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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 Estate Grown Hunter Valley Semillon 2013 Pale straw-green; has that basket of Meyer lemon, lemon cake, lemon curd - any variant of lemon that has inbuilt sweetness - that makes the better (let alone the best) Hunter Valley Semillons of '11 so irresistible. Its farewell of minerally acidity guarantees its future. Screwcap. 11.5% alc. **Rating 95 To 2012 \$25**

Carillion Estate Grown Orange Verduzzo 2013 All the stops have been pulled out for this wine, fermentation on skins the major one, bringing with it wild yeast fermentation. The bouquet is extraordinary, with musk, biscuit, poached yellow peach and orange blossom; the pleasantly grippy palate brings almost all of these characters into play once again. Screwcap. 13.8% alc. **Rating 95 To 2020 \$22**

Carillion 'The Feldspars' Orange Shiraz 2012 Vivid colour; the fragrant, spicy red fruits of the bouquet introduce a deliciously silky, smooth and supple wine with lively and seductive red cherry fruit flavours supported by superfine tannins and subtle oak. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 95 To 2027 \$35**

Stonefields 'Block 22' Wrattenbully Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Deep, vivid crimson-purple, distinctly better than the Volcanics; the palate is richer, and also more focussed, the cassis fruit more intense, the tannins more in play. Despite all of this, is still only medium-bodied. Screwcap. 14.2% alc. **Rating 95 To 2037 \$45**

Stonefields 'Arbitrage' Wrattenbully Cabernet Merlot Shiraz 2012 The suggestion that this is a super-Tuscan blend comes as a surprise. Be that as it may, it is an autocratic wine, carefully chiselled blackcurrant fruit to the fore, oak important, but controlled. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 95 To 2022 \$35**

Carillion 'The Volcanics' Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Medium to full crimson-purple; a supple and smooth medium-bodied palate has cassis, blackberry and cedary oak seamlessly wound together courtesy of extended maturation in French oak. Screwcap. 14% alc. **Rating 94 To 2027 \$45**



Carillion 'The Crystals' Orange Chardonnay 2012 **Rating 93 To 2018 \$34**

Stonefields Estate Grown Wrattenbully Pinot Gris 2012 **Rating 91 To 2014 \$20**