



# Punters Corner Wines

## JAMES HALLIDAY - 2007 WINE COMPANION

For the third year in a row, James Halliday has rated Punters Corner the maximum of 5 stars, listing us as one of the best wineries of the region as well as giving our wine fabulous reviews.

The 2003 Spartacus was rated 95/100, with the 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon following close behind with 94/100.

Our early drinking wines, the 2003 Triple Crown and 2003 Shiraz scored 91/100 and 89/100 respectively. The 2004 Chardonnay was awarded 93/100 and is described as...

*"...light straw-green; an elegant and harmonious light-to medium-bodied wine with super-sophisticated winemaking using the full bag of tricks without obliterating the fruit"*

James Halliday  
— Australian Wine Companion 2007



## HONG KONG TRIP

In November, Hayley, (Punters Corner Marketing Manager) travelled to Hong Kong to participate in a series of promotional events organised by our Asian distributors, MBT International (Everwise).

Highlights of the trip included a wine dinner at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, featuring an Australian wine, each matched with a delicious course. The Punters Corner wine chosen for this event was a 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Imperial, served with abalone and goose web, an interesting combination that was superb.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held a pool side barbecue with each winery hosting their own tasting table enabling Yacht Club members to sample and choose the wine they'd like to drink with their meal. The night was very enjoyable and provided us the opportunity to meet so many people who appreciate Australian wine.

It was great catching up with several food and beverage people who had visited Punters Corner Retreat in July. Their hospitality was exceptional. All of the staff at Everwise did a fantastic job at organising these events, especially Hector who deserves a special "thank-you" for keeping everyone out of trouble!

## PUNTERS CORNER AVAILABLE IN CANADA

Punters Corner wine is now available in Canada thanks to distributors Red Dog and The Atlas Trading Company. The Atlas Trading Company will be distributing 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon throughout Toronto.

Cliff Laurendeau, Red Dog owner (who is also the Cellar Master at the *Australian Wine Society of Vancouver*) believes his goal is to offer a first rate service to his suppliers and consumers by being in tune with their tastes in a constantly changing market place. Red Dog operate out of Vancouver and will be distributing 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon and Triple Crown throughout British Columbia and Alberta.

## WINE FUSION

Wine Fusion, a new company initiative of Brown Brothers at Milawa, has recently been appointed as Punters Corner distributors in Victoria and Queensland. We look forward to a successful and long term association with the new team of WineFusion.

For all trade enquiries call 1800 440 545 or email [wine@winefusion.com.au](mailto:wine@winefusion.com.au)

## PUNTERS CORNER DISTRIBUTORS

Following is a list of companies who currently distribute Punters Corner wines both interstate and overseas. These distributors can be contacted in order to obtain suppliers names and addresses. Not every distributor stocks our entire selection of wines, however, our Cellar Door in Coonawarra can be contacted for specific requests.

### INTERSTATE DISTRIBUTORS

South Australia	Festival City Wine & Spirits	08 8268 8066
New South Wales	Lewis Fine Wines	02 9967 3400
Victoria	WineFusion	1800 440 545
Queensland	WineFusion	1800 440 545

### INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS

United Kingdom	FFW Distributors
United States	Scott St. Portfolio
Canada (British Columbia & Alberta)	Red Dog
Canada (Ontario)	The Atlas Trading Company
Malaysia	MBT International
Singapore	Cellar Deluxe
Japan	Vai and Co
Taiwan	Dark Purple
China/Hong Kong	MBT International

Punters Corner Wines can be ordered through the Cellar Door or the mail order form. Wines that are now available include:

- 2004 & 2005 Chardonnay
- 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2003 Triple Crown
- 2004 Shiraz
- 2004 Sovereign Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2002 and 2003 Spartacus Reserve Shiraz

The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon received a Highly Commended medal at the Sydney International Wine Show and 5 Stars from the *Winescape Annual Edition* (Best of South Australia).



Make your reservations early at Punters Vineyard Retreat

## PUNTERS VINEYARD RETREAT

Our architecturally designed award winning building was created to highlight the picturesque location and to provide sweeping views of the breathtaking vineyard studded Coonawarra landscape. If you'd like to make a reservation, visit our website, [www.punterscorner.com.au](http://www.punterscorner.com.au) and book on-line. Remember to make your reservations early to guarantee a vacancy.

