

# 100 Best Australian Wines 2008

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“How long will it be before people realise that Hunter Semillon is the height of fashion and one style of wine that will never be out of vogue.

With its low alcohol level and staggering ability to age like clockwork Margan Semillon should be in every serious collector’s cellar.

..Small price to pay for a wine that will jump start your couch potato palate and turn your taste buds into Olympians in seconds.”

**Matthew Jukes**

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Welcome to the fifth Matthew Jukes **100 Best Australian Wines “hotlist”** – the most relevant, bang up to date buyer’s guide to the crème de la crème from Down Under for consumers and trade buyers alike.

Once again Q and I have tasted pretty much every bottle of Australian wine we could get our hands on during the last 12 months, both in Australia and in the UK. Whittling all of these down to a long list for consideration was quite an undertaking – but perfecting the final list of the chosen 100 was another degree of difficulty all together! That the result is so hard fought, and the line-up of such breadth and depth, is a credit to the talent, imagination and sheer hard work of all of those involved in making the featured wines.

We always start off this process with a blank piece of paper and we have no idea what the eventual 100 Best will look like. Every year we are delighted with the results, but 2008 has thrown up some fascinating wines from the very biggest companies’ right down to the smallest producers. It is interesting that such a stellar calibre of wines continues to be delivered from such diverse resources, proving that size need not be a barrier to quality..

The key word this year, and it appeared more than any other in our tasting notes, is ‘balance’. This is one gene that Australia has had to work hard at to embed into her wines. I am pleased to report that it is happening more often than not these days. This is a cause for great celebration. With the elements seemingly conspiring against this inspirational country, the human factor is more and more important and it seems that everyone is raising their game. With that in mind, **this is my favourite 100 Best to date.**

*Matthew*

# Margan 2007 Semillon