

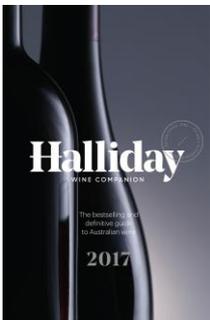


Katnook

COONAWARRA

Halliday Wine Companion 2017

Keenly anticipated each year by winemakers, collectors and wine lovers worldwide, James Halliday's *Halliday Wine Companion* is recognised as the Australian wine industry benchmark.



"Second in size (in the region) to Wynns Coonawarra Estate, Katnook has made significant strides since its acquisition by Freixenet, the Spanish Cava producer; at one time selling most of its grapes, it now sells a maximum of 10 percent. The historic stone woolshed in which the second vintage in Coonawarra (1896) was made, and which has served Katnook since 1980, has been restored. Likewise, the former office of John Riddoch has been fully restored and is now the cellar door, and the former stables now serve as a function area. Well over half the total estate plantings are cabernet sauvignon and shiraz, with the Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon and Prodigy Shiraz the icon duo at the top of a multitiered production. Exports to all major markets."



5 Glass Rating

Outstanding. Wines of the highest quality, often with a distinguished pedigree. Gold rating.



Katnook Prodigy Shiraz 2012

96 points

Drink by 2037

Has retained very good hue; Prodigy marches to the tune of its own drum, and practice has long since made perfect. Despite all the winemaking, and in particular the time spent in oak, it has retained balance, emerging at the end of the process as elegant; the fruit is of high quality ex the vineyard, and no less ex the bottle, the tannins supple, the wine fresh. The high quality cork has been perfectly inserted.



Katnook Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

95 points

Drink by 2037

Hyper-intense, full-bodied cabernet varietal fruit is beyond the normal Odyssey style, but none the worse (indeed better) for that; blackcurrant and bay leaf, plus notes of tar, race along the palate, barely checking their momentum on the finish and aftertaste.



Katnook Amara Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

95 points

Drink by 2038

Its maturation for 16 months in French barriques (50 percent new) simply confirms what the palate already says: this is made in the Baroque (significantly oaked) style established by Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon and Prodigy Shiraz. As with the two big guns, there's also a power of fruit from the 40 year old cabernet vines, the tannins pure bred.



Katnook Caledonian Cabernet Shiraz 2013

94 points

Drink by 2038

Good colour; an opulent, medium to full-bodied blend with a cascade of blackcurrant, blackberry, cherry, tannins and vanillan oak all sweeping along the palate.





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4 & ½ Glass Rating

Highly recommended. Wines of great quality, style and character, worthy of a place in any cellar. Silver rating.



Katnook Estate Merlot 2013

90 points

Drink by 2028

Destemmed and crushed, cultured yeast, 14 days on skins, 53 percent matured in French barriques, 19 percent in American barriques for 19 months. The cassis fruit has a camouflage of dried herbs and bay leaf, but taken with the oak it all works well enough.



Katnook Estate Chardonnay 2014

90 points

Drink by 2020

Crushed and pressed, fermented in French and American barriques (60 percent new) with a mix of cultured and wild yeast. The fruit is fresh, the flavours authentic.



Katnook Founder's Block Sparkling Shiraz 2013

90 points

Drink by 2020



4 Glass Rating

Recommended. Above-average quality and with clear varietal expression



Katnook Estate Shiraz 2013

89 points

Drink by 2025

Good colour; there's plenty to chew on here; red and black fruits, tannins and most of all oak.



Katnook Estate Riesling 2015

89 points

Drink by 2023

Crushed and destemmed, cool-fermented in stainless steel. Has some of the green apple seen in Coonawarra rieslings, but citrus is the major player, allied with some mineral acidity.



Katnook Founder's Block Sauvignon Blanc 2015

88 points

Drink by 2016

Crushed and pressed, cold-fermented in stainless steel with cultured yeast. It has respectable varietal flavour and length.



Katnook Founder's Block Merlot 2014

88 points

Drink by 2020

Excellent colour; Katnook has invested time and money in getting its head around merlot; this is a fresh, approachable style with good varietal character, ready now.