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KEY TO RATINGS AND AWARDS



WESTERN AUSTRALIA VINTAGE RATINGS

96-100	EXTRAORDINARY
90-95	OUTSTANDING
80-89	ABOVE AVERAGE TO EXCELLENT
70-79	AVERAGE



SPECIFIC WINE/VINTAGE RATINGS

97-99	EXCEPTIONAL
94-96	OUTSTANDING
90-94	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
86-89	RECOMMENDED

AUSTRALIAN WINE SHOWS

The Australian Wine Show system is a way of showcasing and celebrating Australia's finest wines featuring awarded trophies and medals across capital city and regional wine SHOWS.

The show system, which has been a cornerstone of the country's wine industry, brings together winemakers, critics, and enthusiasts to recognize excellence and innovation in wine production. Over the years, the show circuit has highlighted Australia's diverse wine regions, from the cool climates of Western Australia to the warm expanses of South Australia, helping to elevate Australian wine on the global stage.



ORCHID COLLECTION COSSACK RIESLING

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VINTAGE	WINE	VARIETY	PRICE/ BOTTLE	ROBERT PARKER	HALLIDAY RATING	WINE SHOW RESULTS			
						TROPHY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2002 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$58	90	96	7	4	2	1
Light green-yellow; a fragrant and diamond-clear bouquet of lime and mineral is followed by a fresh, fine, long palate, with the finesse and a Mosel-like delicacy to its limey fruit. Trophy for Best Wine of Show (and other trophies) at the 2002 Qantas Wine Show, and Best Wine of Show, Sydney Wine Show.									
2003 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$50	89	94	-	1	-	-
2004 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$45	88	93	-	-	-	4
Powerful and intense, with a faint touch of reduction; tightly focused mineral and herb flavours; long finish.									
2005 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$50	91	95	-	-	-	-
Spotlessly clean lime, lemon and apple aromas; fine, intense and long palate; great line drives through to the finish. Every bit as good as the 2003									
2006 (Very Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$50	82	95	-	1	-	2
2007 (sold out)	Cossack	Riesling	\$45	87	94	1	2	2	5
2008 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	92	90	-	-	-	6
A clean bouquet is followed by a well-balanced palate, with ripe citrus/grapefruit flavours and good acidity.									
2009 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	89	95	-	2	1	2
Excellent example of a tried and true top performer in the Frankland River; apple and lime blossom aromas are followed by a crisp, immaculately weighted palate, and a long finish.									
2010 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	92	95	-	1	-	4
2011 (Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	90	94	-	-	3	2
2012 (Very Limited)	Cossack	Riesling	\$45	91	95	-	-	-	3
2013	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	91	96	-	1	-	4
A single block from the estate vineyard, and has a long track record of excellence. This fully lives up to its reputation; the palate is already juicy, with a mix of lime (dominant) and apple; its balance, focus and length are outstanding.									
2014	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	90	94	1	-	2	1

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2015	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	91	96	-	-	-	3
A single estate block on the home vineyard, crushed and destemmed, pressed to stainless steel for a no frills, cultured yeast cool ferment. The highly perfumed citrus blossom and lavender bouquet leads into an intense and complex palate, more than worthy of the reputation of this great site.									
2016	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	92	90	-	-	2	4
2017	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	90	96	-	-	2	1
2018	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	93	94	-	-	1	2
From Block 28 of the principal estate vineyard. An elegant wine, with a delicate assemblage of lime, lemon and Granny Smith apple aromas and flavours.									
2019	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	90	93	-	-	-	-
2020	Cossack	Riesling	\$40	95	87	-	-	2	3



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ORCHID COLLECTION DIAMOND CHARDONNAY

