



# DEEP WOODS

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### REVIEWS AND PRESS

#### **RAY JORDAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH, AUGUST 2009**

*WA's perfect summer made 2009 a great vintage*

##### **2009 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

This is a delightfully fragrant and highly perfumed blended white. It is delicate yet there is ample fruit intensity on the pure and clean palate. Nice touches of passionfruit, snow pea and lemon zest with just a hint of enticing herbal character. Easy drinking in the short term. **88/100**

#### **SCOOP, SPRING 2009**

*Top five under \$20*

##### **2009 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc – Gold (18.5)**

Pale straw in colour with a bright green tinge, this wine has very appealing citrus and mineral aromas and flavours. It has richness and texture with good length and style. Excellent value for money here.

#### **JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2010**

**Deep Woods Estate ★★☆☆☆**

##### **2007 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★**

Well-made quality cabernet; deeply structured black fruits in a tight frame of ripe tannins and quality oak; finesse with power. **Rating 95**

##### **2008 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★☆**

Very much in the modern style, with barrel ferment inputs seamlessly folded into the nectarine and white peach fruit, finishing with citrusy acidity. **Rating 93**

##### **2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ★★★★★☆**

Rich black fruits and a whisper of dark chocolate on the bouquet; a medium- to full-bodied palate with blackcurrant, cedary French oak and firm tannins. **Rating 93**

#### **WINESTATE, JULY/AUGUST 2009**

*Varietal tasting cabernet sauvignon blends*

##### **2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ★★★★★**

Still very youthful but starting to develop complexity. Lovely lively, sweet, ripe flavours, good oak and ripe tannins all coming together.



**RAY JORDAN, *WEST WEEKEND MAGAZINE*, JULY 2009**

**2007 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

I suspect this is the best wine released under the new ownership of Deep Woods. Travis Clydesdale has got it dead right with a powerful blackcurrant and black olive ripe fruit concoction balanced perfectly with fine oak and ripe tannins. A blockbuster with refined qualities marking a defining statement for Deep Woods. **95/100**

**RALPH KYTE-POWELL, *UNCORKED, THE AGE EPICURE*, JULY 2009**

**2007 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon ★★☆☆☆**

The Reserve Cabernet has promising deep colour, with blackcurrant syrup, toasty oak, hints of vanilla bean and bitter chocolate on the nose. There's a thread of savoury leafiness. It's mouth filling and full-bodied but not too heavy. Big tannins should soften with age.

***WBM 100*, JULY 2009**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot**

Deep Woods stands out among the new generation of Margaret River producers. Clydesdale has completely nailed this blend in his first vintage with the estate. It's a dark wine with perfectly ripe blackcurrant and cassis fruit overlaying dark chocolate oak and supple tannins. Ideal medium-term cellaring. **92 points**

***SCOOP WINTER*, 2009**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot – Silver (17.5)**

This is a terrific wine that was unlucky not to get gold, as it greatly impressed one judge. Again, it has a very dark and youthful colour, almost black, with an entrancing bouquet of violets, which follow through in the fruit on the palate. It is a very clean and elegant wine with great style, weight and length supported by lovely oak integration.

**MAX ALLEN, *THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN MAGAZINE*, JUNE 2009**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot**

The 2007 Margaret River cabernets – and cabernet merlot blends – have unusually intense purple colour ... Recently tasted well-priced standouts include ... the plush, gorgeously blackcurrant 2007 Deep Woods Cabernet Merlot (\$28).

***WINESTATE 2009***

**2008 Deep Woods Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★☆☆**

Very bright – very varietal. Fragrant bouquet with a dash of oak and lovely long palate with a mix of grassy Semillon and riper sauvignon blanc flavours.

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ★★☆☆**

A cracker of a wine, said one judge. Dense, super-ripe aromas and beautifully silky-smooth palate rich with sweet dark berry fruit flavours. Very young.



**RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, APRIL 2009**

*A vineyard redevelopment program at Deep Woods is showing promising results*

The improvement and quality in the reds has been the most striking feature of the changes at Deep Woods as they have been able to take advantage of the natural features of the vineyard. The whites too, are good and range from value for money that over delivers for the price and some promising end wines.

