



JAMES HALLIDAY – 5 STAR WINERY *Australian Wine Companion 2010*

‘Justifiably best known for its Shiraz, which – in both the rare Lloyd Reserve and standard forms – is extremely impressive. One of the first wineries to catch on to the Italian fashion with its Sangiovese, but its white varieties lose nothing by comparison’.

For the fourth consecutive year, James Halliday has rated Coriole a 5 star winery. James scored 8 wines at 90 or more points.

Lloyd Reserve Shiraz 2006 – 96 points

A masterly display of McLaren Vale shiraz at its opulent best, flush with black fruits and dark chocolate with exceptionally fine tannins running through the back-palate and aftertaste.

Mary Kathleen Cabernet Merlot 2006 – 94 points

An imperious wine that is presently fending off all suitors for her affections, yet will reward those who persist. There are layers of blackcurrant, dark chocolate and cassis over a bed of ripe tannins, all locked in an embrace.

The Soloist Shiraz 2006 – 94 points

Vibrant crimson; an aromatic bouquet with licorice, dark chocolate, black fruits and oak all showing, and which are duly repeated on the finely structured palate, finishing with silky tannins.



Nebbiolo Rose 2008 – 94 points

Vivid colour for the variety; strawberry, rose petal and cherry flavours run through the long dry palate, which has excellent acidity. A rose with attitude.

Estate Shiraz 2006 – 93 points

Excellent colour; a luscious and rich palate, yet not jammy or alcoholic, the plush black fruits offset by balanced tannins and integrated oak.

Coriole Shiraz Museum release 2001 – 92 points

An underrated vintage in much of SA; cedary spicy characters have joined the regional chocolate, the black fruits still securely in the mid-palate. Now or another five years.

Brunello Clone Sangiovese 2006 – 90 points

‘Brunello clone’ shouts the bold black and white label. Coriole was one of the early movers with sangiovese, if not the first, but this clone is a recent arrival. It has good colour and at least in this vintage, offers a balance of varietal fruit and tannins. Much promise.

Nebbiolo 2007 – 90 points

The hardest road of all, a pinot noir with the tannins of a cabernet. This wine, in fact, goes close to achieving the impossible, the fruit light but vibrant, the tannins less than fearsome.



Redstone Shiraz 2006 – 89 points

A robust red; strong black fruits and tannins are locked in an Indian arm wrestle, which may never conclude as the strength of each is equal.

Sangiovese 2007 – 89 points

Light, slightly developed colour; cherry and spice before strongly savoury tannins on the finish take over proceedings.

Fiano 2008 – 88 points

Time will tell whether older vines will produce more distinctive flavours; at the moment it relies on texture, structure and balance.

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – 87 points

An old hand with making white wines of this style, but McLaren Vale is not going to challenge Margaret River, now or ever; that said, has pleasant citrus and tropical fruit flavours.

Chenin Blanc 2008 – 87 points

Lively, ripe almost tropical fruit aromas; juicy, simple and clean, with good acidity on the finish.