

# Halliday

## 2017 WINE COMPANION



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### 2013 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Tallawanta Hunter Valley Shiraz

James Halliday - Published on 4 August 2016

The bouquet has it all, the palate ascending the very heights of Hunter Valley shiraz, with exceptional intensity and depth to its black fruits (cherry, blackberry) overlain with a web of gently savoury/earthy tannins in best regional fashion; the oak adds even more to the package. This is a full-bodied 50-year wine.

**Rating: 98 | Drink By: 2060 | Price: \$110.00 | Alcohol: 14.5%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Venus Block Orange Chardonnay

James Halliday - Published on 4 August 2016

Barrel fermented and matured, it has quite beautiful fruit flavour and definition as it flows evenly across the palate, fulfilling the promise of the bouquet, and lingering long after it is swallowed; white peach, pink grapefruit and cashew all intermingle. From the top of the Orange quality tree for chardonnay.

**Rating: 97 | Drink By: 2025 | Price: \$35.00 | Alcohol: 12.5%**



### 2015 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Alluvius Hunter Valley Semillon

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Light straw-green; this is a classic Hunter Valley semillon of the highest quality, staring down the challenge of botrytis with its purity, line and length; the bouquet and palate offer a magical balance of intensity and elegance, lemongrass, lemon zest and vibrant acidity all contributing.

**Rating: 96 | Drink By: 2035 | Price: \$35.00 | Alcohol: 10.5%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Limited Release Tallavera Hunter Valley Shiraz

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From the red volcanic soil over crumbly limestone of Mt View. Black cherry and mulberry aromas are joined by distinct earthy, spicy characters on the long, energetic palate and lingering aftertaste, with cedary oak and tannins the subtle drum beat.

**Rating: 96 | Drink By: 2039 | Price: \$45.00 | Alcohol: 14.0%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Limited Release CF Block Hunter Valley Shiraz

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From Claude Ferraris' vineyard on Hermitage Road. Bright hued, its complex black and red cherries are framed by balanced oak on the bouquet, which is tied to the palate by an umbilical cord adding a dimension of classy oak and fruit tannins, but not changing the trajectory of flavours.

**Rating: 96 | Drink By: 2039 | Price: \$50.00 | Alcohol: 14.0%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Reserve Coquun Hunter Valley Shiraz

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It's a wine of balance, power and length, the pirouette of savoury-spicy-cherried flavours anchored by fine-set tannin and ripe cherry-leather fruit. Exquisite integration of oak.

**Rating: 95 | Drink By: 2035 | Price: \$75.00 | Alcohol: 14.2% | Reviewed by Campbell Mattinson**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Reserve Block 21A Wrattontully Cabernet Sauvignon

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Vivid, full crimson-purple; a full-bodied, immaculately balanced cabernet, chock-full of mulberry, blueberry and - above all else - cassis fruit; then there are the ripe but implacable tannins, oak waving its hands to speak, but not given a hearing. Patience needed.

**Rating: 95 | Drink By: 2049 | Price: \$60.00 | Alcohol: 14.0%**

### 2015 Pepper Tree Limited Release Hunter Valley Semillon

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Hand-picked, whole bunch-pressed, cultured yeast, cool-fermented in stainless steel. Classic young semillon, but with that little bit extra now making it an each way bet - and a sure winner.

**Rating: 94 | Drink By: 2030 | Price: \$22.00 | Alcohol: 10.5%**

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### 2014 Pepper Tree Limited Release Orange Chardonnay

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This differentiates itself from its Hunter Valley sibling by its greater intensity, and more focus on the grapefruit end of the spectrum; French oak ex barrel fermentation provides a seamless structure and adds to the length. Will develop with assurance over this decade and into the next.

**Rating: 94 | Drink By: 2024 | Price: \$22.00 | Alcohol: 12.2%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Limited Release Hunter Valley Shiraz

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It is in every sense a substantial medium to full-bodied shiraz reflecting not only place, but also the great Hunter vintage. The flavours range through red and black cherry, blackberry and plum, each speaking with clarity rather than in a jumble. It's a pretty cool price for a wine that will grow and grow in the bottle for decades to come.

**Rating: 94 | Drink By: 2044 | Price: \$35.00 | Alcohol: 14.0%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Reserve 8R Wrattontully Merlot

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Regional choc-mint announces itself on the bouquet, the varietal aromas of mulberry fruit and leaf more subtle. Generous and fleshy on the palate, quality French oak underpins the flavours of berry and mint with supple tannin providing structure and length.

**Rating: 94 | Drink By: 2028 | Price: \$60.00 | Alcohol: 14.0%**

### 2014 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Reserve Elderslee Road Wrattontully Cabernet Sauvignon

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A classy cabernet, and an adequate alternative for those unwilling to buy Block 21A at \$60, even if the value for money is much the same in each case. This has brilliant colour, a fragrant bouquet, abundant juicy cassis and fine tannins throughout the palate.

**Rating: 94 | Drink By: 2034 | Price: \$42.00 | Alcohol: 14.2%**



### 2015 Pepper Tree Single Vineyard Reserve Venus Block Orange Chardonnay

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A chardonnay that scores for its finesse rather than depth or complexity. It's not going too far to describe it as a one size fits all proposition, white peach matched by citrusy acidity, the barrel ferment inputs there, but not obvious. Hard for anyone to dislike it.

**Rating: 93 | Drink By: 2022 | Price: \$35.00 | Alcohol: 13.0%**

### 2015 Pepper Tree Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

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**Rating: 93 | Drink By: 2018 | Price: \$19.00 | Alcohol: 11.5%**