

## Wine Companion 2019 James Halliday



**Houghton's reputation was once largely dependent on its (then) White Burgundy, equally good when young or 5 years old. In the last 20 years its portfolio has changed out of all recognition, with a kaleidoscopic range of high quality wines from the Margaret River, Frankland River, Great Southern and Pemberton regions to the fore.**

**The Jack Mann and Gladstones red wines stand at the forefront, but to borrow a saying of the late Jack Mann, 'There are no bad wines here.' With a history of 180 years, its future now lies in the hands of Accolade Wines.**

**Exports to the UK and Asia.**

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### **Thomas Yule Frankland River Shiraz 2014**

5 glasses – Rating 96 points.

*Awash with creamy, tasty oak but the power of the fruit laying behind is quite magnificent. This is a full-bodied red wine of high style and quality. Black cherry, plum, licorice, lavender and leather notes. Its like dark suede, thick and rich. How long have you got? This wine is destined to mature, given appropriate storage, over an exceptionally long period.*

Screwcap 15% alc.  
Drink until 2045.

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### **Jack Mann Cabernet Sauvignon 2015**

5 glasses – Rating 96 points.

*If you're after bankable quality in your cellar then look no further. This is a mighty wine, the complete package. It's dark with berried flavour, coated in smoky vanillan oak, alive with spice and earth, and shooting rippled of flavour and tannin out through the finish. Top-notch in all respects.*

Screwcap 14% alc.  
Drink until 2040.

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### **CW Ferguson Great Southern Cabernet Malbec 2014**

5 glasses – Rating 95 points.

*Strength of character. This is one of those red wines you almost feel as though you can lean on, its bold black fruit, planks of wood and waves of tannin all suggestive of power and size. Mind, lavender, bay and anise flavours make contributions but blackcurrants wrapped in cream is the main force here. It's a monty for the cellar.*

Screwcap. 14% alc.  
Drink until 2034.

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### **The Bandit Frankland River Shiraz 2015**

4 glasses – Rating 93 points.

Drink until 2025.

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### **Crofters Frankland River Shiraz 2015**

4 glasses – Rating 92 points.

Drink until 2026.

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### **Shiraz 2016**

4 glasses – Rating 90 points.

Drink until 2023.

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