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## **The Australian Wine Annual 2015**

Jeremy Oliver, one of Australia's most respected wine critics, has released the 2015 edition of his best-selling guidebook *The Australian Wine Annual*. It's now also available in e-Book form, as well as in Mandarin Chinese.

This book provides a health check on the Australian wine industry and nominates without fear or favour the best Australian wine at each and every price point.

In the 2015 edition Oliver also:

- Selects the remarkable Giaconda Estate Shiraz 2012 as his **Wine of the Year**. With a rating of 98 points, this exceptional shiraz sits neatly amongst the very finest from the Rhône Valley in France, he says
- Focuses on the essential role played by the Australian wine in the regional economy. Describing wine as the 'X-Factor' in regional tourism, Oliver says that the business and employment opportunities provided by wine sustain many rural areas that could otherwise be basket cases
- Reveals his concerns that the burgeoning online market for wine faces a huge challenge to do more than just drive down wine prices
- Reviews the ongoing issue of the possible foreign ownership of Australia's largest quality company, TWE, owner of brands like Penfolds and Wynns
- Selects exactly half of his Top 10 Wines of the Year from Victoria. Home town bias, or are Victorian winemakers actually doing something right?
- Notes that Italian noble grape varieties are finally starting to make their mark in Australia
- Observes that the top end of Australian wine is expanding quickly. A record 29 Australian wines have garnered a 5 star ranking – the highest accolade

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Note for editors. Over his 31 years as a professional wine critic Jeremy Oliver has become the face of Australian wine in key export markets such as China, Hong Kong and Singapore. He is deeply committed to education and towards the development of wine culture with an Australian emphasis.