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay**

This is already showing tremendous potential and marks a significant step in the evolution of the wines from Deep Woods. Has a distinctive creamy leesy character though the overall palate retains a tight minerally leanness in the modern idiom of chardonnay. Oak is subdued and balanced. Impressive. **92/100**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Block 7 Shiraz**

A classy expression of southern Margaret River shiraz. Succulent rich fruit flavours with a savoury character that carries to a long finish. The oak is well weighted with just 30 per cent new. The fine ripe tannin structure is a feature. **93/100**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot**

This is a cracker. A classically structured cabernet with all that angular tight control of the best examples of the blend. Dusty and slightly leafy with ripe intense flavours. It's well structured and has a lovely texture. Love the red berry characters. As good as any yet released from Deep Woods. **94/100**

**HUON HOOKE, *AUSTRALIAN GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE*, FEB/MARCH 2009**

*Best buys under \$20*

**2007 Ebony Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz**

It's astonishing that a wine this good is so well priced and from the Margaret River, a region where they know how to charge. Deep Woods is part of the Peter Fogarty stable, which includes Millbrook Winery and Lake's Folly. It shows the quality of the 2007 vintage from Margaret River reds. Smoky, toasty and blackberry aromas of cabernet are welded to appealing oak. The palate is deep, smooth rich and nicely textured. It holds together with harmony and length, probably best drunk within six or seven years.

***WINESTATE SPECIAL EDITION 2008***

*Top 40 best buys under \$15*

**2008 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★**

Herbaceous style that's long and well balanced and showing hints of gooseberries mixed with mown lawn and just a whiff of citrus blossom on the finish.

**RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, NOVEMBER 2008**

*Great whites 2008*

**2008 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

Pungent grassy tropical aromas and intensely vibrant palate indicate a beautiful little wine for current drinking. Crisp acid sustains an impressively long finish.



**WINESTATE, MAY/JUNE 2008**

*Best buys less than \$15*

**2005 Deep Woods Ebony Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz**

Savoury bouquet with a bright dash of redcurrants and complemented by fresh, clean oak. Long, lingering red fruit flavours and a grippy tannic finish.

**SCOOP, AUTUMN 2008**

**2007 Deep Woods Harmony Rosé (Awarded: Bronze 15.5)**

With a very nice bright deep pink colour, this wine is made in a dryer style than the other rosé wines and has nice acid balance and good drinkability.

**SPICE MAGAZINE, AUTUMN 2008**

**2007 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

Probably one of the best value for money drops out there in this category; crammed with varietal character; kiwi fruit, guava and starfruit. Spun from a bright acid core, good whiffs of cut grass and nettle, weighty in the palate, full and refreshing. As delightful as it is thrifty.

**RAY JORDAN, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH, FEBRUARY 2008**

*Whites under \$15, our favourites*

**2007 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

**WBM 100, DECEMBER 2007**

**2007 Deep Woods Harmony Rosé**

A clever blend of Shiraz and Cabernet from Margaret River and Geographe, this is clearly an intentional rosé with layers of pure berry, fresh cherry and spice flavours. At this price it fills an important and under-represented category in the rosé stakes.

**PETER FORRESTAL, STM, NOVEMBER 2007**

*Top WA Wines*

**2005 Deep Woods Estate Block 7 Shiraz**

A gold-medal winner, this beauty has spicy, cedary oak, maple syrup, raspberry and dark-plum flavours, tight structure and firm tannins. 17.5

**HUON HOOKE, THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, NOVEMBER 2007**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Verdelho \$17**

Snow-pea, snapped twiggy WA aromas, some tropical flowers; clean and correct, slight alcohol warmth to close.

**HUON HOOKE, THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, OCTOBER 2007**

*Best Rosé*

**2007 Deep Woods Harmony**

An exuberant Margaret River pink, made from shiraz and cabernet. Clean, fruity aromas leap from the glass. Intense and lively with confectionery and summer berry flavours. Fruity though it finishes almost dry, with a light dusting of tannin. 89/100



**SCOOP MAGAZINE, SPRING 2007**

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc \$20 – Silver (17)**

Tight and focused, herbaceous characters dominate here. This wine is a serious style of semillon sauvignon blanc with better than average flavour and weight.

