



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2012

13<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

Katnook Prodigy Shiraz is one of 65 wines listed in the 'Excellent' category of the Langton's VI, Classification of Australian Wine.

### Awards

Silver medal	2016 Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Competition (Hong Kong)
Silver medal	2016 Decanter Asia Wine Awards (Hong Kong)

### Reviews

#### **Australian Gourmet Traveller (Australia), September 2018**

The 2012 Katnook Estate Prodigy is showing all sorts of complex flavours from fruit and development – chocolate, coffee, hints of dried herbs and cedar. Bennie waxed lyrical. "Choc-cherry aromas, kirsch, liquorice, green herbs, fennel and gum leaf," he said. "Slick, medium-weight feel, very even, quite elegant. Good, concentrated dark fruit flavours, some pepper/green herb and a long, savoury finish. This is quite lovely. Finishes with some mocha tannin and fresh acidity. Good."

#### **Regan Drew, Vinonotebook (Online), 24 September 2017**

Almost impenetrable. A wine that doesn't relinquish its hand early. Opulent young chary oak provides an armour to raspberry, blueberry, Tegan blue plum, chocolate coated Turkish Delight, pink peppercorns and ink. Roasted coffee bean essence lingers over mezzo-forte acidity and an under blanket of sandy tannins. This appears brutish, but ensures the finish is rose petal floral. 15 years plus in the cellar. One for the quintessential "big red" lovers or a cellar staple.

#### **Huon Hooke, [www.therealreview.com](http://www.therealreview.com) (Australia), August 2017**

**91 points**

#### **Dan Traucki, [www.wineassist.com.au](http://www.wineassist.com.au) (Australia), 9 June 2017**

A consistent high flyer. The very first vintage won the JIMMY WATSON TROPHY in 1998 and the 2012 is just as classy.

There are ripe berries and oak on the bouquet. It is a big, elegant wine with layers of flavour, supple tannins and superb balance. This wine will keep well for 10 years or more, IF you possess the patience and have good storage conditions. ABSOLUTELY SCRUMPTIOUS!

#### **Wine Companion (Australia), 1 June 2017**

The three flagship wines from Coonawarra's Katnook Estate are now available. The Katnook Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon 2012, Katnook Prodigy Shiraz 2012 and Katnook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 are the latest releases for these benchmark wines. Long-time Katnook winemaker Wayne Stehbins believes 2012 was one of the finest vintages that Coonawarra has seen. Wayne says 2012's exceptional growing conditions have created an Odyssey and Prodigy with "great depth of flavours and fine tannins". The Odyssey is listed as Outstanding under the Langton's Classification, while the Prodigy and Katnook Estate Cabernet are both rated as Excellent.

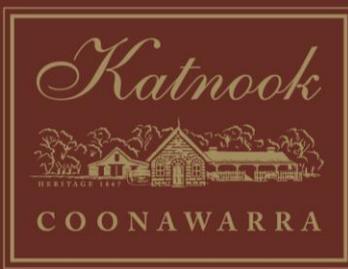


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**Ray Jordan, The Weekend West (Australia), 29 April 2017**

**96 points**

The clever use of oak, both new and used French and American for an extended period, is a feature of this style. Of course, it's based on super-concentrated Coonawarra fruit that laps up this sort of treatment. Rich, opulent and powerful but with a stylishness you expect from this region. Intense spice and licorice complementing the dark chocolatey, ripe dark-plum and blackberry fruit flavours. 96/100. Best drinking: Now 2032.



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**David Ellis, Western Weekender & Coffs Harbour Advocate (Australia), 15 April 2017**

When you are one of just 65 wines listed as “Excellent” in Langton’s #VI Classification of Australian Wine – considered the ultimate guide to local fine wines – you certainly know you are doing something right. And Katnook Coonawarra have definitely proven just how right they have done that something with their now-released Katnook Prodigy Shiraz 2012, a wine crafted from small parcels of grapes off low-cropping Coonawarra vineyards renowned for fruit of consistently outstanding depth of flavour, plus excellent colour and firm tannins. Planted in the mid-1990s, these vineyards are meticulously managed with hand-pruning, bunch-thinning and shoot-removal to result in this remarkable Shiraz. Winemaker Wayne Stehbens says he considers 2012 to have been one of Coonawarra’s finest vintages, its grapes of wonderfully generous pure-fruit flavour, with underlying liquorice spice, finely-grained tannins and plenty of length of flavour. With no change out of \$100 a bottle, this is one to offer for a very special occasion. With no change out of \$100 a bottle, this is one to offer for a very special occasion, for long and leisurely enjoyment with brioche, hard cheeses, paté and quince paste, or a main course of rich, gamey venison that will play beautifully to the wine’s flavours.

