

90-100 Points

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YALUMBA



Yalumba Eden Valley Wild Ferment Chardonnay 2007 (from Issue #178) 90 pts

YALUMBA SINGLE-SITE WINES

Yalumba Single Site Habermann Grenache 2005 92 pts

Yalumba Single Site Tri-Centenary Grenache 2005 93 pts

Yalumba Single Site Hahn Farm Shiraz 2005 94 pts

Yalumba Single Site Fromm Shiraz 2005 91 pts

Yalumba Single Site Swingbridge Shiraz 2005 91 pts

YALUMBA RARE & FINE

Yalumba 'The Virgilius' Viognier 2007 "...apricot, orange zest, and ginger..." 91 pts

Yalumba 'The Menzies' Cabernet 2005 "...layered, ripe fruit, savory flavors..." 90+ pts

Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Shiraz 2005 "...an elegant personality.." 92 pts

Yalumba The Octavius Shiraz 2005 "Opulent, savory, and concentrated..." 94 pts

Yalumba 'The Reserve' Cabernet Shiraz 2002 "...elegance and power..." 94 pts

HENSCHKE

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Henschke, one of Australia's oldest & most renowned wineries continues to perform at a high level.

Henschke 'Coralinga' Sauvignon Blanc 2007 "...crisp and Sancerre-like..." 90 pts

Henschke 'Julius' Riesling 2007 "enticing perfume... well-balanced Riesling..." 90 pts

Henschke 'Tappa Pass' Shiraz 2005 "...layered..plenty of spicy, black & blue fruits.." 91 pts

Henschke 'Henry's Seven' 2006 "...outstanding depth and grip, and a silky finish." 92 pts

Henschke 'Johann's Garden' GSM 2006 "....a pleasure-bent wine..." 93 pts

Henschke 'Cyril Henschke' Cabernet 2004 "...Elegant...harmonious...stylish..." 93 pts

Henschke 'Mt Edelstone' Shiraz 2005 "Elegant, already complex, layered..." 97 pts

Henschke 'Hill of Grace' Shiraz 2004 "...breathtaking aromatic array..." 99 pts

JIM BARRY WINES

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Jim Barry 'Lodge Hill' Riesling 2007 (from Issue #178) 90 pts

Jim Barry 'Lodge Hill' Shiraz 2006 (from Issue #178) 90 pts

Jim Barry The Cover Drive 2006 (from Issue #178) 90 pts

Jim Barry Florita Riesling 2005 "...grapefruit, lime, and mineral..." 90 pts

Jim Barry 'McRae Wood' Shiraz 2005 "Layered, with excellent depth..." 91 pts

Jim Barry 'The Armagh' Shiraz 2005 96 pts

Jim Barry's flagship wine is The Armagh Shiraz. The 2006 was not available for tasting instead, the 2005 was shown again and it is every bit as good as the 96 point rating I gave it in Issue 173.

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GIACONDA

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Giaconda, founded by Rick Kinzbrunner, released its first wines in 1987. It has become one of Australia's iconic wineries and the Estate Chardonnay a reference point against which others must be measured.

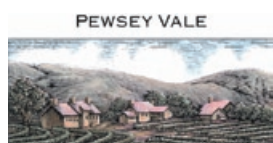
- Giaconda Estate Chardonnay 2006 95 pts
Giaconda Warner Shiraz 2006 "...spice box, leather, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur" 93 pts

LANGMEIL WINERY

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WINERY

- Langmeil 1843 Freedom Shiraz 2006 "...Elegantly styled, sleek, and full-flavored..." 97 pts
Langmeil Orphan Bank Shiraz 2006 "outstanding depth, savory, spicy black fruit..." 91 pts
Langmeil Hangin' Snakes Shiraz Viognier 2007 "a succulent, forward wine.." 90 pts
Langmeil Valley Floor Shiraz 2007 "...black cherry, blueberry, and cedar..." 90 pts
Langmeil The Blacksmith Cabernet 2006 "...excellent depth, spicy flavors..." 90 pts

PEWSEY VALE VINEYARD



- Pewsey Vale Riesling 2008 (from Issue #178) 90 pts
Pewsey Vale 'The Contours' Riesling 2003 92 pts
Pewsey Vale's Contours Riesling is the flagship; a consistently outstanding wine released five years after the vintage to demonstrate Riesling's ability to improve with age.

HEGGIES VINEYARD

Heggies

- Heggies Eden Valley Chardonnay 2007 (from Issue #178) 90 pts
Heggies Eden Valley Reserve Chardonnay 2006 "...finesse, intense flavors..." 92 pts

REDBANK

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VICTORIA

- Redbank 'The Anvil' Beechworth Shiraz 2006 "medium-bodied, elegant Shiraz with layers of spicy blue and black fruits, excellent depth and concentration, and a long, pure finish. There is enough structure for 4-5 years of further development and it should drink well through 2021." 90 pts

VASSE FELIX

- VASSE FELIX Vasse Felix Heytesbury Chardonnay 2006 "...an elegant...balanced and dense..." 90 pts

SEPPELTSFIELD

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- EST 1851 -

- Seppeltsfield Para Centenary Tawny 100 Year Old 1908 "It is expensive but unique; how often do you get to drink history (the last year the Chicago Cubs won the World Series)..." 100 pts

In 2007 I had the privilege of visiting the winery for a vertical tasting with winemaker James Godfrey. We went back by decades beginning with 1957 and working back by tens to 1877. According to the winery, over the course of 100 years, the Beaume peaks and then stabilizes when the wine reaches 50 to 70 years of age. The acidity also peaks and stabilizes at around age 50. At age 100, the balance between sugar, acid, and alcohol is considered ideal and the wine is ready to be bottled and sold. As best I can tell, the wine is timeless; the 1877 was incredibly intense and concentrated with no end in sight.