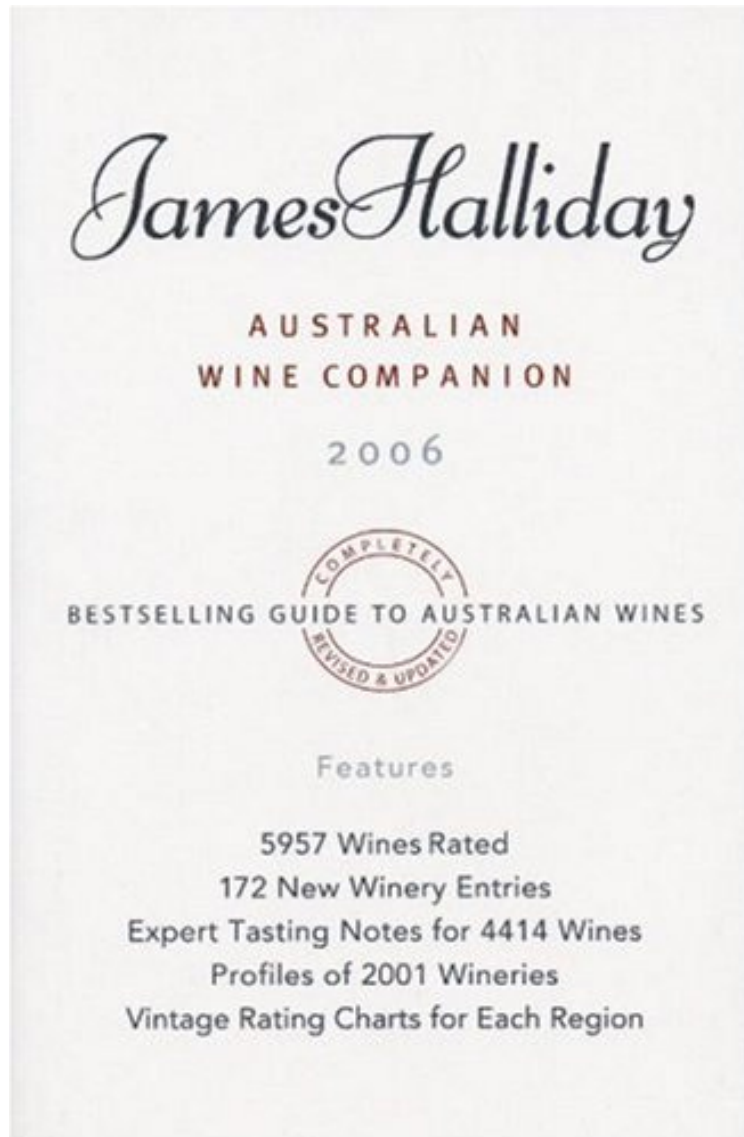


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised James Halliday's Wine Companion 2006 (James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The definitive guide to Australian winesBy Darby HiggsJames

Halliday is the undisputed leader in Australian wine authors. The release of his annual Companion is an eagerly awaited event among Australian wine aficionados around the world. The 2006 edition continues the high standards we all expect. No other wine guide aims to be as comprehensive as the Companion, but the limiting factor is the size limit of about 600 pages. Nevertheless this book contains tasting notes of nearly 4500 of the best wines produced in Australia in the past year. Of course winetasting relies on subjective judgement at some point. Halliday's palate and taste admits a much broader range of styles than many writers who may be better known outside Australia. He is definitely not fixated on the narrow range of big fruity Shirazes that command so much attention, and unrealistically high prices, in some areas of the world. The Companion is organised by winery of which over 2000 are listed. This number includes 172 new entries. My interest is in new and emerging wine grape varieties so I did a quick scan of the new entries as a straw poll of which new varieties we will be seeing more of in the future. Barbera (4 new wineries are using this variety), Carina (1), Chambourcin (5), Chenin blanc (4), Cinsaut (1), Colombard (1), Corvina (1), Dolcetto (1), Durif (2), Gamay (1), Gewurztraminer (7), Grenache (21), Lagrein (2), Malbec (7), Marsanne (3), Meunier (3), Mourvedre (9), Muller Thurgau (1), Muscadelle (1), Petit verdot (6), Pinot Grigio (16), Rondinella (1), Roussanne (1), Sangiovese (9), Taminga (2), Tarrango (1), Tempranillo (4), Verdelho (14), Vermentino (2), Viognier (16), Zinfandel (1). We live in diverse times. If you own only one book about Australian wine this should be it. Apart from the comprehensive listings there are 50 pages reviewing the latest trends and statistics, wineries to watch, vintage guides and food recommendations. Darby Higgs is the founder of vinodiversity.com and the author of "Emerging Varietal Wines of Australia"

James Halliday's Wine Companion is Australia's number-one guide to wineries and wines in this country. In it the writer, judge, winemaker, and grape grower shares his considerable expertise-gathered over 30 years in the industry. Comprehensively updated and exhaustively researched, with over 400 new wineries rated, it is a must for all lovers of Australian wine. With tasting notes, vintage-specific star ratings, background information on particular wines, advice on optimal drinking, and suggestions for complementary food dishes, anyone planning to visit a wine-growing region or to replenish their cellar or wine rack will find James Halliday's Wine Companion utterly indispensable. The 2006 edition is Halliday's most complete and exhaustively researched yet. With new, up-to-the-minute entries, it is an essential tool for all lovers of Australian wine and a must-have for anyone who is passionate about good drinking and the finer things in life. James Halliday is Australia's most respected wine critic and wine writer. He has written or contributed to more than 50 books on wine since he began writing in 1979 (notable contributions include those to the Oxford Companion to Wine and the Larousse Encyclopedia of Wine). His books have been translated into Japanese, French, German, Danish, and Icelandic and have been published in the United Kingdom and the United States, as well as Australia. His works include Pocket Guide to the Wines of Australia 2005-06; Varietal Wines; Wine Odyssey: A Year of Wine, Food and Travel; and Collecting Wine: You and Your Cellar. He was the founder of Coldstream Hills in Victoria's Yarra Valley and before that, of Brokenwood in the Hunter Valley. He regularly judges at wine shows both in Australia and overseas and is an unmatched authority on all aspects of the wine industry. James Halliday lives in Victoria.

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