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Wines that stand alone



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BENDIGO CENTRAL VICTORIA

FAIRBANK SERIES



ABOUT SUTTON GRANGE WINERY

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Nestled at the foothills of Mount Alexander in Central Victoria, Sutton Grange Winery was founded in 1995 by Peter Sidwell. To this day, Peter retains ownership and remains deeply committed to producing premium wines that embody the character and integrity of the land. Guided by a philosophy of mineral intervention and sustainable practices, Sutton Grange has earned a reputation for crafting wines of true distinction and authenticity.

FAIRBANK RANGE

This range reflects the estate's commitment to producing wines that express the unique terroir of the Bendigo region.

TASTING NOTES = Batches had skin contact, fermentation and maturation in mix of concrete egg and stainless steel, no mlf. Fiano takes a big step up the quality ladder here with an excellent release showcasing the wine's natural mix of the fresh and the savoury. Displays spring florals, apple blossom, quince, pear skin, lemon and grapefruit with a light dusting of fresh almond. Smoothly rounded across the palate, with good grip, before finishing with some mouth-watering fresh acidity.

Vibrant, refreshing expression of this iconic Italian grape. Lemon brightness, white flowers with a slight leesy textural overtone. Ripe stone fruit and lovely minerality are balanced with a racy citrus palate. Grapefruit bitterness works with the richness of the fruit to round out this satisfying dry white.

100% FIANO

93 Points James Halliday

2024 Fairbank Fiano 13.0% Alc

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TASTING NOTES = Showcasing a vibrant salmon pink onion skin colour, the nose enjoys lifted musky aromatics of honeydew melon and stone fruit. On the red delicious apples, strawberries, and hints of blood orange. A fresh and textured midpalate transitions to a bright mineral and cleansing finish, with lingering crème caramel. Consistent in style with recent offerings, our 2022, 2023, and 2024 vintages were awarded "Best Australian Rose" by James Halliday.

48% SHIRAZ, 25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 17% VIOGNIER,
10% SANGIOVESE

96 Points Halliday Wine Companion

Jeni Port Comments = A multiple Halliday award winner, and each year it just gets it so right – from the brilliant tea rose and salmon hues, the oh-so pretty spring floral aromas, musk and summer berries that transform into something deeper and more concentrated on the palate. It is very much layered, complex young rose, with additional savoury wild herbals and cranberry, and creamy mealy notes, yet it remains a wine filled with crunchy, bright acidity and life. With or without food, it's a star.

2025 Fairbank Rose 13.0% Alc

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TASTING NOTES = Made in a fragrant and juicy style for a lighter drinking red. Notes of sour cherry and red apple with a deeper Jamon earthy tone, lifted by pomegranate and mulberry fruits. A fresh and crunchy palate with strawberries and figs complementing the lighter structure which is carried through to a lingering finish by dusty tannins and light cranberry like acidity. Brings a lot of easy-drinking joy to the glass with plenty of black cherry and chocolatey spice vibes. Not a particularly complex wine, but rather a wine filled to brimming with red and black fruits, gentle spices, a touch of tomato leaf and herbs trimmed in supple tannins. Finishes dry.

100% ESTATE GROWN SANGIOVESE

2023 Fairbank Sangiovese 13.0% Alc

SUTTON GRANGE FAIRBANK SYRAH

93 Points Qwine



Dense and concentrated, this Sutton Grange Fairbank Syrah is simply beautiful stuff. Tremendous value for \$35 with already four years of age under its belt, go here.

The berry fruit is lacy but generous. Dark plums, baked blueberries and blackberries drive the fruit profile with licorice, an array of fine and woody spices plus sweetish oak that all put their shoulder to the wheel.

Dusty tannins are feathered throughout, and if I were going to be honest, I just want to keep pouring.

A wine I'd be more than happy to share with my friends, the value factor here is immense.

Drink to five years+

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TASTING NOTES = Matured in French Oak barriques and puncheons for 10 months, 15% new. Ruby purple in colour. The nose is deep and brooding with blackberry and plum fruits, a violet perfume and peppery spice layers. Medium to full bodied with Mulberry and black plum fruits, a generous mid palate supported by sweet new oak and dusty cocoa tannins leading to a long dry finish. A rich wine perfectly suited for immediate drinking or mid-term cellaring. Looks dark and intense, but it's a very different story when you actually taste. Medium bodied, expressive and sleek, this youngster fits the Fairbank style. Black cherry, blueberry, plum, cocoa, spice, Dutch licorice. Perky and fresh, the subtle layer of dried herbs helps. The result is a fleshy palate encased in even-handed tannins. Its age-worthy too, if you wish.

100% ESTATE GROWN SYRAH

93 Points James Halliday

93 Points Qwine

2021 Fairbank Syrah 13.5% Alc

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TASTING NOTES = The Estate Viognier captures the best expression of this elegant variety from each season. This wine encapsulates the purity and poise of Viognier, with notes of green apples, citrus and stone fruit. The palate is medium bodied with flavours of wild honey and lively acidity, balanced by the mineral core driven from the granite soils of the Sutton Grange Estate. Looks to the savoury aspect of the grape and brings out the almond, marzipan qualities that can so intrigue. Stone fruits, grilled grapefruit, preserved lemon, toasted almond and marzipan combine with a lightly spicy quality, working across a creamy smooth palate. Finishes with some well-managed phenolic grip.

100% VIOGNIER

93 Points James Halliday



2023

Sutton Grange Estate Viognier

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TASTING NOTES = Matured in French Oak barriques and puncheons for 10 months, 20% new. Our vineyard is home to the first plantings of this idiosyncratic variety in Australia. Planted in 2004, Aglianico loves the conditions at Sutton Grange and is made in very small volumes. Aromas of fresh raspberry and red cherry, with savoury notes of dried flowers and sage. The palate has lashings of red berries, with spicy rose hip notes. Fleshy mid weight palate combined with sinewy tannins, leaves the palate with a bright, crunchy finish.

100% AGLIANICO

2021 Sutton Grange Estate Aglianico 13.0% Alc

SUTTON GRANGE SYRAH

95 Points Qwine



An eye-catching wine from Bendigo, hitch a ride on the pleasure train that is known as the Sutton Grange Estate Syrah. A showstopper, this is my first look at this wine, and whoa, it is in the zone!

Silky and delicate, you get a sense it floats through the palate. Made with 40% whole bunches and seeing French oak for ten months (35% new), the distinct aroma of violets makes itself known and I'm already fixated. Blackberries, cherry liqueur and canned plums build a compelling case with licorice, boot polish and herbal tea bring savoury intrigue. The shimmer of granite minerality threads through the palate.

Complex, layered and irresistibly moreish, it champions the charms of Victoria's Bendigo region. Winning!

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TASTING NOTES = Deep purple and ruby colour with bright clarity. The nose has vibrant blackberry fruits with violet perfume and pepper spice layers. Juicy blackberry fruits on the palate join in with fresh acidity and a supporting background of mocha. A complex and layered wine with great fruit intensity, concentration and balance that can be enjoyed now, or cellared with confidence for the next 10+ years. The use of the term Syrah, and not Shiraz, brings expectations, while the deep colour gives nothing away, the rising aromatic scent of super-spiced black and red fruits is reassuring. The palate likewise. This is a vehicle for some sensational fruit-black, red, blue- spice and florals that fly high, but remain nicely grounded by fine-grained tannins and a well-integrated oak. Its complex, medium bodied and mighty good drinking.

100% ESTATE SYRAH

95 Points James Halliday



2021

Sutton Grange Estate Syrah

13.0% Alc