**Peter Chapman, Chronicle Toowoomba and Daily Mercury (Australia), 12 April 2017**

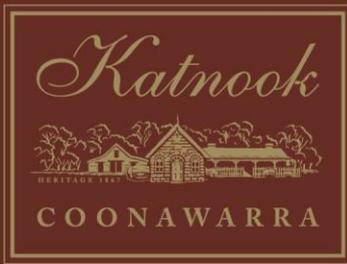
**96 points**

Deep in brooding red fruit flavours and a structure reflecting true elegance. The best shiraz released this year. Rating: 96 points.

**James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion 2017 (Australia), August 2016**

**96 Points**

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. 96 points. Drink by 2037.



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2010

12<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

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### Awards

Gold medal	2016 International Wine & Spirit Competition (UK)
Gold medal	2016 Korea Wine Challenge (Korea)
Silver Outstanding medal	2015 International Wine & Spirit Competition (UK)
Silver Outstanding medal	2014 International Wine & Spirit Competition (UK)
Silver medal	2016 International Wine Challenge
Silver medal	2015 Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Competition (HK)
Silver medal	2015 International Wine Challenge
Silver medal	2014 Decanter Asia Wine Awards (HK)
Silver medal	2014 International Wine Challenge

### Reviews

#### International Wine & Spirit Competition (UK), 26 September 2016

##### Gold Medal

Dense inky core colour with a brick red edge. Dark earthy aromas initially, then an abundance of cassis, plum, and black cherry fruit intensity, shot through with menthol, and some benign bitter olive and bitumen notes, also cedar and leather creeping in. The palate is showing hints of how this wine is evolving - still tight and compact now, but will loosen and allow the tannic elements to further integrate and be supportive. One for the cellar.

#### John Lewis, Newcastle Herald (Australia), 11 December 2015

This intense fruit-driven Coonawarra shiraz has 14.5 per cent alcohol and entices with berry pastille scents. Raspberry, plum, licorice and mint chocolate characters come through on the palate. It is the latest version of the Prodigy label wine was first made in 1997 and which won that year's Jimmy Watson Trophy.

#### Ben Thomas, The Weekly Review Melbourne (Australia), 3 December 2015

##### 94 Points

Katnook Estate's 2010 Prodigy Shiraz (\$100) is made to age and needs a lengthy decant to reveal spice, leather, plum, blackberry and cherry aromas, and sweet, concentrated flavours. Its tannins are terrific -two years in oak will do that- all soft and fine-grained, with a little chew and restrained grip. Its length is excellent. Time and patience will be rewarded. 94/100





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**Huon Hooke , [www.huonhooke.com](http://www.huonhooke.com) (Australia) , 1 October 2015**

**92 Points**

Deep red colour with a tinge of purple; the bouquet is vanillan, chocolaty and rich; fully ripe, with flesh and softness. This has been given plenty of oak, but it's not unbalanced. The oak adds flesh and richness to the wine. It's a quite opulent style that will develop more and more allure as it ages.

**Mike Bennie, Wine Business Monthly (Australia), 1 October 2015**

There's no doubt that Katnook's flagship Shiraz is a bombastic expression of the variety, but it manages to find balance in all its bold glory. Rich in ripe, spicy fruit scents and flavours with a lush cuddle of nougat oak, the wine rolls long in the palate with saturating density, feeling powerful and velvety as it rolls. Done very well in its style.

**Regan Drew, [www.vinonotebook.com](http://www.vinonotebook.com) (Australia), 5 August 2015**

Like a run with the wolves, Remus to the Odyssey's Romulus. Deep red currant, maraschino, leather and rich ripe plum ooze forth and link like chain mail with formidable oak to present as an impenetrable wall of aroma/armour. Fresh bay leaf, pepper even a touch of cumin-like spice add intrigue to depth. Instantly heavy on the tongue with incredible dark Coonawarra flavour yet still maintaining balance. There's a hint of olive savouryness that creeps in amongst almost unctuous red fruit melange with that regional coolness. Let it breathe, the good fruit is evident beneath that cloak of sweet oak and whilst this is a muscular, rich and exalted warrior, it doesn't give false hope of being a tyrant. The Prodigy is just that for now, an omen as to what it will become.

**Peter Chapman, Coastal Views (Australia), 31 July 2015**

Katnook's Wayne Stehbens has excelled with this beautifully crafted shiraz. You could pull this out for the Queen and be confident of getting a winning nod and smile.

