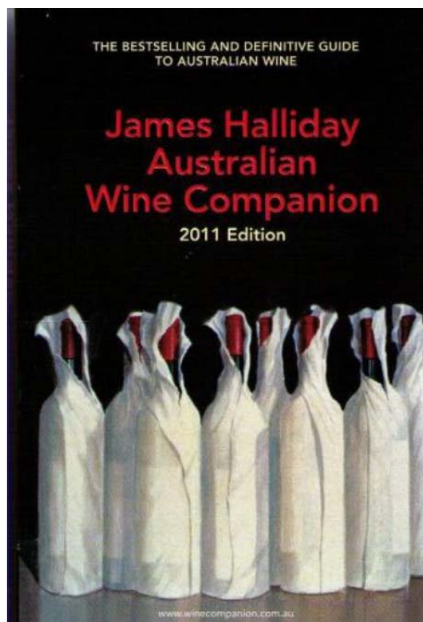


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GIBSON & LOOSE END WINES ★★★★★

GIBSON 'DIRTMAN' SHIRAZ 2006 - 90 points

"There is some development to this wine, with a leather and earth quality framing the fruit; quite generous and rich, there is a solid, almost 'old-fashioned' savoury quality that seems to work quite well."

HAY SHED HILL ★★★★★

CHARDONNAY 2009 – 93 points

"A generous style, with white peach, nectarine and plenty of spice; quite richly textured, yet still light and fresh, with fine flavours persisting from start to finish. Screwcap."

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008 – 91 points

"Strong/deep colour; pure blackcurrant-accented fruit on both bouquet and palate does the work; the tannins are fine and soft, the French oak light, despite 18 months maturation."

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LONGVIEW VINEYARD ★★★★★

**“DEVIL’S ELBOW” CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007
– 94 points**

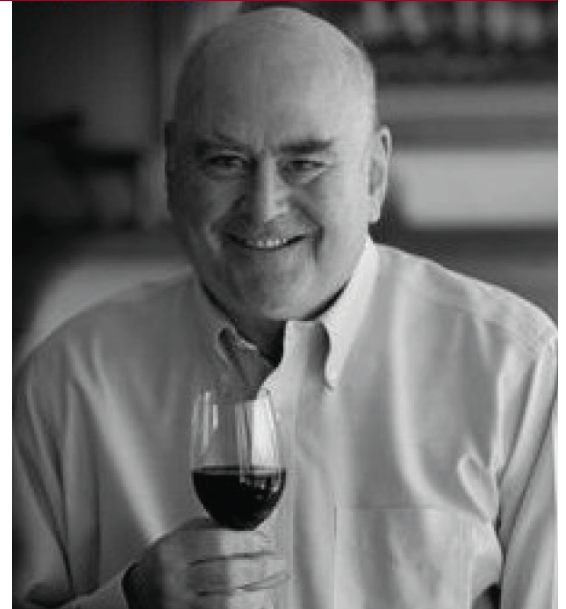
“A particularly good cabernet, transcending the vintage and its alcohol, for it is a cedary, medium-bodied wine with delicious blackcurrant fruit and persistent but superfine tannins.”

**“RED BUCKET” SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008
– 91 points**

“Bright, deep crimson-purple; there is a lot of juicy wine for the price, with a cascade of vibrant black fruits, spice and pepper, the tannins fine and well balanced.”

**“RED BUCKET” SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007
– 90 points**

“A fresh, lively and friendly blend, with some spicy elements; gold medal Perth '08 and trophy at the Houston International Wine Show '09 (for Shiraz/Cabernet blends) represent an odd double; the wine is supple and has good length.”



PIKES ★★★★★

“THE MERLE” RESERVE RIESLING 2009 – 96 points

“Pale straw-green; the palate with beautifully modulated, but very intense, juicy lime flavours and exceptional thrust to the long finish thanks to perfect acidity; every component in balance.”

“TRADITIONALE” RIESLING 2009 – 94 points

“Pale straw-green; a gently flowery bouquet then a very precise, pure and penetrating palate, lime, lemon and slatey mineral notes driving through to the finish.”

WEST CAPE HOWE ★★★★★

“BOOK ENDS” CAB SAUVIGNON 2007 – 95 points

“Very good colour; a rich cabernet with abundant varietal flavour thanks to picking at the right moment and skilled blending; achieves maximum expression while only medium-bodied, for the savoury tannins will underpin long-term development.”

TEMPRANILLO 2008 – 90 points

“Obviously grown in a climate (cool) which suits it; red cherry and raspberry fruit has a nice cut, making the wine fresh and lively, but not green.”

