

Lines them up and knocks them down. Good value drinking to be tucked into here. It offers sweet plummy, clovey fruit with an edge of bitumen, floral highlights then giving a gutsy wine a bit of prettiness.

Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Rating 90 To 2020 \$16 CM

James Halliday | THE WINE COMPANION | Australia July 2015

**TONY LOVE'S TOP 100 WINES, THE ADVERTISER, JULY 2015**

The great Aussie blend seems to do really well out of this sleeper of a region. This puts on a top show of how it works best with a rich core of spiced compote plum back to back with blacker and herbal elements from the cabernet - think earth and charcoal - adding a rustic and robust edge but never stealing the act from its excellent dark fruit expression. Excellent for weekday and special occasions. Rating = 4 stars Value = Madness Reviewed = June 3rd 2015

Tony Love | THE ADVERTISER | Adelaide

In Heartland Spice Trader, the Langhorne Creek region (located near Lake Alexandrina) demonstrates why Australia's winemakers fall over each other for its grapes. The area's broad-acre vineyards produce large volumes of high-quality grapes that convert to rich, juicy, inexpensive wine. In Spice Trader, winemaker Ben Glaetzer captures the bright, varietal character of both varieties and beautifully balances the earthy, ripe flavours and softness of shiraz with the backbone and elegant structure of cabernet. This is very, very good wine at a bargain price.

Chris Shanahan | GOOD FOOD | Canberra | June 2015

A ripping everyday drinking red from Ben Glaetzer, brother of Tasmania's Nick, this is a blend of shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grown in the under-rated Langhorne Creek region of South Australia. It is quite a big wine with forward dark fruit, juicy, brambly and soft with restrained older French and American oak. An almost 50-50 split of shiraz and cabernet, this also has some attractive spice and herb notes and would be well matched with leg of roast lamb. May 17th, 2015

Winsor Dobbin | THE SUNDAY EXAMINER | Tasmania

Very good value here. This is a medium weight, fairly elegant and rich shiraz - cab blend with lifted menthol / eucalyptus, cassis, pepper and a touch of cabernet graphite. It has very good presence on the palate, and length on the finish. It's medium - full bodied almost silky and approaching confection but then backs off on the sweetness and finishes with some dryness. Surprisingly excellent length pushes it to a 90 rating.

Best now to 2019. Tasted March 2015

David Lawrason | WINEALIGN | Ontario Canada



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This blend can really deliver above price-based expectations, here with a lovely earthy, spicy, foresty, floral, herbal set of aromatics then the cabernet adding its varietal enticements that follow through with a good presence in the mouth from soft tactile tannins that allow some licorice-like nuances to lift and linger in the finish. Top easy drinking.  
4 stars | 92 points | July 16, 2016

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