**David Ellis, Coffs Coast Advocate (Australia), 25 July 2015**

It's \$100 a bottle now, best recommended drinking time is 40 years away in 2055 – yet already it's garnered enough local and international awards and accolades to fill all of this column, leaving us no space to talk about the wine itself. We're writing of the Katnook Prodigy Shiraz 2010 from a vintage lauded as one of the finest on record in Coonawarra, and with the wine made from small selections of vines renowned for consistently producing fruit of outstanding depth of flavour, exceptional colour and firm tannin structures. Senior viticulturist Chris Brodie used hand-pruning, bunch-thinning and shoot removal techniques to get the very best fruit off these already low-yielding vines, with winemaker Wayne Stehbens then employing small-batch vinification in open fermenters, basket pressing, and maturation in French and American oak barriques for two years. All this resulted in a wine of intense raspberry and plum aromas, marvellous pure-fruit flavours, and with underlying licorice spice and finely-grained tannins. There's no way we could hold off for 40 years, and reckon any time will be right to enjoy this one simply on its own with close family or good friends – in front of a winter's fire now, or maybe in the sun on the balcony come spring.

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2016 (Australia), May 2015**

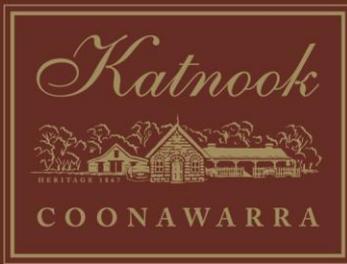
**96 Points**

As ever, a careful selection of the best parcels of estate grapes, the wine spent 25 months in equal parts of French and American barriques. It's in unmistakable Prodigy style, oak prominent, but there is also supple plum, cherry and licorice fruit of quite exceptional length, making this the best Prodigy since '02. 96 points. Cellar until 2040.

**Rob Geddes MW, February 2015**

Polished ripe power rich oak and ripe cooked plum with silky full bodied palate and firm finishing maturity.





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**Campbell Mattison, Winefront (Australia), 12 January 2015**

**93 Points**

Katnook's Prodigy Shiraz is one of the more noted heavy hitters of Coonawarra. It's matured in both French and American oak, a whopping 95 percent of which was new. It smells of spearmint and toast, tastes of toast and malt and vanillin, and then afterwards comes forward with brooding-but-fresh plum notes. There's a lot of oak to wade through before the fruit is allowed to shine; the hallowed turf of Coonawarra's red dirt isn't of much consequence in a style like this. That said, given time to breathe this wine does serve up a mouthful of quality flavour, with game and leather notes adding to the complexity of the show. It's also long and sweetly flavoured, with impeccably fine tannin. The decanter for now is its best friend, but so too some extra time in the cellar. Rated: 93 Points

**Winestate National (Australia), 1 December 2014**

**4.5 Stars**

Oak dominated aromas showing cedary/cigar box characters. Soft palate, rich with big intense multi-layered flavours and showing incredible length. 4.5 Stars

**International Wine Challenge 2014 (UK), 8 May 2014**

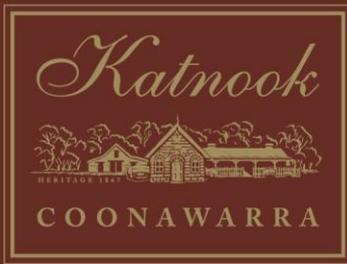
**Silver Medal**

Wonderfully intense and savoury cool climate Syrah fruit. Sweet and rich palate that retains Coonawarra freshness. Lovely!

**International Wine & Spirit Competition 2014**

**Silver Outstanding Medal**

Crimson brick in colour. A benign touch of VA, the nose is crammed with loganberry, raspberry and blackberry, chocolate box, Asian spice, liquorice, leather, hot griddle stone. Spiced plum flavours in the mouth, ripe, slightly dry tannins uphold and support the weight of luscious rich fruit. Concentration and depth, with a fine earthy mineral seam running through. Beautiful wine.



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## Katnook Prodigy 2009 11<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

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### Awards

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Silver Outstanding medal      2013 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)

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### Reviews

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James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2015 (Australia)*, 30 July 2014

**94 points**

Preliminary maturation for 13 months in 50/50 American and French barriques (75 percent new), then a blended barrel selection spent a further 20 months in new and used French and American oak, no percentage specified. Good colour; obviously, an auto da fé of oak, but the quality and concentration of the fruit has not been vanquished. An inimitable style.

Winestate (Australia), 1 December 2013

Big, powerful wine that is probably at its peak. Nicely aged fruit with chocolaty overtones but still surprisingly youthful.

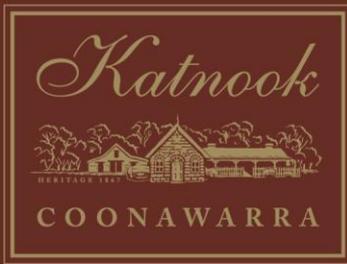
Oz Clarke, *Pocket Wine Book 2013*

Odysseys Cabernet Sauvignon and Prodigy Shiraz mixing power with indulgence. An excellent wine in its category – one especially worth seeking out.

