

## THOMSON ESTATE VALIDATES BEST VALUE AT THE [CWSA] CHINA WINES & SPIRITS AWARDS 2015, AS DOUBLE GOLD MEDALS COMPLETE THE PACKAGE

CWSA 2015 results just in have awarded Thomson Estate with Double-Gold medals for Clare Valley 2013 Shiraz and 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, plus Gold medal for Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge 2014 Chardonnay, Silver for Thomson Estate Limestone Cliffs 2014 SSB and Bronze for Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse 2013 Shiraz. The Australian Wines Showcase Magazine has also scored the Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon with 93 points (Gold Medal).

British born Walter Thomson and wife Jane, arrived in Australia in 1838 as vigneron and farmer. Here began a winemaking tradition. Award winning wines from Estate grown vines, are faithfully tended in the way they began. The Thomson Estate range is sourced from three vineyards in South Australia's Clare Valley and Riverland regions. Company CEO Danny Macmahon says *"We're thrilled with the combination of quality wine, presented in a traditional brand offering for our customers. We have worked closely as a team to achieve this and have every confidence in these wines independently judged right as we release them..."*

Paying homage to the founders, the Thomson Estate reserve wines from the Clare Valley now wear W&J. Striking black labels with the opulent Clare Valley Shiraz from 18ha of vines, the elegant Cabernet Sauvignon from 11ha of vines and regional Riesling from a tiny planting of 1.9ha of vines completes the range. Grown in the northern ranges of the Clare Valley just 5km north of the Clare township and 140km north of Adelaide South Australia, the combination of altitude of 400m above sea level and cool climate with consistently good winter rains, hot summers tempered by cool nights and long ripening periods, produce grapes with exceptional character and balance.

The Thomson Estate Landmark Series are traditional classics of South Australian varietals linked to local sites and express the full flavour that our pristine Australian climate and land provides. Rocky limestone soils and warm sunshine days provide the perfect conditions for full flavoured and balanced wines. From vintage 2014 onwards, these wine will be Vegan and Vegetarian friendly.

In exceptional years the pinnacle of the range is the stand alone Antiquarian label which the recent 2009 Shiraz from Clare Valley was a 4 times gold medal winner.

Winemaking team Peter Gajewski, ex Penfolds senior winemaker, and Phil Reedman MW, ex Tesco buyer, use the mature and low yielding vines on the estate properties to produce exceptional wines.

Thomson Estate is owned and produced by Byrne Vineyards, 4.5 Star winery rated by James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015. The range is sold in Australia, Japan, Germany, Scandinavia, UK and wider Europe and Asia. CEO Danny Macmahon will be sharing these wines at Prowein in March, Hall 9 Stand E56 and visiting UK also. Australian based Export Manager Wendy Birkett and Marketing Manager Shirley Fraser De Zolt are available to answer questions and provide samples.

Thomson Estate it's all about the wine.

Being true to style Thomson is a sophisticated and constant wine for any occasion.



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## LANDMARK SERIES RANGE - stories behind the names

**Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse Shiraz** - Named after a landmark building beside the majestic River Murray in South Australia, has vibrant berry fruit flavours with hints of pepper and spice are accompanied by subtle oak. Ideal with red meat, pasta or cheese.

**Thomson Estate Toolunka Cabernet Sauvignon** is named after an ancient flood plain of the River Murray in South Australia. Juicy blackberry fruits are balanced by hints of spicy French oak and soft, flavoursome finish. Ideal with barbequed meats, stir fry or antipasti.

