



Press Review & Awards Sheet updated January 2009

Domaine Gayda, Bruguairolles



Chemin de Moscou 2005 awarded 4 Stars from Decanter magazine (Highly recommended)

Occitane Red 2005 has been selected as one of 19 "Ambassadors" for the Languedoc and featured in the final selection for the absolutely cracking selection in a recent London tasting of French wines

L'Archet Grenache 2007 selected by Oz Clarke as a 'Star' wine at The Wine Show 2008

T'Air d'Oc Syrah 2006 awarded 88 points in Wine Spectator and named as one of the six best value wines available in the United States.

Alex Gambal, Beaune

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Puligny-Montrachet 2005 90 points Wine Spectator (July 2008) – only 100 cases were made, we have a very small amount still in stock

Champagne Robert Moncuit



Grand Cru Avize Blanc de Blancs Grande Cuvee 2002 awarded 4 Stars - Highly Recommended in Decanter (January 2009)

"Complex, nutty, appley nose with brioche and dried fruit. Powerful, intense palate with mouthwatering, well-integrated lemony acidity. Great personality."



Giorgio Colutta, Colli Orientali del Friuli



Friulano 2007 awarded 4 Stars – Highly Recommended in Decanter (July 2008)
“White pepper and acacia flowers. A very refreshing and aromatic white with a natural unoaked spiciness, aromatic power and a long mineral finish.”

Ca'Viola, Dogliani



Dolcetto d'Alba Barturot 2006 & 2007 awarded 90 points in Wine Advocate (Robert Parker)

Dolcetto d'Alba Barturot 2007 awarded 'Tre Bicchieri' in the 2009 Gambero Rosso

L'Insieme Vino Rosso di Tavola 2001 awarded 91 points in Wine Advocate

Bric du Luv Langhe Rosso 2004 awarded 90 points in Wine Advocate

Bric du Luv Langhe Rosso 2005 awarded 'Tre Bicchieri' in the 2008 Gambero Rosso Guide

Brancaia, Radda in Chianti



Tre IGT Toscana 2006 awarded 88 points in Wine Advocate (Robert Parker)

Il Blu IGT Toscana 2005 awarded 92 points in Wine Advocate (Robert Parker),
'Tre Bicchieri' in Gambero Rosso 2008 & 90 points in Wine Spectator



Il Blu IGT Toscana 2006 awarded 'Tre Bicchieri' in the 2009 Gambero Rosso – this is the tenth year in a row the Il Blu has been awarded with three glasses! This stunning wine has also been awarded 95 points in Wine Advocate.

Iltraia IGT Toscana 2005 awarded 91 points in Wine Advocate and 92 points in Wine Spectator

Iltraia IGT Toscana 2006 (not yet shipped) awarded 93 points in Wine Advocate

Bodegas Luis Alegre, Rioja



Rioja Reserva 2003 awarded a Bronze Medal in the Decanter World Wine Awards 2006

Dominio del Bendito, Toro



“Dominio Del Bendito 'El Titan' 2004 is a prowling, brooding, cave black behemoth. With ecclesiastical legs and a trace of blood at the meniscus, fireclay, blueberries with clotted Jersey double cream and warm wood surge forth on the nose. On the palate, a rush of plump berries, peppered venison and grippy tannins mingle lustroously with herbal aromatics A show-off, show-stopper in door-stop weight vial. From just 20 organically cultivated acres, this is a most marvellous Tempranillo, known locally as *Tinta de Toro* (DO Toro)” considers Douglas Blyde at www.intoxicatingprose.co.uk



Von Siebenthal, Aconcagua Valley



Robert Parker loves these wines

Carmenere 2006 awarded 90 points by Wine Advocate (Robert Parker)

Montelig 2004 awarded 92 points by Wine Advocate

Montelig 2005 awarded 93 points by Wine Advocate

Carabantes 2004 awarded 92 points by Wine Advocate

Toknar 2005 awarded 94 points by Wine Advocate

Viniterra, Mendoza



Malbec Select 2005 awarded 90 points by Wine Advocate (Robert Parker)

Pegasus Bay, Waipara



Pegasus Bay has been rated as “**Outstanding**” and given **5 Stars** in Robert Parker’s Wine Buyer’s Guide No. 7 – one of only five New Zealand wineries to be rated as such.

To quote Robert Parker, “Those few growers/producers who have received five star ratings are those who make the world’s finest wines, and they have been selected for this rating for two reasons: first, because they make the greatest wine of their particular viticultural region, and second, because they are remarkably consistent and reliable even in mediocre and poor vintages.”



Pegasus Bay Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2007 awarded 95 points by Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) – the highest ever score for a New World Sauvignon. Also awarded 5 Stars in Decanter (February 2009) by Bob Campbell MW.

Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir 2006 awarded 92 points by Wine Advocate and awarded 5 Stars in Decanter (February 2009) by Bob Campbell MW.