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2013 (UK)

**Silver Outstanding medal**

Velvety, strong and exotic, this wine opens up on the palate to give a powerful yet elegant black fruit sensation and fine expression of the Syrah grape. Passion in a glass.



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2008 10<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

### Awards

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Gold medal	2012 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)
Silver medal	2011 International Wine & Spirits Competition (UK)
Silver medal	2011 International Wine Challenge (UK)

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### Reviews

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Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com (USA), February 2014

95 points

Deep garnet-purple and showing aromas of warm black fruits, spices and licorice alongside nuances of anise, blueberries, charcoal and earth, the 2008 Prodigy Shiraz has a densely packed, medium to full-bodied frame draped with opulent fruit concentration, medium-firm levels of rounded tannins and a very long finish. Drink it now to 2024+

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2012 (Australia)

94 points

Deep purple-crimson, relatively speaking more elegant than some of its predecessors, 26 months in predominantly French and American oak barrels woven into the quite savoury / spicy black fruits and the extended finish. Rating 94. Cellar to 2020.

Winestate (Australia), October 2012

Nicely matured wine. Some herbal aromas. Moderate intensity of sweet/sour flavours.

Lisa Perrotti Brown, Wine Advocate US - Robert Parker (USA), April 2012

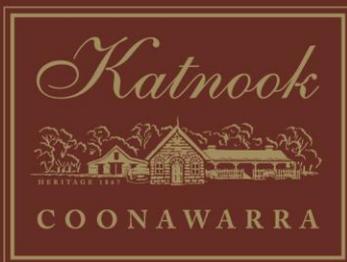
91+ points

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2008 Prodigy Shiraz offers complex layers of blackcurrant cordial, dried mulberry and blueberry preserves aromas over salami, licorice, espresso and vanilla. Concentrated on the full bodied palate, it has a medium to firm level of grainy tannins, lively acid and a long spicy finish. Approachable now, it should cellar to 2020+.

Mike Bennie, Wine Business Monthly (Australia), December 2011

93 points

This is ballistically super charged with lashings of Super Supreme oak, nougat sweetness, dark, concentrated berry fruit and mocha tannins. Has its time and place, and in 2008, reaches 11 on the dial, but in its own gait. 93/100



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**Ray Jordan, The West Australian (Australia), 19 November 2011**

**95 points**

This is an awesome and powerful statement of Coonawarra shiraz. Winemaker Wayne Stehbens chooses the best fruit from individual parcels and matures it in a mix of largely new French and American oak over at least 26 months. Such is the intensity of the fruit that it absorbs all the oak with ease. The flavour of dark fruit, spices and a touch of licorice and mocha is intense and complex. One for the cellar. 95/100 Perfect with pan-fried venison

**The Independent Wine Review (UK), 16 October 2012**

**92 points**

Katnook's "Prodigy" Shiraz is one of two wines with which the Katnook winery has been able to attain global acclaim (the other being the recently reviewed Katnook "Odyssey" Cabernet Sauvignon). Based out of Coonawarra (South Australia), Katnook make this Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz (and the Katnook "Odyssey" Cabernet Sauvignon) only in the finest vintages with their finest fruit. Primarily made with Shiraz fruit sourced from just one vineyard site, this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz saw the harvest take place between 17th April and 12th May 2008. From a vintage described by Katnook as "variable" in terms of weather conditions, Katnook nonetheless report that Shiraz fruit with an "outstanding depth of flavour" was sourced for this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz. Following fermentation, this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz was matured in a mix of French and American oak "barriques". 55 percent of the "barriques" used to mature this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz were new French oak, 40 percent were new American oak and 5 percent were older French "barriques". In all, the maturation of this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz lasted 26 months prior to bottling. In the glass this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz is an intense and inky ruby red colour. Aromatically, this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz shows varietally typical aromas of plum and bramble fruit, along with aromas of liquorice, clove and vanilla. Whilst it is perhaps the new oak that was used to mature this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz that is most evident on the nose, unlike some examples of South Australian Shiraz, this does not overpower the other aromas of this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz. In the mouth, concentrated ripe fruits again lead this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz. Flavours of ripe plum overlay those of blackberry to form the bulk of the palate of this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz, with a very subtle clove spice and plenty of vanilla and liquorice also featuring. There is an impressive depth of flavour on show in this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz, although perhaps this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz is not quite as nuanced as the "Odyssey" Cabernet Sauvignon. The tannins of this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz are plump and well integrated and this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz finishes long with fading darker fruits. This 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz probably could endure up to 8 years further in bottle, but it seems likely that many potential customers would enjoy the more fruit-biased wine that is on show today. Pair this 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz with peppered beef steaks. Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz (2008) Score: 92/100 - This 2008 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz is a Coonawarra Shiraz that is ripe, complex and long. Another exemplary offering from Katnook.

