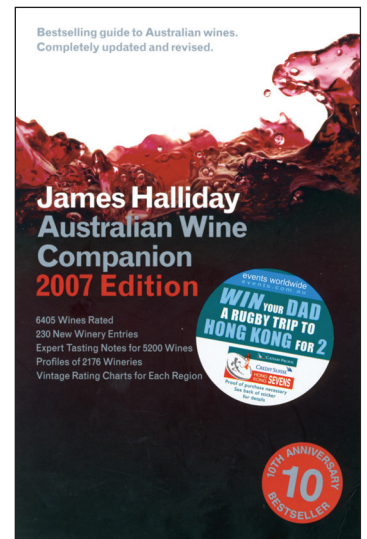


James Halliday 2007 Wine Companion

“West Cape Howe 5 star rated producer”

After a highly successful 7 years, West Cape Howe founders Brenden and Kylie Smith moved on, selling the business to a partnership including Gavin Berry (until May 2004, senior winemaker at Plantagenet) and viticulturist Rob Quenby. As well as existing fruit sources, West Cape Howe now has the 80-ha Lansdale Vineyard, planted in 1989, as its primary fruit source. The focus now will be less on contract winemaking, and more on building the very strong West Cape Howe brand.



Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Spotless, fine and elegant aromatic mix of gooseberry and tropical fruit; a nice core of minerality woven through to a harmonious finish. Screwcap.

RATING 94 DRINK 2008



Shiraz Viognier 2004 Attractive wine; lush black fruits with the touch of rounded sweetness from the viognier; also a touch of chocolate and soft tannins. Cork.

RATING 94 DRINK 2-14



Riesling 2005 Floral apple and passionfruit; a smooth but powerful palate with lime joining the characters of the bouquet; long finish. Screwcap.

RATING 92 DRINK 2013



Sauvignon Blanc 2005 Clean, crisp, correct and lively aromas; bright apple and gooseberry palate; delicate, fresh finish. Screwcap.

RATING 92 DRINK Now



Viognier 2005 Intensely fragrant aromas of apricot and gingerbread; a richly textured palate with a touch of almost inevitable phenolics. Has a back label which tells the truth. Screwcap.

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