VINTAGE	WINE	VARIETY	PRICE/ BOTTLE	ROBERT PARKER	HALLIDAY RATING	WINE SHOW RESULTS			
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2004	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	88	89	-	-	-	3
2005 (Limited)	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	91	94	1	3	3	1
A complex wine with a multitude of winemaker inputs which don't overwhelm the fruit; very good balance.									
2006	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	82	90	-	-	1	1
2007 (Limited)	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	87	94	-	-	1	-
Elegant, carefully crafted wine, with nectarine and melon fruit supported by some creamy cashew notes and perfectly integrated French oak; carries its alcohol without demur.									
2008	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	92	90	1	2	2	5
Bright yellow-green; a fragrant peach blossom bouquet and an abundant peaches and cream palate. Gold at an unspecified International Chardonnay Challenge.									
2009 (Limited)	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	89	94	-	-	4	6
2010	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$45	92	89	-	1	3	4
2011	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$40	90	90	-	-	1	1
Vibrant green hue; chappy oak notes sit amidst peach, nectarine and straw aromatics; the palate is mid-weighted, fleshy and generous, providing warmth on the mid-palate and finishing with a long, chappy oak dominant conclusion.									
2012 (Very Limited)	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	91	94	-	2	2	2
A very well-made cool climate chardonnay; its display of grapefruit, stone fruit and apple aromas and flavours are delicately enhanced by French oak and crisp acidity on the long, well-balanced finish.									
2013	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	91	87	-	-	2	4
A pleasant, competitively made chardonnay, lightly oaked ex barrel ferment, but lacks length and drive.									
2014	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	90	-	-	-	1	1
2015	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	91	87	-	-	-	-
2016	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	92	90	-	-	-	3

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2017	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$42	90	92	-	1	6	-
Machine-harvested a night, some cold skin contact, fermented in new and 1yo French oak, matured for 9 months, Has unexpected drive and intensity, with electrifying acidity to green apple, pear and stone fruit flavours.									
2018	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$40	93	93	-	-	-	-
2019 (Very Limited)	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$40	90	92	-	2	5	2
2020	Diamond	Chardonnay	\$40	95	92	-	-	2	5
Fruit was hand picked from Block 16 on the estate. Whole-bunch pressed to oak, occasional bâtonnage, matured for 12 months prior to blending and bottling. Green apples, ginger spice, a touch of cinnamon, juniper berries and French toast. The mouth is as laid out by the nose, a fine seam of lemongrass and herbs is woven throughout. Smart.									



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						TROPHY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2001 (Magnum)	King	Malbec	\$200	90	91	-	-	-	1
2001 (Limited)	King	Malbec	\$70	90	91	-	-	-	1
Dense colour; rich, very deep and concentrated black fruits, prune and spice; controlled extract									
2002	King	Malbec	\$70	90	92	-	-	-	3
Arguably the best definition of malbec in Australia; particularly juicy, jammy fruit with fine, long tannins.									
2003	King	Malbec	\$70	89	94	-	1	2	2
Powerful mouth filling style with much more structure than normally encountered with malbec, but juicy/jammy varietal fruit there nonetheless.									
2004 (Magnums)	King	Malbec	\$200	88	92	-	1		2
2004 (Very Limited)	King	Malbec	\$65	88	92	-	1		2
Unquestionably the best malbec in Australia, year in, year out; rich, juicy mulberry, blackberry and blood plum mix; good structure and length.								4	
2005	King	Malbec	\$65	91	90	-	-	1	1
2006	King	Malbec	\$65	82	94	-	1	-	2
Has far more texture and structure than most malbecs, and the black fruits and Christmas cake flavours avoid the jammy trap; well-deserved gold WA Wine Show.								-	
2007 (Magnums)	King	Malbec	\$200	87	94	-	3	5	3
2007 (Very Limited)	King	Malbec	\$65	87	94	-	3	5	3
Very good colour; good entry into the mouth, but then that slight dip in the mid-palate typical of malbec; it then rises again, with glossy cherry fruit to the fore.									
2008 (Very Limited)	King	Malbec	\$62	92	92	-	-	-	-
2009 (Very Limited)	King	Malbec	\$62	89	90	-	-	-	1
2010 (Limited)	King	Malbec	\$62	92	94	-	1	-	-

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2011	King	Malbec	\$62	90	94	-	1	-	2
Bright purple-crimson; has the texture and structure so often missing from varietal malbecs, but without distracting from the plush plum/plum jam fruit of the variety. Will be as good to drink in 10 years as it is today.									
2012 (Limited)	King	Malbec	\$62	91	93	-	-	1	5
2013	King	Malbec	\$62	91	91	-	-	1	5
You can't argue with the volume of flavour. Asphalt, blackcurrant, raisin and mulberry flavours build steadily through the palate before angling down to a reasonably sustained finish. Dressed for the party but not necessarily in the best of moods/form.									
2014	King	Malbec	\$60	90	-	-	-	-	-
2016	King	Malbec	\$60	92	95	-	-	-	1
2017	King	Malbec	\$60	90	95	-	1	-	3
Punchy with flavour. Fresh, berried, leathery, bright and insistent; all those things. A firm tannic framework around which mellow-but-rich flavours swirl. In short, it's bang on.									
2018	King	Malbec	\$60	93	95	-	-	-	2
2020	King	Malbec	\$60	95	95	2	1	5	3