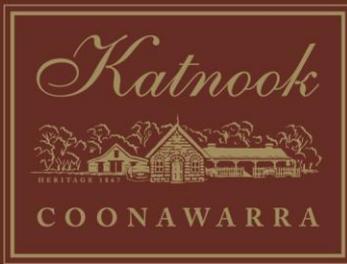
**Campbell Mattinson, Winefront Monthly (Australia), 23 October 2011**

**94 points**

This is the 10th release of Katnook Estate Prodigy shiraz. It spends 26 months in a mix of French and American oak, about half of which is new. Full-bodied and rich but this 2008 is remarkably spritely. It tastes of liqueured cherries, plums, toasty/smoky oak and bourbon. Those descriptors probably make it sound heavy, but the flavours remain fresh and lively, despite their intensity. Fresh acidity to finish. Soft, melted-in tannin. Faultless in the big, rich fashion. Rated : 94 Points

**Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 15 October 2011**

Sophisticated shiraz now in its 10th vintage. Extended maturation for 26 months in new and used French and American oak, layers of plum and black fruit, spice and chocolate, lovely poise and balance, fine, silky tannins and a pedigree to cellar for many years to come.



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## Patrick Haddock, Wining Pom (Australia), 10 October 2011

Welcome the big league with the first of two of Katnooks flagships, this year propelled to Excellent in the Langtons Classification, now both available in screwcap and cork. Unashamedly showy with ripe plum, mulberry, antique varnish, there's some oak influence derived from both American and French, something inky too, perhaps a suggestion of leather, white pepper and cinnamon. The palate is such an old school interpretation of Shiraz with glossy, black fruit intensity, plum, prune, and chocolate, grainy tannins that need time, a bit of wood spice and licorice before an extended finish. It's certainly going to last for decades and I can see it being drunk by an older demographic who are accustomed to the style and drink several bottles at lunch without blinking.

## Andrew Caillard MW, Langton's website (Australia), August 2011

Deep colour. Intense blackberry/ vanilla/ malt aromas with boysenberry notes. Generous fruit sweet boysenberry/ red currant/ malty/ vanillin flavours. Finishes firm and long.

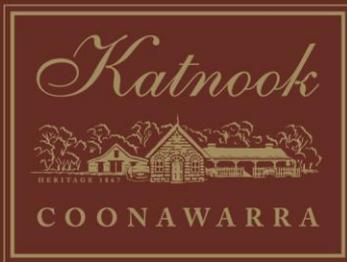
## Ross Noble, Mount Barker Courier (Australia), 15 June 2011

A terrific drink now also gives the impression it will become a master given some years in slumberland. A limited release in a numbered bottle and from an ideal vintage it reflects meticulous care in the vineyard. The Prodigy is a seamless amalgam of fruit and oak revealing ripe raspberry and plum, woven over spicy oak and pepper. \$95.

## International Wine and Spirit Competition (UK), May 2011

### Silver medal

Red fruits on the nose with richer black fruits underneath. Layers of flavour with a nutty edge of minerality.



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2006 9<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

### Awards

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Gold medal - Best in Class	2009 International Wine & Spirit Competition (UK)
Silver medal	2010 Decanter World Wine Awards (UK)
Silver medal	2010 Japan Wine Challenge (Japan)

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### Reviews

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**Andrew Caillard MW, Langton's website (Australia), August 2011**

**92 points**

Deep colour. Fresh herb, lovely redcurrant/ roasted nut/ panforte aromas. Sweet plummy/ red currant/ malty flavours, fine chocolaty tannins. Finishes crisp, but long and flavourful. 92 points.

**The Grape Observer (Australia), 7 December 2010**

Katnook's flagship "Prodigy" Shiraz 2006 vintage is simply great. Pepper and plums on the nose, with good length. A classy effort

**David Ellis, Melbourne Observer (Australia), 10 November 2010**

A must for the long-term investor, or those putting together a prize cellar for their own future enjoyment, is Katnook Estate's limited release 2006 Prodigy Shiraz. First made in 1997, with that release going on to win the Jimmy Watson Trophy the following year this wine has been a consistent trophy and medal winner ever since. Sourced from a small single vineyard within Katnook's Coonawarra property, the 2006 enjoyed ideal conditions with slightly above-average temperatures that resulted in fruit of outstanding varietal flavour, good palate structure and subtle richness. It certainly vindicates winemaker Wayne Stehbens belief that while Shiraz may be more challenging in Coonawarra than Cabernet Sauvignon, ultimately Coonawarra Shiraz comes into its own. This 2006 has loads of dark berry and liquorice flavours with hints of raspberry, together with pepper and spice notes and balanced new oak. A good investment for the future at \$95, or to enjoy with close family or friends over the Christmas turkey.

