

James Suckling *Jim Barry* Wines Reviews May 2025



2022 The Armagh Shiraz, 97 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Complex, polished aromas of blueberries, blackberry bush, damson plums, violets, raspberry puree and sweet spices. The finely tuned, silken palate has refined tannins and precise acidity, showing ferric earth, citrus peel, boysenberries and dark chocolate. There has been a big change in style here over the last 10 years. Aged exclusively in large French-oak vessels, 50% new. Excellent balance and purity with great freshness and a long life ahead. Drink or hold.

2015 The Florita Riesling, 97 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Complex aromas of gunsmoke, struck match, preserved lemons and lime leaves. The medium-bodied palate has a nice phenolic edge and bright acidity with a mouthwatering mineral finish. Held back for 10 years for a late cellar release. Though still very youthful, it has evolved nicely in bottle. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2022 Clarevale Cabernet Malbec, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Complex, lifted aromas of wild blackberries, violets, blood plums, citrus peel, dark-cherry confit and spices. The palate is medium- to full-bodied with firm yet silky tannins and a textural, savory mouthfeel. There is such a lovely harmony of intensity and structure. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2022 LoosenBarry Wolta Wolta Riesling, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Mineral aromas of Asian pears, peaches, white nectarines, sliced lemons and kaffir limes. The high-tension palate has racy acidity and an energetic mouthfeel with a lovely texture and reductive edge, showing slate, struck match, brine and white flowers as well as a slight phenolic grip. Excellent. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2024 The Florita Riesling, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Finely constructed with such purity and complexity, showing aromas of kaffir limes, struck match, white flowers, lemon peel and slate. The palate has very high energy and tension with a driving acidity and powerful undertone that will unravel for years to come. Made from vines planted on limestone in 1962, bringing a chalky aspect to the wine. Excellent. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2015 Spring Farm Block 18 Riesling, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Complex and mineral, this has aromas of lime cordial, lemon tart, struck match, slate and fresh ginger. The palate is medium-bodied with a creamy mouthfeel and balanced acidity, showing peaches, mangoes and pie crust. Powerful albeit fresh and linear. Released after 10 years in bottle. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2005 The Florita Riesling, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Complex aromas of lemon curd, struck match, flint, toasted sourdough, lime cordial and apple blossoms. The medium-bodied palate has a creamy texture and racy acidity with underlying freshness and power that will keep evolving for years to come. Released after 20 years in bottle. Drink now.

2022 Spring Farm Block 73 Shiraz, 96 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Plush and refined aromas of damson plums, violets, raspberry cordial and purple flowers. The midweight palate has fine tannins and a juicy, textural mouthfeel, showing boysenberries, ferric earth and herbs. Fragrant with a savory undertone. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2021 St Clare Cabernet Malbec, 95 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Aromas of blueberry confit, mulberry compote, baking spices and dark chocolate. The palate is plush with a medium-bodied mouthfeel, chalky tannins and bright acidity, showing dark plums, cedar and boysenberries. Lifted, austere and supple. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

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2022 Spring Farm Block 74 Cabernet Sauvignon, 95 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Fragrant aromas of wild blackberries, boysenberries, sweet spices, violets and lilacs. The midweight palate has firmly framed tannins with a plush mouthfeel, showing licorice root, damson plums and ferric earth. A lovely, leafy, herbal undertone to this high-toned cabernet. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2015 Spring Farm Block 114 Riesling, 95 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Mineral-edged aromas of lime juice, gunsmoke, struck match, lemon curd and shortcrust pastry. The light-bodied, high-tension palate has racy acidity as well as great length and power. Really well-balanced with a lot of freshness waiting to blossom. Released after 10 years in bottle. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2021 The Benbournie Cabernet Sauvignon, 94 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Fragrant aromas of blackcurrants, cedar, dried herbs, lead pencil and violets. The full-bodied palate has firmly framed tannins and harmonious acidity, the drying finish supported by a rounded, textural mouthfeel. Nicely balanced with a savory edge. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2024 Lodge Hill Riesling, 94 Points

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Floral, citrusy and mineral-driven aromas lead into a light-bodied palate, bright acidity and a textural mouthfeel. There's great precision and focus here with a slightly salty finish. Delicious. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2022 Lodge Hill Shiraz, 94 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Layers of blackberries, mulberries, dark chocolate and spices. The palate is medium-bodied with finely tuned tannins, the bright acidity leading into a focused, peppery and textural finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2024 Watervale Riesling, 94 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Expressive aromas of tangerines, white flowers, citrus and chalk. The palate is light-bodied with racy acidity and a nicely weighted mouthfeel, showing lemons, orange blossoms and melon. Lovely balance of freshness and weight. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

2024 Assyrtiko, 93 Points

Tasted by Ryan Montgomery, JamesSuckling.com, April 2025

Crisp, mineral and chalky, showing aromas of citrus, white flowers and sea spray. The palate is medium-bodied with bright acidity and a mouthwatering finish. Drink now. Screw cap.