

# JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2016

★★★★★ *Rated 5 Star Winery*



*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.*



**95** Franklin Tate Estates -  
Alexanders Vineyard  
2013 Shiraz

Value plus. Impressive colour and depth of flavour, but it's not just grunty (though it is that); it's also polished, stylish and presentable in any company. Blackberry, peanuts, garden herbs and swish cedar wood. Just enough fine-grained tannin. A find.



**95** Franklin Tate Estates -  
Alexanders Vineyard  
2013 Cabernet Sauvignon

You wouldn't expect this quality at this price to last. Make hay while you can. It's a beautiful Margaret River cabernet, highly aromatic, smooth-skinned, tannic in an integrated way, awash with blackcurrant, gravel and bay leaf flavours and slipped with chocolatey/pencilly oak.



**91** Franklin Tate Estates -  
2013 Cabernet Merlot

Gets flavours of blackcurrant, gravel, eucalypt and dark chocolate up and running from the start, and does nothing to interrupt the flow from there. It feels and tastes good, and has just enough tannin to keep it tidy. Keen buying.