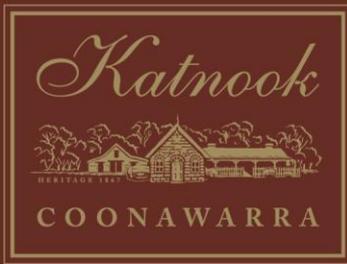
**Winestate Magazine (Australia), September 2010**

Evolved leathery wine – very complex. A lift of perfume on the nose, followed by a long, savoury palate.

**Gary Walsh, Winefront Monthly (Australia), 28 April 2010**

It's certainly not a wine for people who don't like oak, but there's balance here, which is the most important point – the fruit is matched (or up to) to the oak. So even if you'd rather have a bit less of it, it's more a question of style rather than one of quality. A mix of bright red and black fruits, aniseed, cold milk coffee, spice, wood and nougat – plenty of oak influence but it's good oak, quality oak. Medium to full bodied and spicy with excellent flow and freshness, fine grained but appropriately firm and shapely tannin and a long savoury coffee finish. It's not a blockbuster, but it's intense and flavoursome. Rated : 93 Points Tasted : April 10 Alcohol : 14.5 percent Closure : Screwcap Drink : 2011 – 2016+





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## London International Wine and Spirit Competition 2009 (UK)

Gold medal – Best in class

Dense intense cherry crimson colour. Fantastic lift on the nose, concentrated black plum, loganberry, chocolate and menthol with pronounced cigar box aromas. Richly textured in the mouth, massive concentration of fruit with nicely integrated cedary oak, a hefty whack of tannin is needed to support the lavish fruit weight, the palate has depth and viscosity, the finish is lengthy and layered with savory, peppery nuances.

## John Lewis, Newcastle Herald (Australia), 30 December 2009

5 stars

Katnook wine maker Wayne Stehbens concedes that shiraz is more challenging than cabernet sauvignon in Coonawarra but "when it all comes together Coonawarra shiraz truly comes into its own". That applies in spades in this expensive, but delightful, shiraz. It has flavour, elegance and wonderful mouthfeel. It glows dark garnet in colour and has bramble jelly and potpourri aromas. Profound blackcurrant flavour glides onto the front of the palate and Turkish delight chocolate, herb and spearmint fruit characters marry with spicy oak on the middle palate. Smooth flinty tannins show at the finish. The Prodigy name was adopted because the inaugural wine in 1997 was made from the first harvest from Katnook's shiraz vines. That wine went on to win the 1998 Jimmy Watson Trophy for the best one-year-old red at the Melbourne Wine Show. DRINK WITH: duck a l'orange, char-grilled rib eye steak with creamy mushroom sauce or minted lamb crown roast. AGEING: 15 years RATING: ★★★★★

## Limestone Coast Regional Tasting, Winestate Magazine (Australia), November / December 2009

Lovely spicy, Christmas pudding bouquet and well-balanced medium-weight palate with sweet berry fruits and drying oak.

## Penny Boothman, Australian Wine Business Monthly (Australia), November 2009

Warm toasty oak and liquorice on the nose, lifted by a healthy boost of alcohol, this has a palate like a big, rich bowl of summer pudding and vanilla custard. It's opulent, but reined-in where you might expect it to be chewy or tarry. Altogether very primary: big ripe fruit, a good whack of oak, grippy little tannins and mouth-tinglingly brisk acidity. Given a few years to get itself into order (and I mean at least five) this has all the building blocks to construct something pretty imposing.

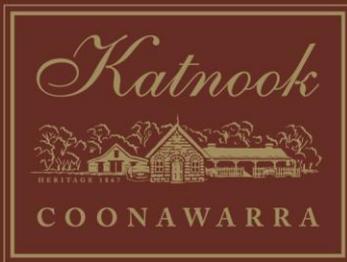
## Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 14 November 2009

Sensational stuff. From a quality Coonawarra vintage and a gold medal winner at this year's London International and Spirit Show. It's rich and opulent with layers of plum and black berry fruit, licorice, spice and peppery characters, super oak and velvet smooth tannins.

## James Halliday, Australian Wine Compendium 2010 (Australia), August 2009

95 points

Dense colour; the rich bouquet of black fruits and quality oak is replicated on the palate, which is stylish and intense, extract and alcohol perfectly balanced. Screwcap. Rating 95. To 2026.



