

STAGNES

DISTILLERY AND BARREL HALLS

XO 15 YEAR OLD

REVIEWS

Halliday Wine Companion - Fredd Higgins - May 2025 - 95 Points

"This brandy is all about the subtle integration of fruit and oak. At 15 years of age, it's impressive that the oak hasn't taken over, showing serious attention to detail in the cask selection and blending process. A delicate nose of waxed fruit hints at real power despite the relatively low alcohol, and the oak is a teasing rather than aggressive presence. The easy-going palate reveals layers of marzipan, orange cake, and gentle tannin, making it effortless to drink. This has long been one of my favourite Australian spirits, so I'm trying not to let confirmation bias get in the way, but there's nothing to fault. The texture is there in spades, a difficult achievement when grapes have far less naturally occurring oils than grains."

Dan Murphy's Decoded Spirits Awards 2022

"This is a star of an Australian product that was up against some very heavy international competition including Cognac and Armagnac. This brandy is subtle, yet balanced. Beautifully crafted by St Agnes Distillery in South Australia."

Bartender Magazine - Sam Bygrave - November 2015

"St Agnes XO is a pot still brandy that is deeply coloured and complex on the palate. It is an aromatic brandy with subtle rancio aromas, with smooth, dry, and long flavours leading to a nutty oak finish."

Theaureview.com - Chris Singh - 14.08.15

"A gorgeous nose of caramel, nutmeg and stonefruits is immediate, connected with the fruity palate that brings vanilla, marmalade, and raisins. It's slightly spicier and has more bite than one would expect, complex with a long, buttery and slightly nutty finish of orange cake and caramel. You will feel a great warmth in the chest as this goes down."

SA Life Magazine—David Sly—December 2014

"It's a drink that has fallen off most people's radar, yet we forget that some of the best brandy available continues to be made in South Australia, by Angove's. The standard St Agnes Three Star Brandy - a winning pot still recipe since 1925 - represents great value, but if you want something truly special opt for the St Agnes XO Seven Star Brandy, deeply coloured from a long maturation in oak that gives a pleasing nutty aftertaste."

Sydney Morning Herald—Huon Hooke—07.10.14—95 Points

"This superbly packaged brandy has deep amber colour and magnificent marmalade, old-leather aromas of terrific complexity. It's minimum 20 years old and powerful on the palate, with pleasingly understated oak, significant alcohol warmth on the finish and enormous persistence."





STAGNES

DISTILLERY AND BARREL HALLS





AWARDS

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2024 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Show 2024 - GOLD and 'Best Grape Brandy' Trophy Royal Australian Spirits Awards 2024 - GOLD, RG (Bob) Hardy Trophy 'Champion Brandy' and Tafe SA Trophy 'Champion Spirit of Show'

Riverland Wine Show 2024 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show 2024 - Silver

Tasting Australia Spirit Awards 2024 - Gold Medal and 'Best in Class'

Royal Perth Distilled Spirits Awards 2024 - GOLD 'Champion Brandy'

Melbourne Royal Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2024 - GOLD

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2024 - Silver & 94 Points

Royal Australian Spirits Awards 2023 - GOLD, RG (Bob) Hardy Trophy 'Champion Brandy' and Tafe SA Trophy 'Champion Spirit of Show'

Tasting Australia Spirit Awards 2023 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2023 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Royal Perth Distilled Spirits Awards 2023 - GOLD 'Champion Brandy'

Riverland Wine Show 2023 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Riverland Wine Show 2022 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2023 - Silver

Perth Royal Food Awards 2021 - Champion Brandy

Tasting Australia Spirit Awards 2022 - Gold Medal

Tasting Australia Spirit Awards 2021 - Gold and St Agnes awarded "Best Distillery"

KPMG Sydney Royal Wine Show 2021 - GOLD and JJ McWilliam Trophy for Best Brandy

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2021 - Silver

Tasting Australia Spirit Awards 2020 - Silver

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2019 - GOLD

Riverland Wine Show 2019 - GOLD and Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2019 - GOLD and JJ McWilliam Trophy for Best Brandy

Tasting Australia Spirit Award 2019 - GOLD & Best Brandy

Australian Distilled Spirit Awards 2019 - Silver

Riverland Wine Show 2018 - Silver

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018 - **Silver**

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018 - Silver

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2018 - Silver

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2017 - **GOLD & Trophy "Best Grape Brandy"**

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2017— **TWC Angove Trophy for Best Brandy in Show**

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2017 - GOLD - Judges comments: "Gold medal wine showed all aspects of what one expects from a top Brandy".

San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2017 - DOUBLE GOLD





STAGNES

DISTILLERY AND BARREL HALLS

XO 15 YEAR OLD

AWARDS 2015 and beyond

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2017 - Trophy "Best Brandy"

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2016— GOLD & TWC Angove Memorial & Gerry Collela Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016 - Silver

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2016 - Silver

International Wine & Spirits Comp. 2016 - **Bronze**

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2016 - GOLD

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2016 - Trophy "Best Brandy"

Hong Kong International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015 - GOLD

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2015 - GOLD & JJ McWilliam Trophy for Best Brandy

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2015 - GOLD & Trophy "Best Brandy"

Melbourne Int'l Spirits Competition 2015 - GOLD

International Wine & Spirits Comp. 2015 - Silver 'Outstanding'

Australian Distilled Spirits Awards 2015 - Bronze

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2014 - GOLD & Trophy "Best Brandy"

Riverland Wine Show 2014 - GOLD & Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2014 - **GOLD**

International Wine & Spirit Comp. 2014 - Silver

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2014 - Bronze

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2013 - GOLD & Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Riverland Wine Show 2013 - GOLD & Trophy 'Best Brandy'

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2013 - GOLD & JJ McWilliam Trophy for Best Brandy

Riverland Wine Show 2013 - **Bronze**

Riverland Wine Show 2012 - GOLD & Trophy 'Best Brandy Class'

Sydney Royal Wine Show 2012 - GOLD & JJ McWilliam Trophy for Best Brandy

Brisbane Royal Wine Show 2012 - GOLD

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2012 - Silver

National Wine Show Canberra 2012 - Silver

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2012 - Silver

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2011 - Silver

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011 - Silver & Best in Class'

Riverland Wine Show 2011 - Silver

Brisbane Royal Wine Show 2011 - Silver

Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2011 - **Bronze**

