rating: 95 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2020</p> <p>Price: \$55</p> <p>Date Tasted: February 2016</p>	<p>Has started to develop some very attractive characters, fig, creamy cashew and a fleck of honey all contributing, assisted by Yarra Valley mineral acidity.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2015 Heathcote Vineyard Marsanne

<p>Rating: 94 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2028</p> <p>Price: \$30</p> <p>Date Tasted: February 2016</p>	<p>Hand-picked, bunch-sorted, pressed, when fermentation underway transferred to French barriques for completion of fermentation and 3 months maturation. Has the classic varietal honeysuckle plus, of course, complexity ex barrel fermentation. This has exceptional development potential.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2014 The View Yarra Valley Pinot Noir

<p>Rating: 94 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2025</p> <p>Price: \$55</p>	<p>Estate-grown, hand-picked, bunch-sorted, open-fermented, matured in new and used French oak for 11 months. Gamey/charcuterie nuances on the bouquet, then a powerful and complex palate; plum and wild blackberry floating over a foresty/earthy bedrock of flavours. Will go the distance.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2014 Heathcote Vineyard Shiraz

<p>Rating: 94 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2030</p> <p>Price: \$35</p> <p>Date Tasted: March 2016</p>	<p>Estate-grown, hand-picked and sorted, open-fermented, hand-plunged, matured in new and used French barrels for 12 months. A very attractive, well balanced and structured medium-bodied palate, the tannins soft but persistent; spicy plum fruits do the talking, tannins coming through on the finish.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2013 The Gate Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

<p>Rating: 94 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2028</p> <p>Price: \$55</p>	<p>From a block near the gate of the property planted on a northwest facing slope, hand-picked, open-fermented, hand-plunged, matured in new and used French oak for 12 months. It is a convincingly ripe (not overripe) cabernet with hints of black chocolate and plum underlying the blackcurrant fruit. Authentic Yarra Valley cabernet.</p>
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Stefani Estate 2015 Boccallupo Yarra Valley Sangiovese

<p>Rating: 93 🍷🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2025</p> <p>Price: \$45</p>	<p>Each ferment is hand-plunged and macerated for 4 weeks, 11 months maturation in new and used French barriques. The method works well, the structure and tannins support the multiple black, red and sour cherry flavours of the palate and finish.</p>
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Vigna Stefani 2015 Heathcote Malbec

<p>Rating: 88 🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2020</p> <p>Price: \$30</p> <p>Date Tasted: February 2016</p>	<p>100 dozen made, aged in four used French barriques for 4 months. Has obvious potential.</p>
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Vigna Stefani 2015 Yarra Valley Pinot Blanc

<p>Rating: 88 🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2018</p> <p>Price: \$30</p> <p>Date Tasted: February 2016</p>	<p>Hand-picked, matured in French barriques and stainless steel barrels for 4 months. Peach blossom aromas, and just visible peach fruit. Interesting pinot blancs are as rare as unicorns..</p>
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Stefani Estate 2015 The View Yarra Valley Pinot Gris

<p>Rating: 87 🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2016</p> <p>Price: \$30</p> <p>Date Tasted: March 2016</p>	<p>Certainly complex.</p>
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Vigna Stefani 2015 Yarra Valley Pinot Noir

<p>Rating: 87 🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2020</p> <p>Price: \$30</p>	<p>Matured in used French barriques and stainless steel barrels for 4 months. Simply doesn't have enough fruit drive on the mid-palate and finish.</p>
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Vigna Stefani 2015 Yarra Valley Chardonnay

<p>Rating: 86 🍷🍷🍷</p> <p>Drink By: 2017</p> <p>Price: \$30</p>	<p>Distinct straw tinge to the colour; the palate, too, is softer</p>
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