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Australian Wine Companion 2014



Outstanding winery capable of producing wines of very high quality and did so this year. Also will usually have at least two wines rated at 94 points or above.



94 - 100 Outstanding. Wines of the highest quality, often with a distinguished pedigree. Tasting notes will always appear in the Wine Companion.



90 - 93 Highly recommended. Wines of great quality, style and character, worthy of a place in any cellar. If the highest-pointed wines fall into this group, the tasting notes appear in full, otherwise the wines will be listed with rating, price and drink-to details, with the full entry on www.winecompanion.com.au



87 - 89 Recommended. Wines of above-average quality, fault-free, and with clear varietal expression. If the highest-pointed wines fall into this group, the tasting notes appear in full, otherwise the wines will be listed with rating, price and drink-to details, with the full entry on www.winecompanion.com.au



Tallavera Grove 'Fenestella' Hunter Valley Shiraz 2011 Deep crimson-purple; waves of red cherry and blackberry fruit surge backwards and forwards over the intense and complex bouquet, gaining another dimension on the intensely focused, full-bodied palate, with high quality French oak and very fine tannins. Great wine from a top vintage.

Screwcap. 13.7% alc. **Rating 96 To 2041** \$45

Tallavera Grove Estate Grown Hunter Valley Semillon 2012 Classic Hunter Valley semillon style; while the fruit/acid balance has already been written in stone, the lemon zest/lemongrass and mineral notes are as yet delicate compared to where they will be in 5+ years.

Screwcap. 10.8% alc. **Rating 94 To 2022** \$25

Tallavera Grove Estate Grown Hunter Valley Shiraz 2011 Deep purple-red; a complex bouquet gives equal space to regional and varietal aromas, and not much changes on the medium-bodied palate; plum and blackberry fruits are neatly trimmed by savoury tannins, and appropriate oak influence.

Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating 94 To 2031** \$25



Tallavera Grove Estate Grown Hunter Valley Semillon Verdelho 2005 **Rating 93 To 2020** \$30

Tallavera Grove 'Friandise' Hunter Valley Dessert Pinot Gris 2012 **Rating 92 To 2015** \$25

Carillion Estate Grown Orange Verduzzo 2012 Verduzzo has had a foothold in the Yarra Valley for well over 20 years, but this is its first move into NSW on a commercial basis. Grippy texture and mouthfeel is the main varietal attribute in this wine, although there is some citrus on show. Well made, but a work in progress.

Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating 90 To 2014** \$22