## COMING COONAWARRA EVENTS

13-14th April 2007	Coonawarra After Dark
18-20th May 2007	Penola/Coonawarra Arts Festival
July 2007	Cellar Dwellers
19-21st October	Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations and Barrel Series 11 Auction
10th January 2008	Coonawarra Vignerons Race Day



PUNTERS CORNER  
FINE COONAWARRA WINES

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# 2004 'Sovereign' Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

*"...dark and fruitcakey smell, cedary with flake tobacco, ultra slick tangy currants, very Coonawarra. 94/100"*

Tim White  
— Australian Financial Review

Following continued requests from our Hong Kong and Chinese distributors (Everwise MBT International), Punters Corner has released it's first Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon. After much anticipation, "Sovereign" was finally

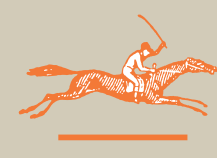
released on the 26th July 2006. To coincide with this special event, Punters Corner hosted a wine dinner at the Retreat (Punters Corner Bed & Breakfast Accommodation) with special guests, top food and beverage experts from Hong Kong. The tour group, organised by Everwise contained representatives from leading establishments such as the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club and the Shangri La Hotel chain. For many of these guests, it was their first trip to Australia and there were many favourable comments made regarding the quality of our fresh local produce.

The highlight of the night was the informative talk given by Punters Corner winemaker, Pete Bissell, explaining the

qualities of Sovereign and the winemaking process. Pete described Sovereign as featuring an outstanding deep red colour with a complex nose of dark chocolate, spice and ripe dark concentrated berries. The palate is rich and complex with dark prune, soy sauce spice flavours with a rich tannin palate typical of mature vines.

Only 180 cases of Sovereign were produced and the response has been overwhelming, with very positive feedback received at Wine Australia. This outstanding Coonawarra Cabernet will delight any wine lover appreciating technical purity. This wine will improve further with careful cellaring.

Sovereign can be purchased at the Cellar Door or by faxing the order form attached to the back of this newsletter.



**2003 TRIPLE CROWN**

2007 *James Halliday Wine Companion* 91/100  
 2005 *Limestone Coast Wine Show* BRONZE

Triple Crown represents the three varieties used to make this wine, Cabernet Sauvignon 47%, Shiraz 32.5% and Merlot 20.5%

Vintage 2003 has produced a complex and spicy wine with beautiful balance and fresh fruit, structured for early drinking whilst maintaining excellent flavour. The Cabernet Sauvignon contributes blackberry and minty notes as well as backbone to the wine's structure. Merlot softens and rounds out the palate with plummy earthy flavours with the Shiraz adding spice and pepper notes to the nose and mineral character to the palate.

**“Good colour; medium-bodied, clean blackcurrant, blackberry, plum and spice; good structure and oak management.”**

James Halliday  
 – *Australian Wine Companion 2007*



**2003 COONAWARRA ‘SPARTACUS’ RESERVE SHIRAZ**

Vintage 2003 was another vintage of extremely low yields. This outstanding Shiraz was a result of a warm growing season which enabled the fruit to fully ripen over an extended period. Picked at 13.9 baume, this fruit was tank fermented for six days then barrel fermented in new Dargaud and Jaegle and AP Johns American oak hogsheads followed by a further 14 months maturation in oak.

The nose shows complex fruit cake, blackberry, blueberry, spice and pepper notes with sweet vanillin oak. The palate is soft and round with fine tannins and plummy fruit finishing with white pepper and spice flavours.

The Spartacus Reserve Shiraz has been sealed with ProCork (see overleaf feature) and would be best cellared for ten to twelve years.

**“Fragrant spicy berry aromas; elegant, medium-bodied spice, black fruit, tannins and integrated, barrel ferment oak. Sophisticated winemaking.”**

James Halliday  
 – *Australian Wine Companion 2007*

**AWARDS**

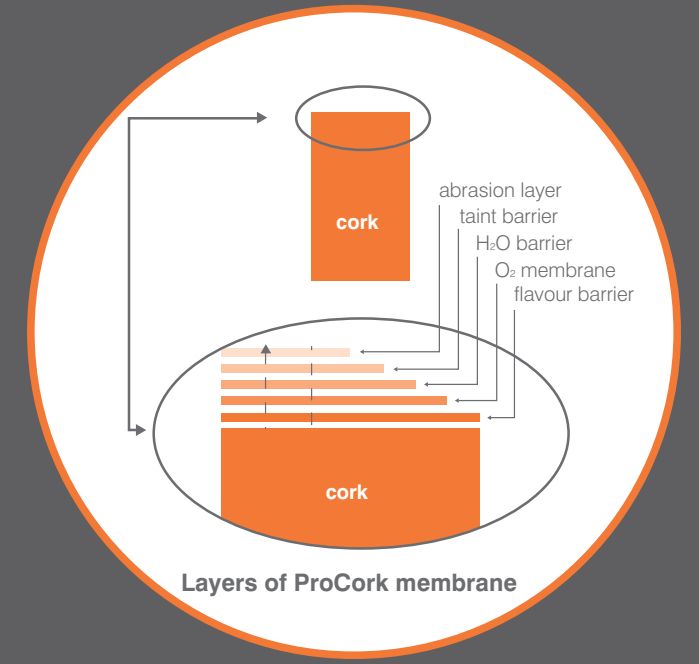
- 2007 James Halliday Wine Companion 
- 2006 Royal Melbourne Show 
- 2006 Winewise Wine Show 
- 2005 Limestone Coast Wine Show 
- 2006 Sydney International Wine Show 

**PRO CORK**

From 2003 onwards, Punters Corner has been sealing Cabernet Sauvignon, Spartacus Reserve Shiraz and Sovereign Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon bottles with ProCork. The ProCork technology enables natural cork to be used by applying five thin micro-laminate layers of membrane to each end of the cork. ProCork virtually eliminates cork taint whilst allowing a controlled level of oxygen through, encouraging more intense wine aromas and flavours than any other seal.

