



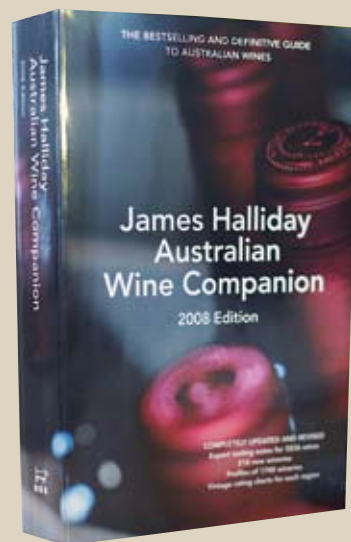
## Ferngrove secures new 'Wine Companion' red five-star reputation ★★★★★

RENOWNED Australian wine critic James Halliday positions Ferngrove among the very highest echelon of the nation's producers for the fourth successive year, awarding the winery his coveted five-star rating in the 2008 James Halliday Australian Wine Companion.

To more clearly identify Australia's top-performing wineries, this edition Halliday introduces a red print five-star rating, bestowed only upon producers to receive a five-star rating for each of the past three years – a select group he describes as *"the classic 5-star wineries"*.

This distinction defines Ferngrove as an *"outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity"*, placing it among just 6.5 per cent of wineries in the entire Wine Companion 2400-strong database.

In all, Halliday rates four Ferngrove wines outstanding (94-100 points) and six highly recommended (90-93 points). The superb 2006 Cossack Riesling leads the pack with 95 points and a place on the "best of the best" by variety list (the highest rating awarded in this class was 96). Labelling the Cossack *"spotlessly clean... a classic in its own lifetime"*, Halliday describes its *"floral apple blossom and lime"* bouquet and palate of *"exceptional length and intensity"*.



## Halliday's Ferngrove top-drops

### Cossack Frankland River Riesling 2006

Spotlessly clean: floral apple blossom and lime aromas lead into a palate of exceptional length and intensity to its citrus and green apple flavours. A classic in its own lifetime. Screwcap. 12°alc.

Rating 95 To 2021

### Diamond Frankland River Chardonnay 2005

A complex wine with a multitude of winemaker inputs which don't overwhelm the fruit; very good balance. Screwcap. 14°alc.

Rating 94 To 2011

### The Stirlings 2004

Manages to not only blend 57% Shiraz with 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, but also power with finesse; the power from the tannins (still needing to soften a little), helped by finesse from the array of balanced, black fruits. A winner of a trophy and 2 gold medals. Cork. 14.5°alc.

Rating 94 To 2024

### Majestic Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

Ripe, dense blackcurrant fruit, with soft, ripe tannins and good supporting oak. Gold medal National Wine Show '06. Cork. 15°alc.

Rating 94 To 2029

### Dragon Shiraz 2005

A lush array of black fruits, blackberry, plum, black cherry and a touch of licorice; powerful but smooth and long; good oak and tannins. Indifferent-quality cork. 14.5°alc.

Rating 93 To 2020

### Frankland River Chardonnay 2006

Tightly focused grapefruit and nectarine has swallowed up the French oak; good length. Screwcap. 13.5°alc.

Rating 91 to 2010

### Symbols Frankland River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2006

Spotlessly clean, fresh and lively aromas; a light-bodied mix of citrus, tropical and mineral notes; nice balance and length. Screwcap. 13°alc.

Rating 90 To 2010

### Symbols Shiraz Viognier 2006

Medium-bodied at best, but still shows the synergies viognier unlocks when fermented with shiraz; supple blackberry and plum; minimal tannins. Maximum value. Screwcap. 13.5°alc.

Rating 90 To 2012

### King Malbec 2005

Sweet, smooth, supple, blackberry, mulberry and plum just avoids the jamminess the variety is prone to; this wine always interesting, always good. Cork. 14°alc.

Rating 90 To 2015