

Halliday Wine Companion 2019



DEAKIN ESTATE
WINES OF AUSTRALIA

La La Land
W I N E S

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.



'Deakin Estate is owned by the Wingara Wine Group, in turn owned by Freixenet of Spain, as is Katnook Estate. For over 10 years, Dr Phil Spillman steered the development of Deakin Estate, his rather large shoes filled by Frank Newman. Frank has had a long and varied career, starting at Penfolds working alongside Max Schubert, then Angove (for more than a decade) and BRL Hardy at Renmano. The very large production, with an enlarged range of brands, is only part of the story: with other labels produced at the estate, the annual crush of 2500 tonnes for Deakin is doubled, as is the production of bottled wines under those other labels. Deakin Estate's extensive range of varietal wines at \$10 all offer excellent value for money.'



4 Glass Rating

Recommended. Above-average quality and with clear varietal expression.

Deakin Estate Chardonnay 2017

87 points

Drink by 2018

A nice surprise. Has a ready supply of clearly varietal chardonnay flavours. For those who don't like to see any oak influence in their chardonnay, just grapefruit/stone fruit, this could be the answer.



La La Land Garnacha 2017

87 points

Drink by 2019

Light, bright clear crimson; a pleasant surprise, fresh and fruity, red berry flavours to the fore, and a hint of oak - even this not needed.



La La Land Pinot Gris 2017

87 points

Drink by 2019

Body of pear-like flavour with a keen hit of lime/citrus through the back half of the wine. Spice notes add to the show. It has the refreshing race of a grigio but the flavour profile of a (admittedly lean-ish) gris; not a bad place for a wine to sit.



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3 & 1/2 Glass Rating

Wines of good commercial quality.



La La Land Malbec 2016

86 points

Drink by 2019

Light, frisky, shows some spritz and some character...it's all cherries, rust, peppercorn and spice. It's so light that you could easily chill this and drink it in the warmer months.



La La Land Vermentino 2017

86 points

Drink by 2019

Briny and blossomy with attractive perfume...



Azahara Pinot Grigio 2017

86 points

Drink by 2019

Quartz white; very intelligent and skilled vineyard and winery inputs result in a wine without any flaws.



Azahara Shiraz 2016

86 points

Drink by 2018

Light, bright, clear crimson; used both French (4 months) and American oak (2 months) staves in tank. The oak flavours do add to that of the plummy, light-bodied fruit.



Deakin Estate Merlot 2017

86 points

Drink by 2020

Presents merlot in exactly the right frame for the large consumption across genders and ages. Light, fresh and not burdened by tannins or oak



Deakin Estate Shiraz 2017

85 points

Drink by 2020

Well made...Plum and blackberry.



Deakin Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2017

86 points

Drink by 2019

Clever winemaking, including yeast selection, produces a wine with clear tropical fruits at a very competitive price.

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Deakin Estate Artisan's Blend Chardonnay Pinot Grigio 2017

85 points

Drink by 2019

Deakin Estate understands its market very well.