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ORCHID COLLECTION DRAGON SHIRAZ

VINTAGE	WINE	VARIETY	PRICE/ BOTTLE	ROBERT PARKER	HALLIDAY RATING	WINE SHOW RESULTS			
						TROPHY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2001	Dragon	Shiraz	\$75	90	92	-	-	1	1
Clean, ripe plum, blackberry and spice fruit; excellent structure, length and cool climate style.									
2002	Dragon	Shiraz	\$70	90	90	-	-	2	1
Complex; a twist of bacony oak; blackberry and spice flavours; fine grained tannins.									
2003 (Very Limited)	Dragon	Shiraz	\$70	89	88	-	1	2	6
2004	Dragon	Shiraz	\$70	88	95	-	3	4	6
Good colour; powerful, concentrated blackberry, licorice and spice fruit supported by positive, balanced tannins. Good oak rounds off a top wine. High quality cork.									
2005	Dragon	Shiraz	\$65	91	93	1	1	4	2
A lush array of black fruits, blackberry, plum, black cherry and a touch of licorice; powerful but smooth and long; good oak and tannins. Indifferent-quality cork.									
2006 (Very Limited)	Dragon	Shiraz	\$65	82	-	-	-	-	-
2007	Dragon	Shiraz	\$65	87	89	-	1	4	5
2008	Dragon	Shiraz	\$62	92	93	-	-	4	4
Strong crimson-purple; a cleverly made shiraz, with pre- and post-ferment maceration, mlf in new French oak and 20 months in that oak; black fruits, licorice and dark chocolate abound.									
2009 (Very Limited)	Dragon	Shiraz	\$62	89	91	-	2	1	3
2010 (Very Limited)	Dragon	Shiraz	\$62	92	94	-	-	-	-
2011	Dragon	Shiraz	\$62	90	94	-	-	-	1
Good hue and depth; a supple and smooth medium-bodied palate, the mix of gently savoury/spicy black fruits picking up precisely the message of the fragrant bouquet; the palate is long and very well-balanced, the oak present, the tannins ripe. Shows flavour achieved at a modest alcohol level.									
2012	Dragon	Shiraz	\$62	91	94	-	1	-	4
Luscious style, knows what it's about, black pepper laced through hearty blackberry and black cherry but with suppleness as a keen consideration throughout. Smoky, mineral tannin of the ultra fine-grained variety.									



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2014	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	90	-	-	-	-	-
2015 (Limited)	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	91	92	-	-	-	3
Deep crimson-purple. From a single estate vineyard, and is typical of Great Southern shiraz. It's all about finesse and elegance rather than raw power or full body. Black cherry fruit is accompanied by a healthy dose of spice, pepper and licorice, making oak and tannins largely redundant.									
2017	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	90	92	-	-	-	-
2018	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	93	93	-	-	-	-
Hand harvested. Far more relaxed than in the past, with the pulpy, grapey and gently gritty tannins a result of a proper extraction regime. These form a gauze across the mouth, curtailing the phalanx of blue and dark fruit references. A hint of cooler climate olive and violet notes, too. A good drink.									
2019	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	90	96	-	2	2	2
2020	Dragon	Shiraz	\$60	95	92	1	2	-	4



