

James Halliday

# Australian Wine Companion

## James Halliday's Tasting Notes

"94-100" **Outstanding** - Wines of the highest quality, often with a distinguished pedigree. Tasting notes will always appear in the *Wine Companion*.

"90-93" **Highly Recommended** – Wines of great quality, style and character, worthy of a place in any cellar



JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES

### **Pokolbin Estate Ken Bray Hunter Valley Semillon 2008**

Immediately shows the extra dimension of flavour from the Ken Bray Vineyard; luscious citrus flavours will slowly pick up toast and honey over the next 10 years if you can keep your hands off it. Screwcap.

9.9% alc. **Rating 95 Drink 2023 \$25 Date Tasted Dec 09**

### **Pokolbin Estate Ken Bray Hunter Valley Semillon 2009**

Yet another semillon to underline what a great vintage it was for the Hunter, a riesling cross-dresser with its delicious citrus flavour and long finish. Now or in 15 years. Screwcap.

11% alc. **Rating 96 Drink 2024 \$25 Date Tasted Dec 09**

### **Pokolbin Estate Phil Swannell Hunter Valley Semillon 2006**

As bright and as fresh as a daisy, still showing primary fruit and its single vineyard origin; grass, mineral and herb, finished with citrusy acidity. Screwcap.

10.7% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2021 \$25 Date Tasted Dec 09**

### **Pokolbin Estate Phil Swannell Hunter Valley Semillon 2009**

A delicious semillon, lighter and crisper than the Ken Bray, albeit with less fruit intensity; grass and mineral notes accompany some citrus. Definitely a wine for the cellar. Screwcap.

11% alc. **Rating 95 Drink 2024 \$25 Date Tasted Dec 09**

### **Pokolbin Estate Reserve Hunter Valley Shiraz 2007**

Deep colour; a seriously good Hunter shiraz that is absolutely certain to age wonderfully well for 40 years or more; it has a deep well of varietal fruit, great texture and structure, and even better line and length. Screwcap.

14.4% alc. **Rating 97 Drink 2047 \$50 Date Tasted Dec 09**

### **Pokolbin Estate Belebula Hunter Valley Sangiovese 2007**

Excellent colour; no-holds-barred sour cherry varietal character on both the bouquet and remarkably intense and long palate. Great Italian food red. Screwcap.

13.9% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2015 \$22 Date Tasted Dec 09**