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## James Halliday Australian Wine Companion

2013 Edition

### Angove Family Winemakers ★★★★★

Exemplifies the economies of scale achievable in the Riverland without compromising potential quality. Very good technology provides wines that are never poor and sometimes exceed their theoretical station in life. The vast Nanya Vineyard is currently being redeveloped with changes in the varietal mix, row orientation and a partial move to organic growing. Angoves expansion into Padthaway (chardonnay), Watervale (riesling) and Coonawarra (cabernet sauvignon) via long-term contracts, and the purchase of the Warboys Vineyard in McLaren Vale in 2008, have resulted in outstanding premium wines to back up its Riverland wines. In 2012 Angove celebrated its 25th anniversary, with the opening of a large, modern cellar door and cafe on the Medhyk Vineyard at the corner of Chalk Hill Rd/Olivers Rd, open 10-5 daily. Exports to all major markets.

### Warboys Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz 2010 - 96 Points

Deep purple-crimson; the bouquet exudes sultry black fruits, spice and dark chocolate, the luscious multi-layered palate has exceptional mouthfeel, the fruit on a soft swansdown pillow of tannins, and a lingering finish.

### Warboys Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache 2010 - 96 Points

A role model for those seeking to combine elegance with intense red fruit and spice (ex grenache) with savoury blackberry and dark chocolate (ex shiraz).

### Warboys Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz 2009 - 96 Points

Sourced from vines on the northwestern corner of the estate Warboys Vineyard, with a southerly aspect exposed to breezes from the Gulf of St Vincent, and matured in French oak; It has exceptional mouthfeel, superb fruit in a soft swan's down pillow of tannins, and a lingering finish.

### Warboys Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenache 2009 - 96 Points

Good colour; a 60/40% blend from two sections of the vineyard, each suited to the variety in question; the viticultural and winemaking choices have been exceptional. This is a role model for those seeking elegance to accompany intense varietal flavours of the red fruits of the grenache and the black of the shiraz.

### Rare Tawny Port - 96 Points

Burnt umber colour; a lusciously rich yet nimble mix of fruitcake, mocha, toffee, bitter chocolate and brandy snap. Another major surprise, winning the top-gold medal in the small volume, aged fortified tawny class in the National Wine Show 2011, causing judges to comment 'a classic example of the style.'

### The Medhyk Old Vine McLaren Vale Shiraz 2009 - 95 Points

Excellent colour; fermented in half-tonne fermenters over an extended period, basket-pressed, and matured for 18 months in French barriques and puncheons. A very impressive 2009 wine with black fruits, licorice, dark chocolate and cedary French oak all in balance, alcohol contributing.

### Warboys Vineyard McLaren Vale Grenache 2010 - 95 Points

Very good colour as expected; another dimension of flavour from the great 2010 vintage, but I am not convinced the oak use has not been a little too enthusiastic. It's a carping criticism, for this wonderful wine, and a fascinating contrast to the 2009.

### Vineyard Select Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc 2011 - 92 Points

Light straw-green; a flowery, apple and citrus blossom bouquet is quickly overwhelmed by the intensity of the palate with green, zesty fruit flavours wrapped in mineral acidity. Excellent food style.



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### **Vineyard Select Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 - 91 Points**

Deep garnet, bright; the bouquet is pure cassis, overlaid with a hint of eucalypt; the palate is young and very firm, with tannins playing a pivotal role to the fresh fruit on offer; unresolved at this early stage, time will see a vast improvement as the tannins soften.

### **Grand Tawny Port - 91 Points**

Correct golden amber colour; and a good balance of older and younger material, the latter for freshness, butterscotch, forree, warm spices and nutty notes all there. A surprise packet.

### **McLaren Vale Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre 2010 - 90 Points**

Good colour; a very well crafted wine, deriving flavour complexity from the synergy of this time-honoured blend, bringing red and black fruits together in a seamless steam.

### **Nine Vines Grenache Shiraz Rose 2011 - 90 Points**

Bright, pale fuschia-pink; there are wild flower and herb nuances to the bouquet, the palate with zesty herbal flavours running alongside red berry and rhubarb flavours, the finish clean, fresh and virtually dry.

### **Vineyard Select McLaren Vale Shiraz 2010 - 90 Points**

Strong crimson-purple; wild-fermented in 70-year-old open fermenters and spent 18 months in oak; the result is a medium-to-full-bodied wine with an abundance of blackberry and plum fruit, plus good tannin structure for ageing.

### **Butterfly Ridge Riesling Gewurztraminer 2011 - 90 Points**

A cleverly made wine, with a deliberate touch of residual sweetness making it a walk-up match for Chinese food, lime and lemon the driving flavours. Absurdly good at the price, for it has finesse and length.

### **Long Row Riesling 2011 - 89 Points**

This really is a piece of magic; you would never guess it comes from the Riverland, let alone a vintage such as 2011. It's early picking and low alcohol provide a wine with a flowery bouquet and a delicate, fresh and crisp citrus-accented palate. Best now.

### **Organic Shiraz Cabernet 2010 - 89 Points**

Bright red-purple; the good vintage no doubt helped to build what is a generous wine, with blackberry, blackcurrant and plum fruit and ample tannins. As honest as the day is long.

### **Vineyard Select Mount Benson Chardonnay 2010 - 89 Points**

Bright straw-green; barrel-fermented and lees-stirred, the wine has a fragrant bouquet of nectarine and citrus; the palate is fine, the oak well integrated, but lacks mid-palate intensity.

### **Premium Vintage Fortified Shiraz 2010 - 89 Points**

Bright colour; a juicy, savoury and spicy wine, with licorice strap, blackberry confiture and firm tannins on the sweet finish; a good example of the style for the price, but watch the heat of the spirit on the finish.

### **McLaren Vale Chardonnay 2011 - 89 Points**

Pale straw-green; a well-made wine, with good stone fruit and melon varietal character, and just a touch of oak.