



James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007 Edition

Deviation Road ★★★★★

Deviation Road was created in 1998 by Hamish Laurie, great-great grandson of Mary Laurie, SA's first female winemaker. He had joined with father Dr Chris Laurie in 1992 to help build the Hillstowe Wines business. The brand was sold to Banksia Wines in 2001, but the Laurie family retained the vineyard, which now supplies Deviation Road with its grapes. Wife Kate Laurie joined the business in 2001, having studied winemaking and viticulture in Champagne, the spending 4 years at her family's Stone Bridge winery in Manjimup. All the wines, except the Sangiovese (WA) and Riesling (other Adelaide Hills growers) come from the 16-ha family vineyards, but only account for a small portion of the annual grape production of those vineyards.

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Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris 2005 ★★★★★

Highly aromatic pear, apple, spice and musk; well above-average intensity and length; as good as they come with this variety.

Rating 94. Drink 2008.

Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2005 ★★★★★

Crisp, spicy, minerally aromas, interesting mouthfeel (from partial barrel ferment) to the asparagus, citrus mix; long finish.

Rating 90. Drink Now.

Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir 2004 ★★★★★

Light-to-medium bodied; savoury/forestry/earthy aromas; some dark plum joins the on the palate; good varietal character.

Rating 89. Drink Now.

Adelaide Hills Merlot 2003

Strong herb, olive, earth and varietal aromas and flavours, and a substrate of red fruits; just needed a touch more intensity. Cork.

Rating 87. Drink Now.

Manjimup Sangiovese 2003

Authentic, light varietal indicators; red cherry, rose petal and small red fruits; dusty tannins. Screwcap.

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