

TARRAWATTA

2018 Godswalk

Winemaking

All of our grapes are hand picked and sorted in the vineyard. Each block is pick individually in 1 or 2 passes depending on ripeness. Each individual pick is destemmed and transferred to small open fermenters holding less than 3 tonnes. Fermentation is carried out completely by indigenous yeast and aided by daily pigeage up until fermentation starts and pump-overs until fermentation is complete. Our aim is to gently extract flavour/colour compounds and tannins from the grape skins. Once fermentation was complete the single fermenters were gently basket pressed and the wine was transferred to French oak barrels.

A selection of our finest barrels from each vintage, the 2018 vintage was four barrels from our block 1 Old Shiraz matured in for 23 months in mostly new French oak barriques and two barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon from our block 13 which was matured for 23 months in new French oak hogs heads.

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Godswalk is the pinnacle of Tarrawatta, epitomising strength, elegance and finesse. It is the name of the legendary stallion and of the verdant valley at neighbouring Lindsay Park where the champion grazed. Now, it graces a wine that pays tribute to our land and terroir.

Each harvest we select our finest barrels of wine, regardless of grape variety or location, to be blended as Godswalk. The final union is determined not only by their individual quality, but also by the way they combine as an ensemble to create a true synergy of flavours and textures. The 2018 vintage includes four exceptional barrels from our old block 1 Shiraz and two barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon from our elevated Block 13.

Winemaker: Craig Isbel

Viticulturalist: Nick Radford

GI: Eden Valley (northern)

Soil Type: Red/brown loam over friable red prismatic clay and weathered rock

Alc: 14.9% PH: 3.68 TA: 5.8

Make: 293 cases (6 bottle)

Release date: 01/05/22

Reviews

JAMES SUCKLING, January 2022, 96 POINTS + INCLUSION IN TOP 100 AUSTRALIAN WINES OF 2021. This is rich and complex with beautifully polished tannins that give energy and form to this, otherwise juicy and fruity red. It's full and flavorful with plenty of fruit that shows plum, walnut and floral character with some black truffle. Very long. First release. About 1,800 bottles made. A blend of 75% shiraz and 25% cabernet sauvignon. Very drinkable now, but better in 2022

Vintage ↕	Wine	Color ↕	Rating ↕	Price ↕	Reviews ↕
2018	<p>Tarrawatta Wines Godswalk</p> <p>The flagship 2018 Godswalk is a selection of the best barrels and in 2018 is two-thirds Shiraz and one-third Cabernet Sauvignon. Beautiful jammy blackberries and hints of blueberries as well as tobacco, cedary herbs, and chocolate emerge from the glass, and it's full-bodied, with a layered, seamless texture, sweet tannins, and both richness and freshness. This thrilling Eden Valley blend can be drunk today or cellared for 10-12 years, if not longer.</p>		96	\$200	1
2018	<p>Tarrawatta Wines Shiraz Ambervale</p> <p>I loved the 2018 Shiraz Ambervale. This is classic Shiraz done with elegance and purity as well as richness. Lots of ripe black berry fruits, chocolate, mint, damp earth, and violet notes define the bouquet, and it's full-bodied and brilliantly balanced, with ripe tannins and notable freshness. It's a gem of a wine to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years.</p>		95	\$50	1
2018	<p>Tarrawatta Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Ambervale</p> <p>The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Ambervale has plenty of classic Cabernet currant and cassis fruits as well as a complex underbelly of cedarwood, forest floor, tobacco, and violets. These all carry to a medium to full-bodied Cabernet Sauvignon with beautiful purity of fruit, ripe and certainly present tannins, and a solid spine of acidity that's going to keep this evolving nicely for 10-15 years.</p>		94	\$50	1
2018	<p>Tarrawatta Wines Grenache Ambervale</p> <p>Black raspberries, framboise, cassis, herbes de Provence, and mint emerge from the 2018 Grenache Ambervale, rich, sexy, yet also seamless and elegant Grenache with full-bodied richness, ripe, polished tannins, and a great finish. It's another gorgeous, complex, satisfying Grenache with loads to love. Drink it over the coming 8-10 years.</p>		95	\$50	1

