

## INTERNATIONAL RATINGS AUG-NOV. 2008

### International Wine Competition, The World's best Wines 2008:

2005 Château Maucamps, Haut-Médoc Cru Bourgeois: Bronze

"Youthful, medium-deep colour and a soft, cedary, ripe nose. Medium bodied with delicate mulberry fruit. A clean, dry, attractive wine".

### Decanter (dec. 2008)

Château Baret Rouge 2005, Pessac-Léognan: \*\*\* (Recommended)

### James Halliday, Wine Companion nov. 2008 (Australien):

Louis Roederer Cristal Brut 2002. 96 points

### Top 100 of the Wine Spectator 2008

2007 Piesporter Goldtröpfchen, Riesling Kabinett 90 points - Nr. 79

### Desuden i The Wine Spectator 2008

2007 Josephshöfer - Monopol Riesling Kabinett 90 points

2007 Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett 91 points

2007 Josephshöfer - Monopol Riesling Spätlese 91 points

2007 Scharzhofberger Riesling Spätlese 95 points

### New York Times, okt. 08

#### Tasting report Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Valle Reale 2005: \*\*\* (den eneste med tre stjerner blandt de udvalgte vine)

Lively and complex with cherry, floral and mineral aromas and flavors.

### Gambero Rosso, Vini d'Italia 2009

2006 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Valle Reale: 3 glas.

2005 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Valle Reale: 2 glas.

2004 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Valle Reale: 2 glas.

2007 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Vigne Nuove, Valle Reale: 1 glas.

2006 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, Vigne Nuove, Valle Reale: 2 glas.

2005 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, San Calisto, Valle reale: 3 glas

2004 Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, San Calisto, Valle reale: 3 glas

### Wine Spectator okt. 2008:

2007 Scharzhofberger Riesling Spätlese, Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt: 95 points / Highly Recommended

### Drinks International okt. 08:

Sauvignon Blanc 2008, Nimbus Estate, Viña Casablanca: \*\*\*\*\* (Exceptional). "Really ripe, effusive stuff. layers of minerals, creamy tropical fruits and gooseberry."

### Peñin Wine Guide 2009 (Spaniens vigtigste vinguide)

For anden år i træk opnår Marqués de Murrieta 90+ points for alle deres 5 vine.

2007 Pazo Barrantes: 90 points

2004 Capellanía Blanco Reserva: 94 points  
2004 Marqués de Murrieta Reserva: 91 points  
2000 Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva: 95 points  
2004 Dalmau: 95 points

**Reviews from the Sep/Oct 2008 edition of Stephen Tanzers International Wine Cellar  
By Josh Reynolds**

**2006 Heathcote II Myola, Heathcote:**

93 Points

"(40% each of merlot and cabernet franc and 20% cabernet sauvignon) Bright ruby. Explosively perfumed, offering a sexy bouquet of ripe dark berries, incense and graphite..."

**2006 Heathcote II Shiraz, Heathcote:**

92 Points

"Opaque ruby. Expansive dark berry and mineral aromas ...Very suave and surprisingly accessible today, although I'd hold off on opening this for another few years, minimum."

**2006 Heathcote II Shiraz H.D., Heathcote:**

93 Points

"...I really like the streamlined personality of this wine."

**Herald Tribune International (sept. 08):** Italys Aglianico wines are too often neglected  
... Aglianico 2003, Ocone, Italien

**The New York Times (sept 08):**

Best Value: Aglianico 2003, Ocone, Italien

**Decanter Awards okt. 2008**

**ST: HALLETT, AUSTRALIEN:**

**TROPHY: Australian Red Rhone Varietals Regional Trophy:** St Hallett Gamekeepers Reserve 2007, Barossa Valley, South Australia.

*Dark plum aroma, flavours of sweet fruit and a hint of apricot. Good complexity with a long finish.*

**GOLD:**

St Hallett Old Block Shiraz 2004, Barossa Valley, South Australia.

*Rich, spicy, big tannins but all in balance. Lots of concentration and explosive, ripe blackcurrants.*

**SILVER:**

St Hallett Blackwell Shiraz 2005, Barossa Valley, South Australia.

*Deep and dark. Oaky, nice spice and pepper.*

**BRONZE:**

St Hallett Riesling 2007, Eden valley, South Australia.

*Clean, fresh, zesty, floral nose. Intense, ripe and crisp with subtle citrus character and notes of flowers.*

**COMMENDED:**

St Hallett Poachers Blend Semillon Sauvignon Blanc Riesling 2007, Barossa Valley, South Australia.