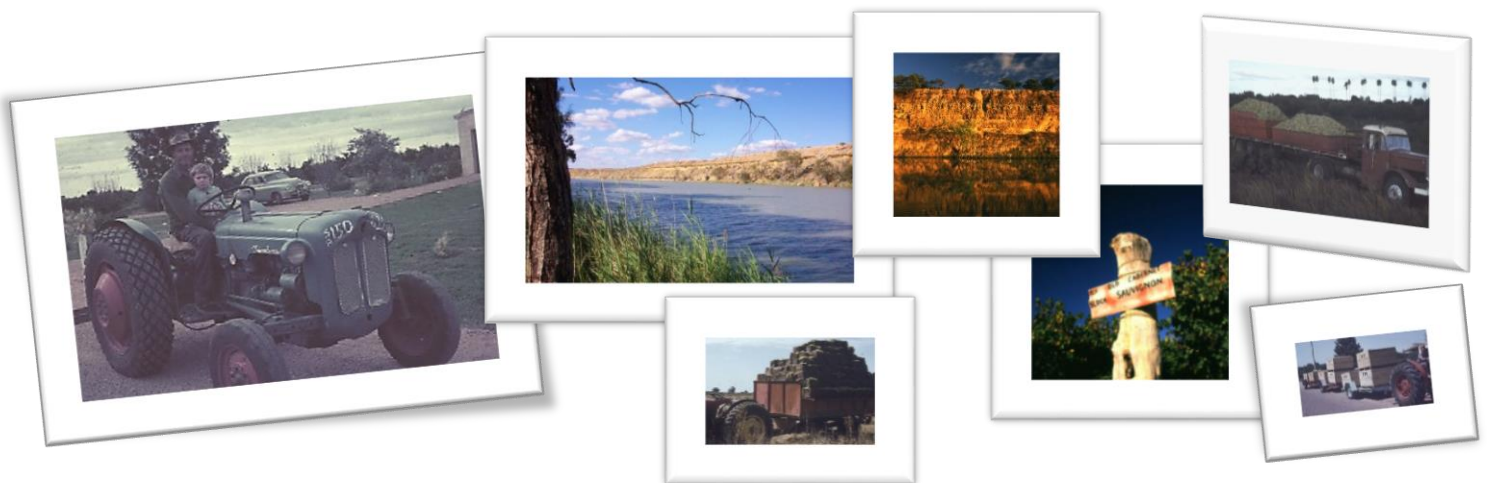
**Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay** Glorious vantage lookouts along the cliffs of the beautiful River can be enjoyed near our mature vineyards. Pale straw in colour with aromas of fresh citrus blossom and rich melon, this Chardonnay has a crisp finish. Served chilled with fresh salads and stirfry dishes.

Gold Medal winning 2014 vintage we also wanted to make our wines proudly Vegan and Vegetarian friendly so look for the V symbol on the back labels to check if you're vego.

**Thomson Estate Limestone Cliffs Semillon Sauvignon Blanc** celebrates the pristine climate and Limestone which can be seen in the cliffs along the banks providing a majestic sight at sunset. Zesty tropical fruits of lifted passionfruit and guava are refreshing and persistent. Also Vegan friendly.

### The Thomson Estate Picnic Point Shiraz Rosé

With the greatest number of sunshine days, the Riverland region in South Australia is the perfect place for a picnic. Vivid pink in colour this rose has fresh strawberry and raspberry characters. A delicate and soft palate with a fruit finish best served well chilled. Ideal with picnic platters and antipasti. Also Vegan friendly



## Thomson Estate Vintage Samples available

Thomson Estate W&J Reserve Clare Valley Shiraz		2013
Thomson Estate W&J Reserve Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon		2013
Thomson Estate W&J Reserve Clare Valley Riesling		2013
Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse Shiraz	SA	2013 / 2014
Thomson Estate Toolunka Cabernet Sauvignon	SA	2013
Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay	SA	2014
Thomson Estate Limestone Cliffs Semillon Sauvignon Blanc		2014
Thomson Estate Picnic Point Rosé Shiraz	SA	2015 (May)

## Thomson Estate Recent Wine Show Tally

GOLD:	2009 Antiquarian Clare Valley Shiraz	Vienna AWC International Wine Challenge 2014
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92 POINTS:	2009 Antiquarian Clare Valley Shiraz	JH Aus Wine Companion 2015
DBL GOLD :	2013 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Shiraz	CWSA Best Value 2015
DBL GOLD :	2012 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Cabernet	CWSA Best Value 2015
GOLD / 93 Pt	2012 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Cabernet	Wines Showcase Magazine Feb 2015
GOLD :	2011 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Cabernet	CWSA Best Value 2014
SILVER :	2011 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Cabernet	Mundus Vini Wine Awards 2014
BRONZE:	2011 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Cabernet	International Wine Challenge UK 2014
SEAL:	2013 Thomson Estate Clare Valley Riesling	Vienna AWC International Wine Challenge 2014
GOLD :	2014 Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay	CWSA Best Value 2015
SILVER :	2013 Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay	CWSA Best Value 2014
SILVER :	2013 Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay	Mundus Vini Wine Awards 2014
COMMENDED:	2013 Thomson Estate Lookout Ridge Chardonnay	International Wine Challenge UK 2014
BRONZE :	2013 Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse Shiraz	CWSA Best Value 2015
SILVER :	2013 Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse Shiraz	CWSA Best Value 2014
SILVER:	2013 Thomson Estate Old Pumphouse Shiraz	Vienna AWC International Wine Challenge 2014
SILVER :	2014 Thomson Estate Limestone Cliffs SSB	CWSA Best Value 2015
SILVER :	2013 Thomson Estate Toolunka Cabernet Sauvignon	CWSA Best Value 2014

## 2015 JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 4.5 STAR WINERY

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