Tarrawatta Eden Valley Godswalk 2018

<https://www.jamesuckling.com/tasting-notes/143773/tarrawatta-eden-valley-godswalk-2018>

★★★★★ Score: 96 Points

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Tarrawatta Shiraz Eden Valley Ambervale 2018

<https://www.jamesuckling.com/tasting-notes/143865/tarrawatta-shiraz-eden-valley-ambervale-2018>

★★★★★ Score: 93 Points

14 Dec, 2020 – Very attractive aromas of spice, bark, and black truffle to the ripe blue fruit. Full-bodied, layered and rich with lovely density and richness. Firm yet layered tannins. I like the opulence with firmness. Drinkable now, but better in a few years. Try after 2022.

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Tarrawatta Grenache Eden Valley Ambervale 2018

<https://www.jamesuckling.com/tasting-notes/143949/tarrawatta-grenache-eden-valley-ambervale-2018>

★★★★★ Score: 92 Points

14 Dec, 2020 – A rich, lifted nose of dried fruit with flowers and plums and some chocolate and spice. Full and layered with a long, intense finish. Shows freshness and richness at the same time. Juicy cherry. Drink or hold.

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Tarrawatta Cabernet Sauvignon Eden Valley Ambervale 2018

<https://www.jamesuckling.com/tasting-notes/143810/tarrawatta-cabernet-sauvignon-eden-valley-ambervale-2018>

★★★★★ Score: 94 Points

14 Dec, 2020 – Loads of black truffles and blackberries with some bark and pine-tree undertones. Some herbs, too. Full-bodied with juicy fruit and medium chewy tannins. Soft and juicy. Try after 2022.

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2018 Godswalk

Producer: Tarrawatta
Color: Red

95

Drinking Window: 2026 - 2036 ^
Josh Reynolds, December 2021

Glass-staining ruby. Intense spice- and mineral-accented aromas of cherry liqueur, blackberry and blueberry, with woodsmoke, vanilla and floral qualities adding complexity. Chewy and focused on entry, then fleshier in the mid-palate, offering powerful dark fruit, chewing tobacco, and violet pastille flavors and hints of licorice and vanilla. Finishes smoky, spicy and extremely long, with youthfully firm, building tannins adding final grip.

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2018 Grenache Ambervale

Producer: Tarrawatta
Color: Red

94

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2032 ^
Josh Reynolds, December 2021

Glistening ruby-red. Displays highly perfumed, spice-accented aromas of cherry, black raspberry, incense and candied flowers. Fleshy and seamless in texture, offering powerful, sharply defined red and blue fruit and lavender pastille flavors that are accented by smoky mineral and allspice flourishes. Shows real precision and energy on the long, penetrating finish, which echoes the floral note and is framed by smooth, well-knit tannins.

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2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Ambervale

Producer: Tarrawatta
Color: Red

93

Drinking Window: 2024 - 2034 ^
Josh Reynolds, December 2021

Opaque ruby. Smoke-accented cherry and cassis aromas are complemented by candied licorice, vanilla and pipe tobacco flourishes. Smooth and broad on entry and then more taut in the mid-palate, offering concentrated dark fruit preserve, mocha and spicecake flavors and a hint of candied flowers. Closes on a cherry liqueur note, showing strong persistence and slowly building tannins.

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2018 Shiraz Ambervale

Producer: Tarrawatta
Color: Red

93

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2033 ^
Josh Reynolds, December 2021

Inky violet color. Powerful aromas of blackberry, cherry-cola, violet and woodsmoke are complemented by a hint of vanilla that builds with air. Sweet, seamless and expansive on the palate, offering sappy cassis, blackberry, cherry preserve and licorice flavors that are supported by a core juicy acidity. Deepens and becomes spicier on the clinging finish, which features well-knit tannins and repeating florality.

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James Suckling, Top 100 Australian wines of 2021

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Country	Australia
Region	South Australia
Vintage	2018

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