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2005 8<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

### Reviews

[www.independent-wine-review.com](http://www.independent-wine-review.com) (UK), 15 July 2013

**92 points**

Alongside the Katnook "Odyssey" Cabernet Sauvignon, the Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz shares the honour of being one of this highly respected Coonawarra winery's "flagship" wines. Eschewing a South Australian penchant for huge alcoholic contents and almost port-like styles of Shiraz, Katnook aim to use the very best Shiraz fruit from their estate vineyards to produce a Shiraz (in the form of this "Prodigy") which is intensely flavoured, yet not overblown. Produced in small batches from hand harvested Shiraz grapes, this 2005 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz underwent an initial fermentation in stainless steel tanks, ahead of being transferred into primarily older, (70 percent) American oak for malo-lactic fermentation and maturation to occur. The remainder of the "barriques" used were constructed of French oak. After 24 months in oak, the different batches of this "Prodigy" Shiraz were then blended and the final wine bottled. With the current vintage of this "Prodigy" Shiraz on release from the Katnook winery the 2010, this 2005 "Prodigy" Shiraz has now seen an additional five years in bottle. Now an intense garnet colour in the glass, this 2005 iteration of the Katnook winery's "Prodigy" Shiraz offers an obvious and potent set of aromas as the wine is approached. Whilst the vanilla influence of oak and the mulchy development of aroma that comes about with additional maturation time in bottle are both evident, the fruit and floral aromas of this '05 "Prodigy" have been retained remarkably well for a wine of this age. Intense plum, blackcurrant and violet notes are suggestive of the underlying quality and concentration of the Shiraz fruit used to produce this wine. Full and smooth on the palate, this "Prodigy" Shiraz is a real winner. Based around the balanced plum and blackcurrant flavours that were evident on the nose, layers of chocolate, coffee and sweet spices are wrapped around the dark fruit core. More open and approachable in style than younger iterations of this "Prodigy" Shiraz have been in their youth, additional time in bottle seems to have benefited this wine nicely. The tannins and acidity now sit in harmony alongside the fruit and there are few Coonawarra Shiraz that offer this level of flavour intensity and yet approachability too. Drink this 2005 Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz in the next four years. Katnook "Prodigy" Shiraz (2005) Score: 92/100 - This "Prodigy" Shiraz rakes in yet another top score for the highly impressive Katnook winery.

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Compendium 2010 (Australia)**

**91 points**

A dense, dark and powerful wine, full of red fruits and a slight edge of fresh herbs; good length and intensity of fruit. Screwcap 14 percent alc. Rating 91. To 2020

**Guillaume Brahimi, Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), 29 August 2009**

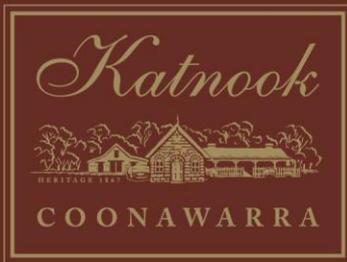
Nothing would be better with rich, hearty, daube of beef than a rich, hearty Australian Shiraz. Katnook Estate Prodigy Shiraz 2005 if you can afford it...a good blokey red.

**Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 3 March 2009**

A super premium Coonawarra shiraz that has spent 30 months in oak and is among the top echelon of shiraz styles in the country. Opulent and textured with layers of black berry fruit on the palate, a solid core of spice, peppery characters and velvet smooth tannins.

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, eRobertParker.com (USA), February 2009**





# Katnook Prodigy

## 90 points

Deep garnet colour. Downright seducing aromas of ripe, fresh blackcurrant, cherry pie, eucalyptus and cinnamon. The palate is elegantly structured with a medium+ level of fine tannins and medium to high acidity beneath pure, beautifully conveyed fruit. Well integrated oak. Great balance and a long finish. Drinking now but should age gracefully over the next 5-7 years. Tasted February 2009.

## Campbell Mattinson and Gary Walsh, *The Big Red Wine Book 2009/10 (Australia)*

### 95 points

Yep, lots of thick, toasty, mocha-like oak (it almost smells of nougat), but the oak beds very nicely into the richly blackberried, raspberried fruit. There's a twist of pepper and plenty of spice too; actually, there are lots of things nice here. Medium- to full-bodied, fresh and lively, with fine-grained, ripe tannins and a seamless flow of flavour through the mouth, before finishing long and cedary. Huge, oak-slathered wine, but excellent at it. Drink 2012-2020. 95 points

## Gary Walsh, *Winefront Monthly (Australia)*, 30 November 2008

### 95 points

Lots of toasty mocha and nougat oak but it's bedding down very nicely amongst the rich but vibrant blackberry and raspberry fruit. There's a twist of pepper and plenty of spice too - all very nice. Medium to full bodied, fresh and lively with fine grained ripe tannins and seamless flow through the mouth finishing long and spicy with a cedary aftertaste. Very impressive wine, but one that comes with the caveat that you need to enjoy a good clip of (quality) oak. Rated: 95 Points, Drink : 2012-2020+

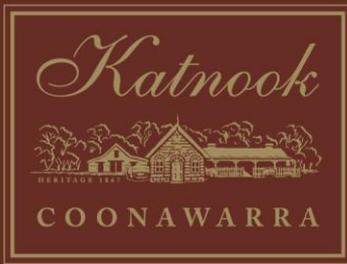
## Peter Forrestal, *The Sunday Times (Australia)*, 6 October 2008

Magnificent: pure, blackberry flavours, lush, generous and fleshy with seamless integrated oak - power and depth. A great Coonawarra.

