



SINGLEFILE WINES REVIEWS

Date Tasted: 16th December 2018

2017 Singlefile Single Vineyard Denmark Family Reserve Chardonnay

16.5 points, Tamlyn Currin

Oak very much present on the nose and marks the palate with sweetness and vanilla spice. Golden-baked apples and lemon-zested acidity, a gauze-light veil of smokiness drifting over the top. Lovely balance, the acidity just coiled tight enough through the middle to hold the oak back to the framework.

2016 Singlefile 'The Vivienne' Denmark Chardonnay

17.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Big-oak nose. Very smoky – almost a touch of grilled maple-cured bacon in there! Pretty intense stuff. Salty lemons and dried grapefruit and sharp yellow peaches. Quite a powerful wine, despite the surprisingly low alcohol – as if every ounce of flavour has been distilled from the grapes. Fills the mouth, clasps your face in both hands, full of high-strung tension and determination. Fierce Chardonnay. Would love this with roast suckling pork.

2018 Singlefile Single Vineyard Mount Barker Riesling

16.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Sweet clementine-citrus nose with some nuttiness. Bone dry and yet there is a honeyed edge to the blade of acidity that runs through the length of the wine. And it's the acidity that carves the shape of the wine on the mid palate. Clementines in stone. Long, tingling finish.

2018 Singlefile Single Vineyard Pemberton Fumé Blanc

16.5 points, Tamlyn Currin

Much paler than their Free Run Sauvignon Blanc. And true to its name, there is smokiness on the nose and on the palate. A lovely glittering, chipped-rocks minerality under white citrus and crunchy herbs. In the middle, Alphonso mango sweetness. Good Som Tam wine!

2018 Singlefile Run Free Sauvignon Blanc

16.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Real blackcurrant-bud nose. Quite intense, a fine skein of lavender through bold, ripe gooseberry. Has the lift of crushed salvia leaves on the finish. Very aromatic all the way to the end.

2017 Singlefile Single Vineyard Frankland River Shiraz

16.5 points, Tamlyn Currin

Lovely gamey fruit tinged with juniper and tasting a little like peppery biltong or carpaccio. Ripe, chocolate-covered cherries, but great structure. Bit of damson tug and acidity. Big armchair tannins. Satisfying and complete and full of energy.

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2015 Singlefile 'The Philip Adrian' Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

16.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Very heavy bottle. Thick, mole-sauce and Bovril-with-blueberries kind of wine! Dry, chewy tannins. Notable heat up the back of the throat with a bit of a dried, peppery, resinous, eucalypt-berry lift up through the palate. Tarry. Over-extracted and OTT.

2017 Singlefile Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

16.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Bit of green pepper and blackcurrant and plums. Doing all the right things. All the right boxes ticked. Firm tannins, hint of char, a lick of herbs, belly of dark fruit. Ripe without facetious sweetness.

2016 Singlefile Great Southern Clément V

16.5 points, Tamlyn Currin

Black cherry and blackcurrant and charred rosemary on the nose. Muscular tannins, dark fruit with deep charcoal sweetness and a bit of Bovril intensity and saltiness. A bit of cracked black pepper lifting the finish.

2017 Singlefile Single Vineyard Pemberton Pinot Noir

16.5 points, Tamlyn Currin

Black Forest gâteau wafting out the glass. Warm, sweet and rich and not a little hedonistic. Pinot wrapped in red velvet. Has a peppery bite on the palate (a bit like their Free Run Pinot), and lots of melting, ripe, ripe, dark cherry fruit. Almost a line of dark chocolate in this.

2017 Singlefile Run Free Pinot Noir

16.0 points, Tamlyn Currin

Smells like brownies and pink peppercorns. Sappy, kind of peppery roast-beetroot and goji-berry sweet earthiness. Quite funky and fun.

HOW WE RATE WINES (and other things)

