

...celebrate each moment

*Chrismont*

barbera 2002

2002

**WELL-  
BALANCED**

**MARYANN EGAN in Essentials Magazine  
Winter 2006**

The nose is bursting with aromas of vibrant fruits and autumn leaves. On the palate, the wine is full flavoured and fruity but without excessive alcohol or texture. Instead, this wine is well-balanced with medium-weighted tannin and a dryness to finish.

★★★

**Winestate North East Victoria Tasting  
November/December 2005**

**60F THE BEST  
NE VICTORIA**

**OUTthere – Regional Express In-Flight Magazine  
August 2005**

This Italian red grape variety has been sensitively handled by winemaker Warren Proft. A dark cherry and dried plum bouquet leads to ripe fruit concentration on a tightly structured palate. DRINK IT: with osso bucco

★★★★

**DAVID SUTHERLAND in Border Mail  
May 28 2005**

This wine...shows how the Australian wine industry, and in particular the local King Valley vignerons, are handling the Italian varieties in an evolutionary way. Some of the early barbera wines to come out of the King Valley were either too oaky or extremely acid – barbera is naturally a very acid variety. Since then the wines have got progressively better and more intense. This wine has a medium-weight palate that shows ripe dark cherry fruit with savoury characters and fine dry tannins and good length.

WITH FOOD: tomato-based pastas, light game dishes

AGEING: great now, or cellar carefully for 2-3 years

IN A WORD: charming

91/100

**JAMES HALLIDAY on www.winepros.com.au  
May 20 2005**

Medium-bodied; attractive spicy plum and blackberry fruit; fine, ripe tannins; good oak; another surprise. Cork. BEST DRINKING: 2005 to 2010

★★★★☆

**WINESTATE Annual Edition 2005**

A gorgeous, big, dark chocolaty wine. There are plums and spices on the nose and soft, rich chocolate/plum flavours on the palate framed by an excellent tannic structure.

87/100

**JAMES HALLIDAY in Australian Wine Companion 2008**

Light red; tangy, savoury and spice aromas and flavours, light tannins, and minimal oak. Cellar to 2008.

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