



## Hunter Valley, Australia

Chardonnay, Shiraz, Semillon



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### Hope Estate *Mountain Wash* Chardonnay 2016

"Peach and dried mango flavors are generous and ripe, with firm acidity. Offers dashes of honeysuckle and brioche on the finish. Drink now."

**88 points** *Wine Advocate* 02/19

"Medium gold in color, the nose of this wine is buttery, with notes of honey, toast, lemon drops and melon. The palate isn't as buttery or ripe as nose suggests. There's fruit weight and a creamy texture but they're propped up by lifted acidity and a tingly, lemon finish.."

**89 points, "Best Buy"**

*Wine Enthusiast* 04/19

**2017** "A year younger than the 2016 Estate Grown Chardonnay, the 2017 Mountain Wash Chardonnay (essentially the same wine, just renamed) shows fewer toasty, nutty overtones. It's medium-bodied, maybe a bit fuller and rounder than the 2016, with a plump, harmonious feel and generous flavors that hint at peach, melon, pear and apple, then closes with gentle citrus notes. While not profound, it's a solid value."

**88 points** *Wine Spectator* 03/19

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### Hope Estate *Basalt Block* Shiraz 2017

"Appealing hints of lilacs, violets and crushed stones appear on the nose of the 2017 Basalt Block Shiraz. It's silky, supple and medium-bodied, with juicy cherry and red berry flavors that offer considerable pleasure. At the suggested retail price, it's a terrific value for drinking over the next few years."

**89 points** *Wine Advocate* 02/19

**89 points, "Best Buy"**

*Wine Enthusiast* 10/19

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### Hope Estate *Wollombi Brook* Semillon 2017

"Built for immediate gratification, the 2017 Estate Grown Semillon is a plump, light to medium-bodied wine that offers scents of crushed stone, green apple and lime zest. It doesn't show the intensity or length of the best Hunter Valley examples, but it delivers fresh, dry deliciousness that would pair well with raw shellfish or simply prepared flaky white fish."

**88 points** *Wine Advocate* 02/19

"Succulent, with apricot and peach flavors that show dashes of citrus zest, lanolin and spice. Harmonious on the finish. Drink now."

**88 points** *Wine Spectator* 03/19

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### Hope Estate *Signature* Semillon 2007

"Scented of lemongrass, shaved almonds, apple tart and fresh hay with a hint of dried herbs, the light-bodied 2007 Signature Semillon is bone dry and very crispin the mouth giving a wonderful intensity of mature, Semillon flavors and great tension through the long finish. Drink it now to 2019+."

**91 points** *Wine Advocate* 06/14

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## Western Australia "The Ripper" Shiraz

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### Hope Estate *Western Australia* Shiraz "The Ripper" 2013

"Scents of charred meat and grilled plum emanate from the 2014 The Ripper Shiraz, a sturdy, medium to full-bodied wine that's grown in Western Australia but made back east in the Hunter Valley. Bold plum and blackberry notes dominate the palate, although ripe tannins give it a savory note, and that sense of caramelized fruit and flesh lingers on the velvety finish."

**90 points**

*Tasting Panel 02/17*

**2014** "There's a barnyard funk to this that some will love and some might squirm at, but there's also plenty of ripe strawberry fruit, chocolate, earth and smoke. The palate shows plenty of drying, savory tannins balanced by fresh acidity. Everything wraps up with an earthy, savory finish. Drink now."

**90 points**

*Wine Enthusiast 02/18*

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*Wine Advocate 12/17*

"Dense, espresso-laced blackberry flavors are rich and thick, with plenty of traction from the tannins and a spicy finish. Drink now through 2027."

**89 points**

*Wine Spectator web '18*

**2015** "Matured in a mix of French and American oak, Hope Estate's 2015 The Ripper Shiraz features plenty of cedar, nutmeg and mocha characters. Fortunately, it backs those up with juicy, mouthwatering blackberries and mulberries. It's medium to full-bodied, with supple tannins that turn silky and crisp on the finish."

**90 points**

*Wine Advocate 02/19*

"Michael Hope added this vineyard in Donnybrook, south of Perth, to his stable of vineyards on the opposite side of the continent in the Hunter Valley. This wine's cool dark fruit—from blackberry liqueur to currants and plum skin—reminded one taster of swimming in quarry-cold water. While the fruit is simple, there's a lot going on structurally underneath, with tarry tannins and pointed acidity. An intriguing take on shiraz from Western Australia."

**90 points**

*Wine & Spirits 04/19*

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