Pegasus Bay Riesling 2007 & Main Divide Riesling 2007 have been awarded 5 Stars by TizWine, the UK wine trades on line version of The Week magazine.

Pegasus Bay Riesling 2007 awarded 5 Stars and given 'Super Classic' status in Michael Cooper's Buyers' Guide 2009 (one of only three New Zealand wineries recognised as such)

Pegasus Bay Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2006 awarded 95 points and rated as the best imported wine to Australia by the Sydney Morning Herald

Pegasus Bay Chardonnay 2006 awarded 4 Stars in Decanter (February 2009) by Bob Campbell MW

Main Divide Waipara Riesling 2007 awarded 5 Stars and named as the "Best Value White Wine of the Year" in the definitive New Zealand guide – Michael Cooper's Buyers' Guide 2009

Hans Herzog, Marlborough



Michel Bettane selected Hans as one of the best 365 wineries in the world. Only 8 others were included from New Zealand

Viognier 2007 awarded 92 points by Wine Advocate (Robert Parker)

Spirit of Marlborough Merlot Cabernet 2001 awarded 5 Stars in Michael Cooper's Buyers' Guide 2008

Montepulciano 2005 awarded 5 Stars in Michael Cooper's Buyers' Guide 2008



Chardonnay 2006 awarded 4.5 Stars in Michael Cooper's Buyers' Guide 2008

Malcolm Gluck considers that "Hans Herzog makes wines. Indeed the sensitive taster is quickly made aware as s/he tastes that no-one is making better wine in the whole of New Zealand than Hans Herzog. His luscious liquids are as good, if not better, than anything that has ever passed my lips as great New Zealand wine".

West Cape Howe, Great Southern



West Cape Howe were again awarded Five Red Stars in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009 – placing them in the top 8% of Australian wineries. This is a great achievement!

Styx Gulley Chardonnay 2007 awarded Double Gold at the San Francisco International Wine Competition 2008

Two Steps Shiraz Viognier 2005 awarded Gold at the San Francisco International Wine Competition 2008

Great Southern Riesling 2007 awarded 95 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009

Western Australian Shiraz 2005 awarded 94 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009

Western Australian Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 awarded 92 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009

Western Australian Tempranillo 2007 awarded 91 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009



So every West Cape Howe wine is now rated 90+ points by Australia's foremost wine authority.

Gemtree, McLaren Vale



A James Halliday 5 star winery and one of only ten 'dark horses' in Australia - ie. "... a highly subjective selection of ten wineries who have excelled over the past 12 months ... and do have that little bit extra", *James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009*

"Gemtree's wines are flavoursome, bold examples of the McLaren Vale style; the fully biodynamic, truly minimal interventionist Albarino and Tempranillo are fabulous." Max Allen www.redwhiteandgreen.co.au

Tatty Road 2006 awarded 94 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009

Uncut Shiraz 2006 awarded 92 points in Wine Spectator and named in the Top 100 wines available in the USA. Awarded Double Gold in the San Francisco International Wine Competition 2008 and 95 points in James Halliday's Wine Guide 2009

Obsidian Shiraz 2005 awarded 94 points in Wine Business Monthly Magazine Top 100

Citrine Chardonnay 2007 awarded 'Blue Gold' medal in the 2008 Sydney International Wine Competition

Reyneke, Stellenbosch



Sauvignon Blanc 2007 awarded 4 Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009

Cornerstone 2006 awarded 4 Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009



Robertson Winery



Kings River Chardonnay 2006 awarded 4 Stars in Platter Wine Guide 2008

Constitution Road Shiraz 2005 awarded 4 Stars at Decanter (June 2008) and 4 ½ Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009

Wolfkloof Shiraz 2005 awarded 4 Stars in Platter Guide 2008 & 85 points in Wine Spectator (April 2008)

Prospect Hill Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 awarded 4 Stars in Platter Guide 2008 & 86 points in Wine Enthusiast (March 2007)

Boekenhoutskloof, Franschhoek



Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 – awarded 5 Stars in Platter Wine Guide 2009

Syrah 2006 – awarded 5 Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009

The Journeyman 2005 – An extraordinary wine! It has been made and given-away free to the best Boekenhoutskloof customers around the world. The name derives from the officially recorded occupation of winemaker Marc Kent's great, great, great Grandfather who was originally from Tottenham.

The Journeyman 2005 has been summed up by James Molesworth of Wine Spectator as follows, "...the Journeyman is a Cabernet Franc-based blend that shows gorgeous perfume, silky mouth-feel and concentrated but elegant and focused flavours of cherry, mesquite, mineral and more. Its one of the best young reds I've tasted from the Cape. There are just 120 cases of The Journeyman, making it a hard find to say the least."

We received 120 bottles for the UK market.

Wolftrap Red 2007 was selected by Tim Atkin MW as a 'Star' wine at The Wine Show 2008



Krone, Tulbagh



Borealis Methode Cap Classique 2004 awarded 4 Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009

Rosé Methode Cap Classique 2001 awarded 4 Stars in Platters Wine Guide 2009