## Ray Jordan, *The West Australian (Australia)*, 20 September 2008

### 96 points

This is Katnook's top-of-the-wasser shiraz from this outstanding Coonawarra vintage. There is power and graceful elegance here in a wine showing almost cabernet-like structure. A great wine with many years ahead of it. 96/100



# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2004 7<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

### Reviews

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2009 edition (Australia)

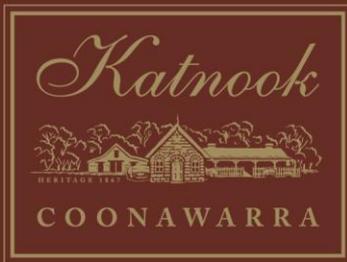
94 points

An aromatic, cedary, spicy bouquet, then an intense and long palate, showing extended maturation in French and American oak: typical Prodigy style. Rating 94. Cellar until 2024.

David Ellis, Weekly Wine Column (Australia), 28 April 2008

Katnook's Prodigy Coonawarra Shiraz 2004 is one of those exceptional wines for exceptional occasions, the result of an ideal growing season and the hands-on attention that can be paid to a very small vineyard with a long lineage of outstanding production. The very noticeable raspberry and plum fruit flavours, sweet anis spices, licorice and hints of cracked pepper feature on the palate, coupled with soft and lingering tannins; pay \$95 for that special occasion and share at the table with pesto crusted Frenched lamb chops.





# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2003

6<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

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### Reviews

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**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion 2008 (Australia)**

**94 points – 5 stars**

Well above- average fruit concentration for the vintage; spends several years in oak, but the fruit carries the oak, obvious though the latter may be. Overall quite luscious compared to previous vintages. 94 points. 5 stars.

**Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual 2009 (Australia)**

**91 points**

A rustic, leathery shiraz with plenty of meaty evolution. Its spicy and developed bouquet reveals tarry and cedary complexity. Smooth and unctuous, its plump and richly fruited palate is pliant and firm. It finishes long and savoury, with persistent flavours of dark fruits and currants. 91 Points

**Tony Harper, Brisbane News (Australia)**

The Prodigy is far more rich and plush, although it looks a little older than the Odyssey, despite being a year younger. Still, it's a formidable wine with great depth and richness.

**Kerry Skinner, Illawarra Mercury (Australia), 21 February 2007**

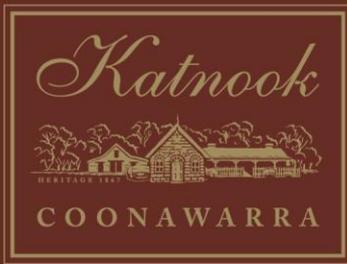
The pedigree of this wine was evident from the very first vintage which won the prestigious Jimmy Watson trophy. This latest offering, crafted by Wayne Stehbens, is right up there with its seductive aromas of berries, plums, licorice and spices on the nose and palate, supple mouthfeel and smooth tannin structure. Drink it with rare fillet of beef.

**Amy Wislocki, Decanter Magazine**

**17.25 out of 20. 4 stars**

Youthful, fresh, promising. This is a serious and well constructed wine, showing deep young fruit promise. Well balanced and harmonious. 17.25/20. 4 stars





# Katnook Prodigy

## Katnook Prodigy 2002 5<sup>TH</sup> VINTAGE RELEASE

### Reviews

**Peter Forrestal, Sunday Times (Australia), 15 January 2006**

The Prodigy Shiraz 2002 is a powerful and voluptuous red of awesome proportions. This is as impressive a shiraz as you'll get from Coonawarra.

**Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar**

Inky violet colour. Exotic, oak-spicy bouquet of blackberry and cassis liqueur, star anise, mocha and pungent floral oils. Sweet, fat and velvety, with lush berry liqueur, kirsch, candied licorice, vanilla and cinnamon flavours clinging tenaciously to the palate. The flavours deepen and build through the finish, which echoes the sexy, exotic oak tones. A must-try for fans of opulent densely packed shiraz.

**Philip White, The Advertiser (Australia), 23 November 2005**

A wallow more than a romp, this soft, lush seductress seems all milk chocolate and blackberry nip to begin. By the time you realise there's more and more of the same to come, growing more voluptuous, you realise you're trapped in the gilded palace of sin and might just as well stay there, if you can afford it. It's impossibly smooth and easy.

**Food & Wine Magazine (USA)**

This flagship bottling from Coonawarra standout Katnook Estate, produced only in top years, recalls cocoa and red currants, with a hint of black pepper.

