

HOT OFF THE PRESS! HOT OFF THE PRESS! HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Great press for West Cape Howe new releases

"When the gods smile on a vintage such as 2007, the only thing you have to worry about is stuffing it up. Thankfully Gavin Berry and his team at West Cape Howe didn't and the results are two mighty impressive red wines that highlight beautifully what a wonderful vintage this has been. The conditions were just right across most of the State to produce fruit with excellent varietal characters and powerful fruit intensity. Initially this is with the value wines at the lower price end, but gradually more of the premium-end wines are starting to appear. These are the wines that generally receive more winery treatment and require a little more time to present at their best. The two West Cape Howe reds that caught my tastebuds were a cabernet sauvignon and a shiraz viognier. I have long been a fan of the cabernets from this producer, especially when the vintages stack up, and this one is just about the best it has made. What's more, it's great value for money. The shiraz viognier is clearly the best yet. Most important, Berry hasn't let the viognier overplay its hand and it's the powerful fruity opulence of Great Southern shiraz that dominates. I have also included a really attractive chardonnay from the 08 vintage which offers excellent drinking over the coming few years."

Ray Jordan, *The West Australian* 28 May 2009



"BOOK ENDS" CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

*"You won't get too many better examples of Great Southern cabernet than this purler. It's supple and generous but with that effortless length and grace that only come in the best seasons. Minty red berry and blackcurrant nuances with a delightful cedary oak influence. **94/100.**"*



"TWO STEPS" SHIRAZ VIOGNIER 2007

*"This is a belter that captures the best of this wonderful vintage down south in WA. The viognier has been judiciously added so as not to dominate but to simply spice things up a little. The rich dark plum and black currant of the shiraz hold firm in this excellent example of this blend. Just love it. **93/100.**"*



"STYX GULLY" CHARDONNAY 2008

*"A subtle and quite delicate chardonnay from the Great Southern. Having said that, it retains a healthy intensity and palate length with grapefruit and light melon flavours with just a hint of toasty oak. **88/100.**"*