*Very fresh nose. Sweet on the palate.*

**KANONKOP, SYDAFRIKA:**

**TROPHY: South African Red Single Varietal Regional Trophy**

Kanonkop Pinotage 2004, Stellenbosch, Coastal Region, South Africa.

*A deep red of black cherry fruit and fine oak. Very concentrated, very fine, and long lasting.*

### **South Africa Red Bordeaux Varietals Regional Trophy:**

Kanonkop Paul Sauer 2004, Stellenbosch, Coastal Region, South Africa.

*A very juicy, ripe and lush wine with chocolate mocha flavours and a concentrated aroma.*

### **SILVER:**

Kanonkop Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

Stellenbosch, Coastal Region, South Africa.

*A slightly stewed jammy nose. Fruity entry on palate. A nice depth of flavour. Quite complex. Soft tannin. Easy, well balanced.*

### **BROWN BROTHERS, AUSTRALIEN:**

#### **GOLD:**

Brown Brothers Patricia Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Victoria, Australia

*Ripe cassis, cedar notes. Big, rich and powerful. Plenty of oak, youthful at present. Voluminous palate. Should integrate well. Definitely one for the cellar.*

#### **SILVER:**

Brown Brothers Shiraz 2005, Victoria, Australia

*Deep colour. Ripe and freshy. Big and bold. Quite oaky and very good fruit.*

Brown Brothers Patricia Shiraz 2005, Victoria, Australia

*Vibrant colours, spicy fruit and toasty oak. Medium bodied, tight, great potential.*

#### **BRONZE:**

Brown Brothers Moscato 2007, South Eastern Australia, Australia.

*Strong nose. Strong Muscat flavour. Sweet but balanced. Refreshing.*

Brown Brothers Tarrango 2007, Victoria, Australia

*Light red, purple. Ripe cherry nose with some earth. Sweet, fleshy, ripe, juicy and well balanced. Serve cold.*

Brown Brothers Chenin Blanc 2007, Victoria, Australia

*Fresh with a touch of spice. Dry, crisp fruit.*

Brown Brothers Patricia Chardonnay 2006, Victoria, Australia

*Tropical fruit, toffee and butterscotch nose with a touch of coconut. Butterscotch and toffee palate. Subtle texture and long.*

Brown Brothers Late Harvested Muscat 2007, Victoria, Australia

*Good mellow nose. Rich almost luscious balance of sweetness and fruit.*

Brown Brothers Orange Muscat & Flora 2007

Victoria, Australia

*Good aromas. Very good balance.*

Brown Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Victoria, Australia

*Oaky nose. In mouth tight, tough, tannic mature. Good length and balance.*

### **RAMOS PINTO, PORTUGAL**

#### **GOLD**

30 Year Old Tawny, Ramos Pinto Port, Portugal

*Full, rich, nutty nose. Fine with some freshness and elegance. A very rich, concentrated palate. Delicate but*

*rich. A very long, good finish.*

## **SILVER**

Duas Quintas Reserva 2006, Douro, Portugal

*Very good aromas of red and black fruit berries with a nice wood integration. Very well made. Very good body, great balance, full, big and generous. Quite good.*

Quinta do Bom Retiro, 20 Year Old Tawny, Port, Portugal

*Some lovely complexity with toasty aromas. Delicate, not too sweet in style. Fine poise and freshness with lovely balance on the finish.*

## **BRONZE**

Ramos Pinto Collection 2006 (Duas Quintas)

Douro, Portugal

*Harmonious wine with good intensity, wood well integrated. Complex with harmony, good acidity, soft tannins. Good red fruit aromas.*

Quinta de Ervamoira, 10 Year Old Tawny, Port, Portugal

*Rich and fruity and complex aromas. Full, rich, complex palate. Nutty with lots of depth and richness. A full, lingering finish.*

## **COMMENDED**

Quinta de Ervamoira 2005 Vintage, Port, Portugal

*Attractive nose though closed. Underlying intensity. Very sweet. Good purity of fruit. Spicy berries and a firm tannic crisp. Well made with attractive fruit and length.*

Adriano Ramos Pinto Duas Quintas Reserva 2005

Douro, Portugal

*Very good intensity, red fruit aromas, wood well integrated. Great elegance and finesse. Good tannins and enough acidity. Elegant and long finish.*

## **KUENTZ-BAS, ALSACE**

### **SILVER**

Gewurztraminer 2001, Kuentz-Bas, Alsace, France

*Medium gold yellow. Rosewater nose. Delicious on its own.*

Kuentz-Bas Riesling, Grand Cru Pfersigberg 2001

Alsace, France

*Concentrated, honeyed Riesling. Gorgeous bottle with mature Riesling aromas. Lovely acids. Great.*