**“Independent tests by organisations including AWRI using CTCOR contaminated corks show a decrease in TCA migration into wine sealed with ProCork compared to wine sealed without it. The results clearly indicate our membrane reduces TCA in the wine by 90-100%.”**

Dr Gregor Christie PhD, B.E. Chem (hons) - ProCork founder.



**THE FIVE MICRO-LAMINATE LAYERS OF PRO CORK MEMBRANE:**

- One layer prevents large molecules such as 2,4,6 tri-chloro-anisole and other taint molecules from entering the wine.
- One layer controls the amount of oxygen transfer and is the equivalent of a 45mm cork!
- One layer reduces the moisture transfer. This retains cork moisture and will result in less cork breakage and enhance cork longevity.
- One layer adheres the membrane to the cork.
- One layer is the finishing layer that prevents flavour from scalping.

Combined into one, these membranes enhance the natural attributes of cork tenfold!

**PROCORK VS SCREW CAP & CORK**

- Higher retained SO2
- Higher varietal characters
- Less oxidation
- Less reduced characters than screw cap

\*Information taken from ProCork's corporate brochure. [www.procork.com](http://www.procork.com)



**VINTAGE 2006**

Vintage 2006 in Coonawarra started with a very good growing season and well balanced vines with shoot growth stopping early and many blocks not requiring trimming. The set of Cabernet Sauvignon was disrupted and produced very open bunches, with small berries and light bunch weights.

As a consequence of very light crops, as well as heat and water stress during January and February, vintage started very early with Cabernet Sauvignon being harvested in March.

Mid vintage rain re-hydrated the vines and put them back onto more normal timing, allowing us to leave the fruit longer on the vine, specifically to gain better tannin maturity and improved flavour. Very good fruit was taken later in vintage with the same baumes as earlier but with better fruit depth and tannin ripeness from the longer hang time. 2006 was a vintage in two halves.

Wine quality looks very good overall, Chardonnays are solid, Merlot is particularly good this year, with Cabernet Sauvignon very solid and producing some excellent parcels but in very small volumes. Shiraz vines did not perform as expected, which is unusual given the hot conditions.

The wines are very similar in style to Vintage 2005, again with small crops. The wines are more mid-weight with very good fruit intensity, ripeness and balance.

**FROST REPORT**

This season Coonawarra has been hit heavily by a series of damaging frosts. The main road vineyards are slightly higher than the surrounding vineyards and as frost generally mimics water and tends to pool on the lower areas first, those lower areas are usually the vineyards that are affected. The main road vineyards have not been frost affected since 1995.

The 1995 frost was early, falling on the 9th of September and the last and most devastating frost this season fell on the 28th of October. This year, spring and early summer was punctuated with a continued series of severe frosts.

The lateness and severity of these frosts are most likely a symptom of the drought. Ground in south eastern Australia is so dry that even warm days are failing to increase the soil temperature thereby not creating a heat bank that will radiate at night. This has meant that black frost or cool air masses have moved into the area causing the increased risk of frost burn.

Coonawarra now has very little area not affected in some way with frost. The only vineyards that are healthy are those with frost protected areas. Punters Corner has a large area of frost protection which will be an advantage this vintage. It is estimated that the overall Coonawarra crop level will be only 25% of normal.

We are confident of a high quality vintage from the areas unaffected by the frosts.

**ORDER FORM - (PLEASE FAX +61 8 8737 3138)**

QUANTITY	VARIETY	Per/Bottle	Per/dozen (less 10%)	Cost
	2004 Chardonnay	\$26.00	\$280.80	
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	2003 Triple Crown	\$24.00	\$259.20	
	2004 Shiraz	\$20.00	\$216.00	
	2003 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$30.00	\$360.00	
	2002 Spartacus Reserve Shiraz	\$59.50	\$714.00	
	2003 Spartacus Reserve Shiraz	\$59.50	\$714.00	
	2004 Sovereign Reserve Cabernet	\$59.50	\$714.00	
	Freight			
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Above prices include 10% discount for straight or mixed dozen orders. Discount does not apply to Cabernet Sauvignon, Spartacus Reserve Shiraz or Sovereign Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

**FREIGHT CHARGES**

\$12 per case to Adelaide and Melbourne metropolitan. \$15 anywhere else in Australia.

Free freight orders of 4 cases or more.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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