

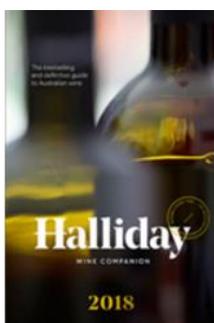


Katnook

COONAWARRA

Halliday Wine Companion 2018

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.



"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.

Odyssey

Katnook Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

96 points

Drink by 2037

Machine-harvested, crushed and destemmed, fermented in a mix of open and closed fermenters, 5-10 days on skins, matured for 36 months in French (56 percent new) and used American oak. Obviously, oak leaves a footprint on the wine, but there is a wealth of blackcurrant/cassis, bay leaf and spice to provide balance to a warm hearted, generous wine that can be enjoyed now or in 20+ years. A enduring part of the Coonawarra landscape since its first vintage in '91.



Katnook Amara Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

95 points

Drink by 2035

Fermented in both closed and open fermenters for 5-10 days, matured for 11 months in barriques, 93 percent French (45 percent new), 7 percent American. Excellent crimson-purple; a distinguished Coonawarra cabernet with abundant mulberry and cassis fruit that has absorbed the new French oak without a murmur. The tannins are firm (as they should be) and the long-term future of the wine is assured.

Katnook The Caledonian Cabernet Shiraz 2015

95 points

Drink by 2030

55 percent cabernet sauvignon, 35 percent shiraz, the remaining 10 percent tannat and petit verdot, matured for 14 months in French oak (40 percent new). The oak is obvious on the bouquet, although less so on the complex, full-bodied palate, with its array of blackberry, blackcurrant, plum and spicy oak flavours, the tannins built to size.





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4 & ½ Glass Rating

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



Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

93 points

Drink by 2029

Matured for 17 months in 45 percent French (9 percent new), 30 percent used American oak and 25 percent in tank. Good hue, an attractive medium-bodied cabernet with cassis and mulberry fruit to the fore, tannins and oak playing a pure support role. Well made.



Katnook Squires Cabernet Merlot 2014

90 points

Drink by 2024

Machine-harvested, cultured yeast, part (43 percent) matured in used French, part (11 percent) in American oak for 10 months, the remainder held in tank until blended. Not a common blend in Coonawarra, but this works very well, with abundant cassis and plum fruit, and enough tannins to satisfy.



4 Glass Rating

Recommended. Above-average quality, with clear varietal expression



Katnook Founder's Block Shiraz 2015

89 points

Drink by 2020

The real positive is the wine's texture. It feels smooth, almost silken. It tastes of redcurrant and ripe plum, is light to medium weight, and travels attractively through the mouth.



Katnook Founder's Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

89 points

Drink by 2023

The flavours dip slightly through the mid-palate but this is otherwise a reliable serving of blackcurrant, mint and briar-like flavour, its various components needing a little more time to properly knit.



Katnook Estate Merlot 2014

88 points

Drink by 2020

Matured for 28 months in 40 percent French (13 percent new) and 51 percent used American oak. The colour is distinctly developed for a 3year old wine; it is light to medium-bodied.