Kuentz-Bas Riesling Cuvée Jérémy 2001, Alsace, France

*Pure, bright, spicy and good acidity. Light with good length and lots of flavour.*

## **PLANETA, SICILIEN**

**Silver** Planeta Syrah 2005, Sicily, Italy

*Solid blackberry tones. Rich black fruits, dark cocoa, excellent. Generous raspberry and oak. Full palate upfront.*

**Bronze** Planeta Burdese 2005, Sicily, Italy

*Black, rich. Deep tones, blackberry nose, some oak and menthol. Deep, full palate. Big cherry. Wonderfully powerful.*

**Bronze** Planeta la Segreta White 2007

Sicily, Italy

*Full, honey, lime, rosemary. Full with deep honeysuckle, well crafted with very long, lush finish. Tropical.*

**Commended** Planeta la Segreta Red 2007, Sicily, Italy

*Deep purple. Vanilla oak. Dry, raisin, somewhat antique, full-bodied tannin.*

**DIVERSE**

**Silver** Domaine Jean-Paul Balland 2007

Sancerre, Loire, France

*Quite ripe nose, some grapefruit and exotic fruit. Good concentration of rich fruit, some length.*

**Commended** Domaine Jean Paul Balland 2006

Sancerre Red, Loire, France

*Ripe fresh fruit. Good lively acidity.*

**Silver** Maison Lupé-Cholet Domaine du Château Gris, Les Terrasses du Château 2006

Nuits-Saint-Georges Blanc, Burgundy, France

*Pale green gold. Mild, lemon and toast aromas. Fresh and crisp with beautiful elegant fruit. Very complex with delicious length and chalky sweet lemon bitter fruit. Mid-weight with excellent balance and length.*

**Bronze** Maison Lupé-Cholet, Château de Viviers, Vaucopins 2006, Chablis 1er Cru, Burgundy, France

*Lovely, spicy flowerbed nose. Soft fruit. Palate full and warm with final freshness. A succulent and big bodied Chablis.*

**Bronze** Les Vins de Vienne 2005

St-Joseph Rouge, Rhone Valley, France

*Bright, edgy, youthful, pepper nose. Clean, open palate. Black fruits. Powerful. Soft. Long.*

**Commended** Pierre Gaillard Transhumance 2006, Faugères, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

*Rich vanilla custard and blackberry jam. A very open palate. Chunky red fruit. Ripe strawberries.*

**Bronze** Bodegas Ochoa Moscatel 2007, Navarra, Spain

*Pear drop, floral and delicate. Soft silky sweet good fruit concentration. Excellent varietal character and expression. Medium length.*

*Commended* Bodegas Ochoa Rosado De Lagrina 2007, Navarra, Spain

*Restrained nose. Sweet red berry fruit. Fresh with good length.*

**Commended** Marqués de Murrieta 2003, Rioja Reserva, Spain

*Spice dominate, a little green. Cherry fruit, good temprillo character. A bit dry.*

**Bronze** Marqués de Murrieta Castillo Ygay, Gran Reserva Especial 2000, Rioja Gran Reserva, Spain

*Classic creamy lactic vanilla nose. Ripe soft full red fruit. Lovely perfume. Gorgeous fine tannins. Gentle seductive strawberry fruit. Well crafted and long.*

**Commended** Weingut Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett 2006, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany

*Fresh and delightful. Nicely floral, fine acidity and elegance.*

**Bronze** Weingut Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt Josephshöfer Riesling Spätlese 2005

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany

*Rich, suave, velvety, but could use a bit more zip. Dry and sweet.*

**Silver** Weingut Reichsgraf von Kesselstatt Piesporter Goldtröpfchen Riesling Spätlese 2006, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany

(White)

*Fresh but creamy. Soft, lovely herbs, lingering. Very good.*

**Silver** Silverado Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, Napa Valley, California, United States  
*A ripe fruit nose. There is a lot here. Well structured. Deep cassis and chocolate. Generous oak in balance. Supple tannins and a good length. Full balanced and heartwarming.*

**Commended** Château Maucamps Cru Bourgeois Supérieur 2005, Haut-Médoc, Bordeaux, France  
*Soft, ripe, balanced, elegant, supple. Good pretty fruit.*

**Commended** Vallone Graticciaia 2003  
Salento, Puglia, Italy  
*Like maturing claret, with small, orange rim. Mature evolved with tobacco, raisins, laurel and vanilla pod. Sweet candied fruit with balancing acidity. Quite good.*

