

What They Said About Our Wines

AINSWORTH & SNELSON

Handcrafted Regional Wine

In August 2007 we were designated a 5-Star winery by Australian wine authority James Halliday - this means:

"Outstanding winery capable of producing wines of very high quality, and did so this year".

| Vintage | Wine | Publication | Score | Comments |
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| 2006 | Clare Valley Riesling | James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2008 (pub. Aug 07) | 94/100 5 Stars | "Glowing green-straw; voluminous aromas and flavours of lime and tropical fruit without losing focus or brightness; fabulous". |
| 2004 | Barossa Valley Shiraz | James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2008 (pub. Aug 07) | 94/100 5 Stars | Bursting with traditional Barossa Valley black fruits with underlying nuances of licorice; good tannin texture & structure; carries its alcohol with aplomb:. |
| 2005 | Clare Valley Riesling | James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007 (pub. July 06) | 93/100 4.5 Stars | "Flowery perfumed blossom aromas; the palate opens with generous lime and passion-fruit, then moves to delicious lemony acidity on the finish" |
| 2004 | Yarra Valley Chardonnay | " | 93/100 4.5 Stars | "Elegant style; bracing mineral acidity runs through the palate from start to finish; a touch of French oak adds to complexity". |
| 2003 | Barossa Valley Shiraz | " | 88/100 4.5 Stars | "Medium-bodied, showing some signs of development ; spicy earthy edges to plum and blackberry fruit; integrated French oak |
| 2003 | Barossa Valley Shiraz | International Wine& Spirit Competition Website (pub. July 06) | Best in Class | "Deep purple. Nose is a full mingle of plum, blackberry, dark cherry and pepper. Rich and full in the mouth yet well balanced and elegant. Soft, silky flow across the palate. Fine tannins and lively acidity. Good oak support. Long, keen finish" |
| 2003 | Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon | James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007 (pub. July 06) | 90/100 4 Stars | "Light-to-medium bodied; pleasantly soft and spicy fruit, aided by silky tannins, provides good mouthfeel". |
| 2003 | Yarra Valley Chardonnay | Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2005/06 (pub. Jan 06) Huon Hooke/Ralph Kyte-Powell | Rated 4.5 glasses (out of 5) (= "a marvellous wine that is so close to the top it almost doesn't matter") | "Although barrel fermented, 25 percent in new French oak, this is a more subtle Chardonnay than most. The nose has fine fruit characters, reminiscent of nectarines, grapefruit and green lime. There's also a honeyed touch and oak is restrained . In the mouth it's smooth & silky in texture with very fine fruit and minerally flavours that last long and is fragrant. A welcome alternative to the big sunshiny chardonnays, this suits steamed scampi with Chinese seasonings well." |
| 2003 | Yarra Valley Chardonnay | James Halliday Winepros Website (pub. May 2005) & James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007 (pub. July 06) | 91 out of 100 4.5 Stars | "Very well made; a fusion of ripe melon, fig, nectarine and subtle French oak; good length; developing nicely." |
| 2002 | Barossa Valley Shiraz | " | 90 out of 100 4.5 Stars | "Light to medium-bodied; savoury, spicy style; good length; well controlled extract and oak" |
| 2002 | Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon | " | 90 out of 100 4.5 Stars | "Savoury, earthy blackcurrant fruit typical of the region (and vintage); neatly sweetened by oak and ripe tannin". |