

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009 Edition

Wicks Estate Wines

★★★★★

555 The Parade, Magill, SA 5072 (postal) **Region** Adelaide Hills

T (08) 8331 0211 F (08) 8431 3300 www.wicksestate.com.au **Open** Not

Winemaker Tim Knapstein, Leigh Ratzmer **Est.** 2000 **Cases** 6000

Tim and Simon Wicks had a long-term involvement with orchard and nursery operations at Highbury in the Adelaide Hills prior to purchasing the 54-ha property at Woodside in 1999. They promptly planted fractionally less than 40 ha of chardonnay, riesling, sauvignon blanc, shiraz, merlot and cabernet sauvignon, following this with the construction of a state-of-the-art winery in early 2004. The vast experience of Tim Knapstein, supported by Adelaide University graduate in oenology, Leigh Ratzmer, has predictably produced wines of impressive quality. Exports to the US, China, Singapore and Hong Kong.



Eminence Adelaide Hills Shiraz Cabernet 2005 Super-elegant, fine and long; cassis, redcurrant and blackcurrant coalesce; fine tannins and good oak for a light- to medium-bodied wine; 75% Shiraz. Screwcap. 14.5° alc. **Rating** 95 **To 2020** \$60

Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2005 Classic cool-climate shiraz, with aromatic, almost flowery, aromas and flavours of blackberry, licorice, spice and cracked pepper; fine tannins and good length. Screwcap. 14.5° alc. **Rating** 94 **To 2015** \$19



Adelaide Hills Riesling 2007 Ripe apple and citrus characters on both bouquet and palate; finishes with a subliminal touch of sweetness making it an easily accessible style. Screwcap. 12.5° alc. **Rating** 90 **To 2012** \$16



Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2007 A clean bouquet, then a light, firm and crisp palate with mineral and grass flavours; a partial victim of a challenging vintage. Screwcap. 13° alc. **Rating** 89 **To 2009** \$18

Adelaide Hills Unwooded Chardonnay 2007 Light- to medium-bodied; fresh nectarine and citrus fruit; has length, and is a good example of the unwooded style. Screwcap. 13° alc. **Rating** 88 **To 2009** \$16

Adelaide Hills Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 Bright colour; light- to medium-bodied, cool-grown cabernet flavours of sweet cassis fruit without green notes, but also without much structure. Screwcap. 14.5° alc. **Rating** 88 **To 2010** \$19