



TASTING NOTE

2019 HAMILL SHIRAZ

Hamill tells a multigeneration story of the Thomson family, beginning with Emily Grace Hamill, who married Fredrick Thomson. Emily was instrumental in the success of the Thomson family and enabled the family to purchase Best's. The name Hamill has been handed down through 4 generations and resides with Ben Hamill Thomson whose leadership lead to the purchasing of the Sugarloaf Vineyard.

This wine is produced from this premium vineyard, which is situated amongst the rolling hills surrounding the black ranges.

Careful consideration on parcels from the best performing blocks on the site generates a unique single-vineyard wine. Individual rows are hand harvested to incorporate whole bunch spice, and whole berry fleshy red fruits. It is fermented on skins for up to 21 days and matured in French barriques for 14 months.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Shiraz
Alcohol	14%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Dark Purple Hue.
Bouquet	Perfumed aromatics of Campari, infused with notes of lifted orange citrus
Palate	Medium bodied with bright fleshy red fruits. Hints of cherry and plum are apparent in the front palate. Whole bunch spice creates complexity through the mid-palate and finishes with chewy chocolate tannins. With layers of spice and fruit within a framework of long complex tannins making this an intriguing and serious wine.
Cellaring	Great to drink as a young wine with food, but it will soften and gain complexity for ten years or more.





AWARDS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS

Halliday 2022 Wine Companion, Jeni Port – Comes fully formed into the world, combining black/blueberry fruits, sweet spice, baked earth and wood smoke. Warms on the palates, with a depth of fruit intensity and light savouriness. Tasted soon after bottling and already looking a winner. Drink to 2034. **Rating: 94 points**

The Real Review, Huon Hooke – Deepish red/purple colour, with a first aroma of white pepper, a trademark of shiraz grown in a cool-climate or cool-site. There are floral and dried herb notes, too, and the wine has great elegance and lightness of touch. The tannins are present but fine and harmonious, the wine medium to full-weighted and long, with finesse rather than heft. A lovely style. Drink now to 2034. **Rating: 93 points**

Clive Hartley – Winestate Magazine June, 2022

Complex nose with deep mocha chocolate aromas laced with smoked meats and a hint of cigar smoke. Full bodied and rich on the palate with primary blackberry fruits, cedar oak and dark chocolate. Well balanced with a fine dry slightly tannin finish. This is the inaugural release of Hamill Shiraz which is made from the 'best performing blocks' of their Sugarloaf Creek Vineyard. A delicious Shiraz which can be drunk now or aged for a decade. **Rating: Highly Recommended**

Rob Geddes – The Gold Book June 2022

An impressive debut from this established shiraz hero. Here is a wine that speaks of its origins, the land and soil in the vineyard and less about the hand of the maker or the cooperage. Sweet fruit and sweet oak, blackberry, confectionary, and stalky spice, but no raisined fruit notes. What you can smell is what you get. It's medium bodied ripe blackberry fruits, fresh hints of whole bunch pepper and brown spices in the middle and has fine tannins to build out the length of flavours framed all the way through by the whole bunch tannins. Drink now to 2031. **Rating: 95 points**

James Suckling – October 2022

Deep yet transparent nose of plum, candied orange and wet earth. At once fleshy and elegant on the very focused palate, which has a wonderful delicacy. Long refined finish. From the Sugarloaf Creek Vineyard. Drink or hold. **Rating: 95 points**