

# Australian Wine Companion

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## Xabregas

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Cnr Spencer Road/Hay River Road, Narrikup, WA 6326 **REGION** Mount Barker

**T** (08) 9321 2366 **F** (08) 9327 9393 **WWW**.xabregas.com.au **OPEN** By appt

**WINEMAKER** Dr Diane Miller, Greg Jones, Mike Garland (Contract) **EST.** 1996 **CASES** 12 000

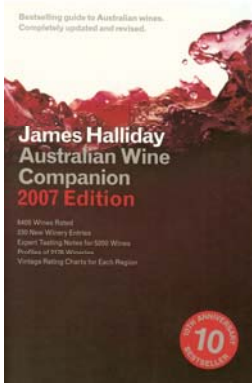
In 1996 stockbrokers Terry Hogan and Eve Broadley, the major participants in the Spencer Wine Joint Venture, commenced a viticulture business which has now grown into 3 vineyards totalling 120 ha on sites 10 km south of Mount Barker. The varieties planted are riesling, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot and shiraz. As well as being contract growers to Houghton, Howard Park and Forest Hill, and acting as contract managers to surrounding vineyards. The wines are modestly priced.

🍷🍷🍷🍷 **Riesling 2005** Clean, pale straw-green; has good depth and total mouth-coating flavour; sweet lime juice; good acidity, dry finish. Screwcap. 12° alc. **RATING** 94 **DRINK** 2015 \$ 14

**Shiraz 2004** Very good colour; medium- to full-bodied; supple, round plum, blackberry and spice flavours; ripe tannins, positive quality oak. Trophy Best Shiraz Qantas Wine Show of WA '05. Cork. 14° alc. **RATING** 94 **DRINK** 2014 \$ 14

🍷🍷🍷🍷 **Show Reserve Chardonnay 2005** Light straw-green; a very elegant style with nectarine and white peach fruit; sophisticated barrel ferment inputs; good balance and length. Screwcap. 14° alc. **RATING** 93 **DRINK** 2012 \$ 22

**Cabernet Sauvignon 2004** Medium-bodied; ripe blackcurrant, mulberry and cassis fruit; soft tannins, good oak. Cork. 14° alc. **RATING** 90 **DRINK** 2014 \$ 14



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## Best wineries of the regions

### **MOUNT BARKER**

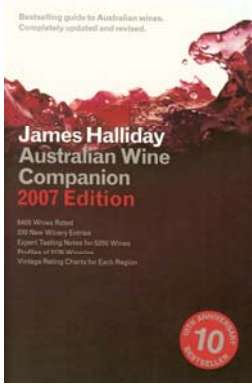
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### **MARGARET RIVER**

Alexandra Bridge Wines  
Artamus  
Ashbrook Estate  
Brookland Valley  
Cape Mentelle  
Chalice Bridge Estate  
Cullen Wines  
Deep Woods Estate  
Gralyn Estate  
Hamelin Bay  
Happs  
Howard Park  
Leeuwin Estate  
Lenton Brae Wines  
Moss Wood  
Pierro  
Redgate  
Rosabrook Estate  
Sandalford  
Suckfizzle/Stella Bella  
Vasse Felix  
Voyager Estate  
Watershed Wines  
We're Estate  
Woodlands  
Woodside Valley Estate

### **GREAT SOUTHERN**

Forest Hill Vineyard  
Howard Park  
Trevelen Farm



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## Special value wines

### Ten of the best value reds \$10–\$15

- 93 2004 Heartland Vineyard Shiraz Viognier \$10
- 93 2004 Scaffidi Wines One Tree Hill Shiraz \$10
- 93 2004 Leasingham Bastion Shiraz Cabernet \$12
- 94 2004 Hardys Oomoo McLaren Vale Shiraz \$12.95
- 94 2003 Bleasdale Vineyards Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon \$13
- 93 2004 Thorn-Clark Sandpiper The Blend \$13
- 93 2004 Hare's Chase Barossa Red Blend \$14
- 94 2004 Xabregas Shiraz \$14
- 93 2003 David Hook The Gorge Hunter Valley Shiraz \$15
- 94 2004 Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise Red \$15