

James Haselgrove Wines

“Futures” Shiraz - Vertical Tasting

Date: 2nd November, 1994

Vintage: 1984

Appearance:	Moderate brick red. Bright	3
Nose:	Leather and spices with an alcoholic lift. Still some berry fruit with chocolate complexity.	5
Palate:	Classic regional characters and development. Soft tannins and a long finish are enjoyable.	8
Comments:	Drink now to one year. Decant and breathe for best results. No oak maturation.	<hr/> 16

Vintage: 1985

Appearance:	Brick red still with some faint purple tints.	3
Nose:	Sweet vintage port type nose. Rich plum and raspberry aromas with some subtle pepper and nutmeg character	6
Palate:	Dry vintage port with delightful berry flavours. Good length and tarry development with a long, lingering finish.	8.5
Comments:	Interesting current drinking but will cellar further for 3-5 years. Decant and breathe. No oak maturation.	<hr/> 17.5 17.5

Vintage: 1986

Appearance:	Crimson with brick red tint.	3
Nose:	Restrained berry nose with chocolate and leather like development with a hint of spice. Needs decanting to lift fruit.	5
Palate:	Rich with good length and development. At its peak.	<hr/> 8.5
Comments:	Drink now to two years. Decant and breathe. No oak maturation.	16.5

Vintage: 1987

Appearance:	Thick, bright red.	3
Nose:	Subtle fruit with slight “farmyard” character and underlying berry fruit.	5
Palate:	Rich, porty fruit with nice development. Good length and flavour expression.	<hr/> 8.5
Comments:	Decanting and delicate aeration is recommended. This wine is a “sleeper”, so would be expected to cellar for a further 4-6 years. No oak maturation.	16.5

Vintage: 1989

Appearance:	Cloudy, moderate intense brick red.	2
Nose:	Sweet fruit with slight mushroom/earthy character. Jammy, cooked aromas.	4
Palate:	Vinous, soft fruit. A little flat. Past its peak.	<hr/> 6.5
Comments:	This wine will not benefit from further cellaring. Before opening stand the bottle upright for 2-3 days to settle the sediment. Then decant and breathe well before drinking. No oak influence.	12.5

Futures Vertical Tasting 1994 Continued

Vintage: 1990

Appearance:	Deep brick red and magenta.	3
Nose:	Pepper and raspberry combines well with gentle oak influence. Still restrained.	6
Palate:	Rich berry fruit with excellent length and structure. Crisp acidity and complimentary oak influence.	9
Comments:	Will cellar for many more years but carefully monitor corks. This wine is the first "Futures" to have oak influence. Some magnums also produced.	18

Vintage: 1991

Appearance:	Deep crimson/magenta.	3
Nose:	Herbal notes with complex berry fruit. Ethereal oak that needs time to develop.	5
Palate:	Full bodied palate compliments the round, rich fruit structure. Good length and acidity and subtle oak	8
Comments:	Will cellar well in the long term. Oak influenced. Also released in magnums which will age much more slowly.	16

Vintage: 1992

Appearance:	Dense reds and purples.	3
Nose:	Multi-layered dense blackberry fruit and toasty oak. Rich, ethereal lift with spice and pepper nuances.	6.5
Palate:	Nice full bodied wine with voluptuous fruit with nice oak and a long finish.	9
Comments:	Winner of the "Bushing King" accolade in 1993/94. More new oak influence in this wine that is expected to improve with long term cellaring.	18.5

Vintage: 1993

Appearance:	Deep burgundy/garnet. Tad lighter than the `92	3
Nose:	Sweet vanillin oak compliments rich raspberry fruit with liquorice and pepper complexity.	6
Palate:	A little disjointed presently but displays forward, classy fruit characters. Rich and long on the palate with a lingering finish.	8.5
Comments:	Nearly all new oak influence. Will improve on long term cellaring.	17.5

Vintage: 1994

Appearance:	Dense purple and red.
Nose:	Rich blackberry fruit with vanillin oak.
Palate:	Powerful wine with firm tannins and rich fruit.
Comments:	All the hallmarks of a great vintage and is the 10th "Futures" wine to be released. New oak influence.