**Commended** Vallone Vigna Flaminio 2005, Brindisi, Puglia, Italy  
*Damsons and cinnamon with some liquorice and earth with sweet leathery character. An intriguing old style red.*

**Commended** Viña Casablanca Nimbus Estate Merlot 2006, Colchagua Valley, Chile  
*Dark, intense but tight red fruit nose. Rich, silky, complex flavours. Needs time but good wine.*

**Commended** Viña Casablanca Nimbus Cabernet Sauvignon Single Vineyard 2006, Maipo Valley, Chile  
*Deep, dense colour. Cassis, cedar, intensity. Full, good, ripeness. Round, solid mid palate, round tannins, mint, smoke.*

**International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008 (London):** Armagnac Vintage 1979, Castarède: Bronze

**Wine Spectator ratings for Barbaresco, Langhe og Toscana (sept. 08):**

Barbaresco 2005, Gaja: 92 points.

Barbaresco Marcarini 2005, Ca del Baio: 92 points  
Barbaresco Asili 2005, Ca del Baio: 90 points  
Barbaresco Valgrande 2005, Ca del Baio: 90 points

Langhe Sperss 2004, Gaja: 99 points  
Langhe Costa Russi 2005, Gaja: 96 points  
Langhe Sorì Tildin 2005, Gaja: 96 points  
Langhe San Lorenzo 2005, Gaja: 95 points  
Langhe Conteisa 2004, Gaja: 92 points

Toscana, Promis 2006, Ca Marcanda: 90 points

Chianti Classico 2006, Villa Calcinaia: 87 points  
Chianti Classico 2006, Borgo Scopeto: 86 points

**Revue des Vins de France (aug. 08):** VDP des Collines Rhodaniennes Taburnum 2006: 16/20

**Revue des Vins de France (aug. 08):** VDP des Collines Rhodaniennes Sotanum 2006: 15,5/20

**Decanter aug. 2008**

Under temaet: "50 reasons to love screwcaps" bliver bl.a. følgende vine med skruelåg nævnt:

Gamekeepers Reserve, Shiraz-Grenache, Barossa valley, St. Hallett, Australien: \*\*\* (Recommended)

Pinot Noir 2006, Marlborough, Wither Hills, New Zealand: \*\*\*\* (Highly Recommended)

**Japan Wine Challenge juli 2008:**

Navarra Reserva 2001, Bodegas Ochoa: Gold  
Tempranillo 2004, Navarra, Bodegas Ochoa: Bronze

**James Hallidays Wine Companion 2009(Australien):**

St. Hallett, Blackwell Shiraz 2006: 96 Points & Outstanding

St. Hallett, Blackwell Shiraz 2005: 94 Points  
Old Block Shiraz 2004: 92 Points

St. Hallett, Eden Valley Riesling 2007: 91 Points

St. Hallett, Poachers Blend 2007: 88 Points

St. Hallett, Faith Shiraz 2006: 88 Points

St. Hallett, Gamekeepers Reserve 2007: 88 Points

**Muscat du Monde 2008 International Wine Competition (France):** MdO, Moscato de Ochoa 2007 Gold Medal.

**Decanter august 2008:**

Vino Nobile di montepulciano 2005 Avignonesi: \*\*\*\* (Highly Recommended).

**Wine Spectator (juli 2008):** Vin de pays des collines rhodaniennes Sotatum 2006, Les Vins de Vienne: 92 points

"Supple in texture, but with nice drive to the raspberry ganache, lavender, mineral and sweet spice flavors. The very long, silky finish has latent richness and fine, embedded acidity. Should flesh out nicely in the cellar. Syrah. Best from 2009 through 2014." (James Molesworth)

**Wine Spectator (juli 2008):** Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes Taburnum (Viognier) 2006. Les Vins de Vienne: 94 points

"Really inviting, with crushed quartz, dried chamomile, green almond and yellow apple flavours all carried by mouthwatering acidity. The superlong finish has lots in reserve, with fennel and anise seed notes checking in. Has great clarity and precision. The best vintage yet for this Viognier bottling. Drink now through 2012." (James Molesworth)

**Wine Spectator (juli 2008):** Chateauneuf du Pape les Oteliées 2006, Les Vins de Vienne: 93 points.

"Very inviting, with dark, crushed currant and blackberry fruit mixed with lavender, iron, bittersweet cocoa, melted licorice and iron notes. The long finish is packed with dark, gutsy fruit, but stays racy at the same time. Best from 2009 through 2019." (James Molesworth)