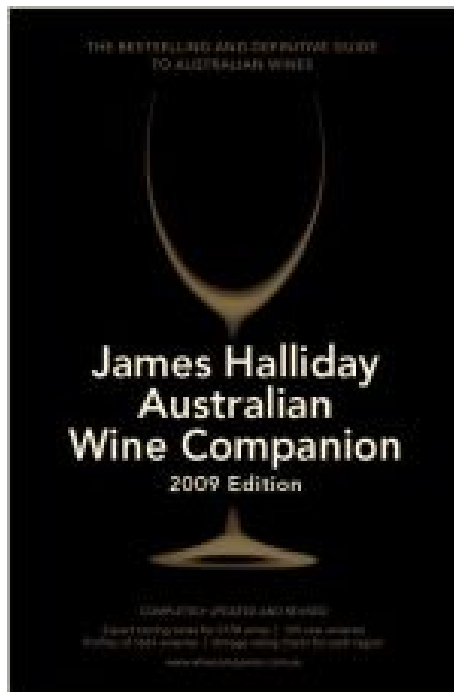


**James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2009 nominates  
Maverick Wines as a 5 star winery and one of the Best 10 new wineries in  
Australia.**



**Maverick Wines**

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<b>OPEN</b>	By appt
<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Christopher Taylor, Ronald Brown
<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	2004
<b>CASES</b>	7250

A new but ambitious venture of Ronald Brown, Jeremy Vogler, Adrian Bell and Christopher Taylor. Taking advantage of (likely short-lived) excess grape production in Australia, the partners have acquired four vineyards in key areas of the Eden Valley and Barossa Valley. There are a little over 30 ha planted, with vines ranging in age from 40 to over 100 years. Although production in 2008 was over 7000 cases, the wines are all made in small batches in tanks of half a tonne to 3-tonne capacity, and are then matured in French oak. For a relatively new kid on the block - and a strong emphasis on export to countries ranging from Japan to the UK, the US and Russia - Maverick has already achieved celebrity listings in top restaurants and fine wine retailers such as Tetsuya's and Ultimo Wine Centre in Sydney, a dazzling array of hotels and restaurants in Tokyo, and the Hilton Hotel in Osaka.

## **Best of the Best 2009 Ten of the Best New Wineries**

**As ever, ten of the best, not the best ten, although this year the outcome was nearly the same thing. The Barossa Valley provided half of the wineries, perhaps a reflection of the storehouse it has of great shiraz.**

### **Maverick Wines Barossa Valley**

A perfectly timed exercise by four very astute wine professionals who acquire four vineyards in the Eden Valley and Barossa Valley during the 2004-06 years of surplus. Their 30 ha are the foundation for a singularly impressive portfolio.

## **James Halliday Tasting Comments**

### **Maverick Wines – 5 stars**

#### Trial Hill Eden Valley Shiraz 2005

96 points - Has great density and depth without any jammy, overripe characters; delicious blackberry, licorice, spice and plum fruit; perfectly weighted tannins and oak.

#### Trial Hill Eden Valley Riesling 2007

94 points – Lemon, lime, mineral and spice aromas: a very intense and long palate of ripe apple and citrus; fresh citrussy acidity.

#### Trial Hill Eden Valley Chardonnay 2006

94 points – Very skillfully made: seamless nectarine and white peach fruit and oak; citrussy acidity.

#### Greenock Rise Barossa Valley GSM 2006

94 points – Fragrant, flowery red fruits on the bouquet; a silky smooth palate with lovely line and flow; flavours of raspberry, redcurrant and blackberry. Part 110-year-old bush vine Grenache.

#### Twins Barossa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Petit Verdot Cabernet Franc 2006

92 points – Luscious, but not jammy red fruits; cassis, redcurrant, raspberry and mulberry; very good oak and tannin management; fresh finish.

#### Trial hill Eden valley Riesling 2006

91 points – Has developed weight and richness; perhaps also the vintage effect. No hint of reduction, but doesn't have as much vibrancy as the '07; possibly going through a dumb phase.

#### Twins Barossa Valley Shiraz 2006

91 points – A supple, smooth, medium-bodied palate, with perfectly ripened black fruit supported by fine, savoury tannins and appropriate oak.

#### Twins Barossa Valley GSM 2006

91 points – Fragrant spicy, juicy berry aromas and flavours: attractive, but without the authority of the Greenock Rise.