**WINESTATE, THE WINE & SPIRIT INSIDER, MARCH/APRIL 2007**

*Top 40 – Best buys less than \$15*

**2006 Deep Woods Ivory Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

**2005 Deep Woods Ebony Margaret River Cabernet Shiraz**

**WINESTATE, SOUTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA TASTING, MARCH/APRIL 2007**

**2006 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★ Top in Category**

**2004 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★**

**2004 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★**

**2005 Deep Woods Ebony Cabernet Shiraz ★★★★★**

**RAY JORDAN, THE WEST MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 2007**

**2006 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

**Quality ★★★★★ Value ★★★★★½ Availability ★★★★★**

This is an impressive classic blend from this Margaret River producer. It's very tight and bracing with a piercing acidity. It's quite low in alcohol with lots of apply citrus flavours merged with other flavours of grassiness. Nice long crisp finish. Quality current drinking.

**WINE SOCIETY YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR 2006**

Deep Woods Estate Winemaker, Kym Eyres selected as finalist.

**JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2007 EDITION**

**Deep Woods Estate ★★★★★**

The Gould family acquired Deep Woods Estate in 199, 4 years after the commencement of the estate plantings. There are 15 ha of estate vines planted to nine varieties, with the intake supplemented by grapes for the Ebony and Ivory wines. At the top of the tree are the occasional and tiny releases under the Boneyard label [now Deep Woods Reserve]. In 2005 the business was acquired by Peter Fogarty (owner of Millbrook and Lake's Folly).

**2004 Block 7 Margaret River Shiraz ★★★★★**

Good colour; a most attractive fusion of red and black fruits, spicy French oak and gentle, ripe tannins; great balance and mouthfeel. Rating 94

**2004 Margaret River Cabernet Merlot ★★★★★**

Very good colour; rich and powerful, largely driven by quality cabernet blackcurrant fruit and French oak; excellent tannins sustain the structure. Rating 94

**2005 Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★**

Spotlessly clean; a light-bodied harmonious blend of grass, citrus and kiwifruit, and fruit sweetness on the back palate. Rating 90



**WINESTATE, ANNUAL ISSUE 2005–2006**

**Best of WA**

**2003 Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★**

**2003 Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★**

**2004 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★**

**JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2006 EDITION**

**2004 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★ Best of the Best by Variety**

Spotlessly clean, vibrant gooseberry and kiwifruit, almost sweet acidity, long finish. Rating 90

**2004 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★½**

Medium-bodied, sweet nectarine, peach and melon fruit, with malolactic and barrel ferment inputs woven throughout, good length and finish. Rating 92

**2003 Cabernet Merlot ★★★★★½**

Very attractive supple, smooth blackberry, cherry and raspberry mix, medium-bodied, soft tannins, good oak. Rating 91

**2003 Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★½**

Medium-bodied, firm blackberry and plum fruit, fine tannins, good French oak handling. Rating 90

**2003 Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★½**

Rich, with layers of juicy blackcurrant fruit and plenty of ripe tannins, subtle oak. Rating 90

**SCOOP MAGAZINE, WINTER EDITION 2005**

**2003 Block 7 Shiraz Awarded: GOLD (18.5)**

Some would say this is what Australian Shiraz should really taste like. It is dense purple and redolent of liquorice, aniseed, blackberry-cherry spice and subtle oak. In the mouth it has an ultra smooth, velvety palate with chocolaty/berry flavours that are long, soft and complete. Ripe soft tannins go on to complete the picture.

This wine was also voted as one of the top six reds, best value, and one of the six best varietals for Margaret River South.

**WINESTATE, MARCH/APRIL 2005**

**2003 Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★**

Big peppery/oaky nose with red berry lift. Great persistence of sweet fruit flavours on a rich broad palate that has a good acid level.

**2004 Block 8 Verdelho ★★★★★**

*South Western Australia Tasting.* A clean simple wine resonating with pineapple and fruit salad characters. (Only pointed Verdelho of tasting.)

**JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2005 EDITION**

**2003 Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★½**

Very rich, ripe and voluptuous blackberry and plum; continues pushing the envelope for Margaret River Shiraz. Rating 90.