

COMMAND SHIRAZ 2013

JAMES HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

2017

97 Points

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WEST WEEKEND MAGAZINE

Ray Jordan, June 2017

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This classic and supreme example of Barossa shiraz comes off vines that are now more than 120 years old. Hugely concentrated and dense, yet with remarkable lift and elegance through the palate. Chock full of blackberry and licorice with a mocha-like influence. Retains a spiciness with the palate extending through to a very long finish. Consistently one of the best statements of classic Barossa. (Best drinking: Now to 2022.)

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE

Huon Hooke, August / September 2017

5 Stars & 96 Points

A strongly oak-enriched shiraz bursting with espresso coffee, mocha, coconut and char characters. The flavour is decadently rich and concentrated enough to balance the oak. Ideally it should be cellared longer.

THE WINE FRONT

Campbell Mattinson, February 2017

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WINE ADVOCATE

Issue 225, June 2016

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Deep garnet-purple, the 2013 Command Shiraz has a savory/earthy, complex nose of yeast extract, game and damp soil intermingled with the bramble fruits, dried mulberries, crème de cassis and incense notes. Full-bodied, rich and opulently fruited on the palate, it offers lovely harmony and depth with a velvety frame and great length.

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Nick Stock & James Suckling, July 2017

93 Points

The palate has a supple, sense and polished textural quality.

WINE SPECTATOR

MaryAnn Worobiec, March 2017

92 Points

Notes of smoke and toast set the stage for the berry and plum flavors, showing a firm backbone and a supple texture. Elegant and spicy on the long finish. Drink now through 2028.