

**PRENDIVILLE RESERVE SHIRAZ 2008**

**QANTAS WINE SHOW**

2009

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Silver Medal

**ROYAL HOBART INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW**

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**AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2011 EDITION**

James Halliday, 28th July 2010

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96/100 points

Sandalford is one of Australia's oldest and privately owned wineries. In 1970 it moved beyond its original Swan Valley base, purchasing a substantial property in Margaret River that now the main source of its premium grapes. With most of the vines now 40 years old, and with the highly experienced and former flying Winemaker Paul Boulden in charge, it is no surprise that the quality of the wines is consistently excellent. 2008 Prendiville Shiraz: Crimson purple; sourced from the oldest (1970), dry-grown Margaret River shiraz; reflects the benefits of finishing the primary fermentation in new French oak (100%), with consequent integration of the oak and the tannin texture of the wine; the palate is long and fine, with all the spicy black fruits necessary for a long life. Outstanding wine; 300 dozen made.

**GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE**

Huon Hooke, April /May 2010

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94/100 points, Top Ten out of Top 100 releases

A bright, lively, deeply coloured and vibrant young shiraz. Sweet raspberry, mulberry aromas; fruit-led but with a lacing of cedary oak. Loads of fleshy extract, ripe tannins and density. Has great potential.

**RAY JORDAN'S 2010 WA WINE GUIDE**

Ray Jordan, 30 November 2009

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Best Shiraz – 2008 Sandalford Prendiville Shiraz

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Max Veenhuyzen, September 2009

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18.5/20 points

Boy oh boy this is going to catch some wreck when it gets released to the market proper. Digging deep into Sandalford's seemingly endless bag of vineyard tricks, winemaker Paul Boulden has made the most of five blocks of old-vine shiraz sourced from a northern Margaret River vineyard planted in 1970. Although it was fermented in and aged for 12 months in new medium toast Damy Allier French oak barriques, the wine's sweet violet-flecked plum flavours speak volumes of the calibre of fruit chosen for the debut Prendiville Reserve Shiraz. Combining the generosity of South Australia with the elegance and savouriness of French syrah, this is a dazzling expression of Margaret River shiraz that rides high in the flavour saddle, its long finish aided beautifully by silky, fine tannins. Sigh.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN

Ray Jordan, August 2009

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96/100 points

**PICK OF THE WEEK:** This is just so sublimely smooth and seamless on the palate you could be forgiven for missing what power and fruit concentration sitting behind it. One of the finest Margaret River shirazes I have ever tasted. Silky and velvety with a deep, sweet fruit concentration and complexity. Anyone who had given up on Margaret River shiraz should check this out. A belter.