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VINTAGE	WINE	VARIETY	PRICE/ BOTTLE	ROBERT PARKER	HALLIDAY RATING	WINE SHOW RESULTS			
						TROPHY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2001	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$75	90	89	2	2	1	-
Medium-bodied; blackberry and blackcurrant fruit with fine but persistent and slightly austere tannins. Needs time.									
2002	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$70	90	90	-	-	1	3
2003	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$70	89	94	1	4	3	2
Strong colour; clear blackcurrant and cassis varietal aromas; firm, well-structured medium-bodied palate; very good cabernet expression throughout; subtle oak.									
2004	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$70	88	94	-	4	3	5
2005	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$65	91	94	5	3	1	3
Festooned with trophies and gold medals, and has developed handsomely in the years since release; all the components are now seamlessly welded and balanced. Cork.									
2006	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$65	82	89	-	-	3	3
2007 (Magnums)	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$200	87	94	1	-	1	4
2007	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$65	87	94	1	-	1	4
The bouquet has aromas of pure cassis, cedar and an attractive core of savoury black olive; the palate is quite firm and rugged, with toasty oak and plenty of tannin; good levels of sweet fruit eventually take over the structure.									
2008	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	92	-	-	4	2	2
2009 (Very Limited)	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	89	95	-	-	-	-
2010 (Limited)	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	92	95	-	-	2	-
Bright hue; an ultra-powerful, intense and long palate; despite the power, the tannins are supple, and the oak balance and integration good. An extremely impressive wine.									
2011 (Limited)	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	90	93	-	-	-	-
2012	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	91	94	-	-	-	5
Succulent cabernet, true to its variety and region, with tannin, herbs, refreshing acidity and a pure burst of boysenberry/cassis-like fruit. Doesn't put a foot wrong. In the overall scheme the value here isn't half bad.									

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2013	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$62	91	92	-	1	-	2
More than a little swagger to it. Flows more or less effortlessly from start to finish though there's always a sense that a wave of tannin is about to roll through. Mulberry, blackcurrant, garden herb and game-like notes. Fleshy before it turns dry and grippy. Stint in the cellar won't hurt.									
2014	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	90	-	-	-	-	1
2015	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	91	89	-	-	4	1
2017	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	90	89	-	-	1	3
2018	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	93	93	-	-	4	2
2019	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	90	95	1	2	2	4
Incredibly elegant, supple cabernet, from a region that people are finally starting to clock. Frankland River cabernet is an absolute marvel and this is why. Intensity of fruit, purity of expression and power of a brutish sort, yet all in balance. Pomegranate, cassis, blood and red dirt. The texture is a real standout here: the tannins are slippery, slinky and oh so fine, but like all true power, remain unseen.									
2020	Majestic	Cab Sauv	\$60	95	-	-	-	-	7



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						TROPHY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2001	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$110	90	95	-	6	1	3
Stylish mix of red and black fruits, dark chocolate and fine, ripe tannins. High quality oak in the background. Very impressive Bordeaux style.									
2003	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$100	89	94	-	3	7	4
Strong purple-red, holding hue very well; medium to full-bodied; luscious blackcurrant and cassis with high quality fine, ripe tannins.									
2004	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$100	88	94	1	3	1	2
Manages to not only blend 57% Shiraz with 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, but also power with finesse; the power from the tannins (still needing to soften a little), helped by finesse from the array of balanced, black fruits. A winner of a trophy and two gold medals.									
2005 (Magnums)	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$250	91	94	1	2	1	1
Excellent concentration of dark berry fruits, with a little dried herb character adding complexity; ample levels of fruit, with plenty of fine-grained tannins providing structure.									
2007 (Limited)	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$100	87	95	-	-	1	3
Strong crimson-purple; a distinguished, full-bodied wine, cabernet firmly in control of proceedings; blackcurrant and blackberry fruits combine synergistically against a backdrop of ripe tannins that will underpin the wine as it ages.									
2008 (Very Limited)	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$100	92	96	-	-	1	-
A numbered bottle without also giving the total number has always struck me as a marketing gimmick, pure and simple. However, the brilliant crimson colour betokens a very elegant and fine wine, blackberry and blackcurrant in a cat's cradle of French oak, the tannins long and fine. It is a wine to drink, not just taste, notable for its freshness.									
2009 (Limited)	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$100	89	96	-	-	1	1
Brilliant purple-crimson; spent 20 months in French oak, and its quality is immediately obvious, fruit and oak seamlessly joined, the blackcurrant, blackberry and licorice fruit woven through with fine tannins and quality oak; medium-bodied, the tannins fine and ripe, the balance impeccable.									
2010	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$90	92	91	-	-	-	3
2012	Stirlings	Red Blend	\$90	91	95	-	-	-	1



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