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50 STARS OF 2009



STEVE PANNELL

SC Pannell Wines

Steve made this list last year but we had to include him again because he's enjoyed another fruitful year on the show circuit including Best Italian Varietal, Best Red Wine and Best Wine of Show at the Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show for the SC Pannell Nebbiolo 2007. And Nick Stock said this about Pannell's '07 McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache: "... a considered take on the heart and soul of a region that is largely underdone in terms of viticulture and winemaking—he's fastidious where many others are plumb lazy." Nick gave that wine a lazy 96 points. Pannell's wines make Paul Henry smile.



ALISTER PURBRICK

Tahbilk Wines

One of the great initiatives of 2009 was the launch of Australia's First Families of Wine, embracing 12 wineries with 1,200 years of winemaking. The inaugural chairman and driving force behind the whole thing is Alister Purbrick, boss of 150-year-old winery Tahbilk. He and his colleagues worked on the project for more than three years; it was first mooted at a meeting before Wine Australia in Sydney in 2006. A well thought-out project that will have a halo effect on all Australian wines. Excellent website too: www.australiasfirstfamiliesofwine.com.au. Meanwhile Tahbilk itself is an old winery still going places.



GREG STOKES

Barokes Wine in a Can

And they said it wouldn't last! Barokes Wines, creator of Wine in a Can, is conquering the wine world one can at a time. The Cabernet Shiraz Merlot won gold at the Berlin Wine Trophy, and a swag of other gongs at international competitions this year brings the medal tally to 45. Japan, where no one owns a corkscrew, is Wine in a Can's hot spot—it's in 10,000 outlets including high end department stores, supermarkets and convenience stores. The man who invented it is CEO Greg Stokes who was recently inducted into the Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame.



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Wines scoring 95 points and above in 2009

99 points

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| Henschke Hill of Grace 2005 | 99 |
| Penfolds Grange 2004 | 99 |

98 points

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| Aros EJ Can Late Disgorged 1998 | 98 |
| Higgins Vineyard Eden Valley Pinot 242' Botrytis Riesling (375ml) 2007 | 98 |
| Krug Vintage 1998 | 98 |
| Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 | 98 |
| Penfolds Great Grandfather Paso Tawny NV | 98 |
| Seppeltfeld Para Centenary 1908 | 98 |
| Seppeltfeld Paramount Tawny NV | 98 |

97 points

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| Ad Rang Pinot Noir 2007 | 97 |
| Bollinger La Grande Année 2000 | 97 |
| Cullen Kevin John Chardonnay 2007 | 97 |
| Dom Peignon, Rosé 1998 | 97 |
| Domini/Christo Marek Chablis Grand Cru les Clos des Hospices 2007 | 97 |
| Felton Road Pinot Noir Black S 2007 | 97 |
| Groser Polish Hill Gorge Valley Riesling 2009 | 97 |
| Jim Barry The Arrango Shiraz 2006 | 97 |
| Leuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay 2006 | 97 |
| Rippon Pinot Noir 2007 | 97 |
| Seppelt St. Peter's Shiraz 2006 | 97 |
| Seppeltfeld Paramount Tokay NV | 97 |
| Stappappo Tiers Vineyard Piccadilly Valley Chardonnay 2008 | 97 |
| William Downie Mornington Peninsula 2006 | 97 |

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| WT Difficulty Long Gully Pinot Noir 2007 | 96 | Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir 2006 | 95 |
| Rancho Estate Reserve Shiraz 2007 | 96 | Felton Road Pinot Noir 2008 | 95 |
| Penfolds Bin 169 Cabernet Shiraz 2006 | 96 | First Drop, Kor of the Land Edenizer Shiraz 2006 | 95 |
| Penfolds Cellar Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006 | 96 | Fox Gordon King Louis Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 | 95 |
| Penfolds Reserve Bin C7A Chardonnay 2007 | 96 | Frankland Estate Isolation Ridge Vineyard Riesling 2008 | 95 |
| Penfolds PWT Shiraz 2006 | 96 | Frankland Estate Smith Custom Riesling 2006 | 95 |
| Penfolds St Henri 2005 | 96 | Groser Springvale Gorge Valley Riesling 2009 | 95 |
| Penfolds Yalumba Chardonnay 2006 | 96 | Houghton Blodden Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 | 95 |
| Peter Lehmann Margaret Boreas Semillon 2004 | 96 | J.J. Plum Riesling Weinberg, Sonnenuhr Spätlese 2007 | 95 |
| Peter Lehmann Wagon Eden Valley Riesling 2004 | 96 | Jean Girard Ecclesieux Grand Cru 2006 | 95 |
| Piero Margaret River Chardonnay 2007 | 96 | Jim Barry Wines The Benbowrie Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 | 95 |
| Piles The Merle Riesling 2009 | 96 | Kessler The Egan Shiraz 2006 | 95 |
| S.G. Pinot Shiraz Grenache 2007 | 96 | Killeke Dreesrock Shiraz 2006 | 95 |
| Schloss Leier Niederberg Heiden Riesling Auslese (375ml) 2006 | 96 | Karla Riesling 2008 | 95 |
| Seppeltfeld OPSC Paso Tawny (500ml) NV | 96 | Kriebel Rotgan Auslese (375ml) 2007 | 95 |
| Seppeltfeld Paramount Muscat NV | 96 | Kooyang Estate Chardonnay 2007 | 95 |
| Seppeltfeld Paramount Classic (500ml) NV | 96 | Kooyang Estate Claude Chardonnay 2008 | 95 |
| Spy Valley Envy Chardonnay 2006 | 96 | Kooyang Farnou Pinot Noir 2007 | 95 |
| St Hubert Old Block Shiraz 2006 | 96 | Kooyang Single Vineyard Ferarzo Chardonnay 2007 | 95 |
| Stanton & Nilesen Vintage Fortified 2003 327 (750ml) 2002 | 96 | KT and the Falcon Moku Waterhole Riesling 2009 | 95 |
| Teaunter Aerial Series Retake PG Shiraz 2006 | 96 | KT and the Falcon Pajlada Vineyard Waterhole Riesling 2009 | 95 |
| The Lonsdale Gathering Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2008 | 96 | Larson Gold Label Brut 1998 | 95 |
| Tyrell's Wine Var 1 Hunter Semillon 2002 | 96 | Linton Bios Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 | 95 |
| Tyrell's Johnica Semillon 2009 | 96 | Luka Lombor Reserve Heathcote Nebbiolo 2007 | 95 |
| Tyrell's var 1 Hunter Valley Semillon 2009 | 96 | Mitolo Saviour McLaren Vale Shiraz 2007 | 95 |
| Tyrell's Wine Var 1 Hunter Semillon 2005 | 96 | Moores Hill Tasmania OGR Late Harvest Riesling 2008 | 95 |
| Yaso Falk Hayesbury Chardonnay 2007 | 96 | Moss Wood Amy's Margaret River Cab Sauv Petit Verdot Maber 2007 | 95 |
| Yala Maria Seabon Vineyard Pinot Noir 2007 | 96 | Mount Edward Riesling 2007 | 95 |
| Yoyeger Estate Cabernet Merlot 2008 | 96 | Mount Harrocks Waterhole Riesling 2009 | 95 |
| William Downie Yara Valley 2008 | 96 | Mount Langi Ghiran Cliff Edge Riesling 2008 | 95 |
| Wolf Bros White Label Eden Valley Riesling 2002 | 96 | Mt Difficulty Single Vineyard Long Gully Late Harvest Riesling 2008 | 95 |
| | | O'Leary Walker De'Cu'Polish Hill River Riesling 2008 | 95 |

