



REVIEWS AND PRESS

WINESTATE SPECIAL EDITION, JANUARY 2012

Sauvignon Blanc Blends 31 Tasted, 16 Awarded

2011 Barking Owl Sauvignon Blanc Semillon ★★★★★

Sweaty gooseberry aromas and nicely textured palate driven by tropical sav blanc characters with balancing sweetness and a long finish.

JAMES HALLIDAY, *THE AUSTRALIAN*, NOVEMBER 2011

Top 100 Wines

2011 Millbrook Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc

This Perth Hills winery is owned by Peter Fogarty, along with Deep Woods in Margaret River, Smithbrook in Pemberton and Lake's Folly in the Hunter Valley. Pale straw-green, the bouquet offers lifted passionfruit and tropical aromas, but is overshadowed by the notably intense palate, adding ripe citrus and grass/herb flavours; very good balance and length. Remarkable value for money. **96/100**

RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, NOVEMBER 2011

Top 100 Best Whites

2011 Barking Owl Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (\$18)

The impressive second label from Millbrook continues to punch above its weight in this price point. Exquisitely put together with a mix of tropical and slightly grassy herbaceous characters. Yummy current drinking.

2011 Millbrook Sauvignon Blanc

Distinctive and pungent sav blanc nose. There is plenty of minerals and passionfruit with a lively gooseberry and lime influence on the nose. The palate is full and generous though held with a restraining acid. Fruit-driven and powerful. A distinct difference from our brothers across the ditch.

SCOOP, SUMMER 2011

2010 Millbrook Limited Release Chardonnay – GOLD 18.8

Winemaker Damian Hutton is quietly achieving great results in the Perth Hills Millbrook winery. This wine, crafted from a single vineyard in Geographe, is a case in point. Natural fermentation in oak plus lees stirring has resulted in a textural wine of impressive intensity, which shows complex aromas of oatmeal, toasted nuts and gunflint.



RAY JORDAN & VIC CROSSLAND, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, JUNE 2011

2010 Millbrook Pinot Noir

The fruit for this pinot comes from the Great Southern. Reveals cheery and spicy aromas with a light oak influence. The palate is light to medium-bodied. Silky smooth and long in the mouth.

89/100

WINESTATE, MAY/JUNE 2011

Best of the West

2009 Millbrook Viognier ★★☆☆

Big up-front varietal that is full, ripe and very rich, with a lovely unctuous, visceral texture and exhibiting some alcohol heat.

2009 Millbrook Limited Release Viognier ★★☆☆

Real persistence and intensity of warm, mushy apricot and ripe peach varietal fruit. Lovely visceral mouthfeel with balancing phenolics.

2009 Millbrook Limited Release Chardonnay ★★★★★

Another intense and complex chardonnay exhibiting power and richness with very good depth of varietal fruit aromas and flavours all nicely underscored by some great cashew-like oak.

2009 Barking Owl Shiraz Viognier ★★☆☆½

Beautiful wine – great colour and lovely rich, ripe sweet blackberry aromas with a spicy edge. Palate offers a big mouthful of black jube flavours and excellent tannin structure.

PETER FORRESTAL, *STM, THE SUNDAY TIMES*, MARCH 2011

Top Drops

2009 Barking Owl Shiraz Viognier \$17.95

Who says WA wines are expensive? There's great value in this second label from Millbrook in the Perth Hills region. It's an intensely floral red, with ripe plummy flavours. It's succulent, lively and approachable.

GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE, FEB/MAR 2011

100 Top New Release Wines

2007 Millbrook Estate Shiraz Viognier 92 ★★☆☆

This impressive shiraz from the Perth Hills is quite voluptuous, with excellent fruit ripeness giving a sweet-fruit mid-palate and concentrated ripe berry fruit flavours. Ample tannins provide structure and it has exceptional length.

PETER FORRESTAL, *STM, THE SUNDAY TIMES*, FEBRUARY 2011

Top Drops

2010 Millbrook Sauvignon Blanc

Millbrook in the Perth Hills has sourced this stunningly good sauvignon from Margaret River. It has lightly herbal characters that are intense, pure, powerful and zesty, with a refreshingly dry finish.



RALPH-KTYE POWELL, *THE AGE EPICURE*, JANUARY 2011

Under \$18

2010 Barking Owl Sauvignon Blanc Semillon \$16–\$18 ★★☆☆

From Millbrook Winery in the Perth Hills region of Western Australia, this snappy young white sums up the quality and value credentials of its secondary label Barking Owl. It's a succulent drop with inviting passionfruit, lime and fruit salad aromas, followed by a zesty clean-tasting mouthfeel that finishes crisp.

ANDREW JEFFORD, JANUARY 2011

Trusting the Vineyard: Unearthing Australian Terroir

2008 Millbrook Limited Release Viognier

I loved this wine when I first tasted it, and I still love it – it is a very true, very faithful statement of that variety in that place on earth. A very courageous wine in the Australian context. It is ripe, voluptuous and head-turning – but that's Viognier in the Perth Hills.

STM, *THE SUNDAY TIMES*, DECEMBER 2010

2010 Barking Owl Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

This is a quintessential example of the style under Millbrook's second label. Pure, fresh and intense, with ripe tropical flavours, a hint of sugar-snap peas and lychees, bright and tangy, finishing zesty and long.

RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, NOVEMBER 2010

Top Five WA Wines under \$25

2009 Millbrook Sauvignon Blanc (\$22)

This has been a consistent performer in recent years at national and local shows. Not hard to see why. Precise crisp herbal gooseberry characterises this full ripe yet beautifully restrained and persistent wine. A beauty. **93/100**

RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, NOVEMBER 2010

Fresh Summer Wine Guide

\$15 to \$20

2010 Barking Owl Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (\$18)

One of the best yet under this impressive label. Displays a lovely lifted tropical gooseberry mix with some lemon citrus influence. The palate is especially fresh and lively with a zippy fine acid sustaining the long finish. Right in the groove for this style at this price point.

\$20 to \$25

2009 Millbrook Viognier (\$22)

Has to be one of the best and best-value viogniers on the market. Beautiful exotic spicy perfumes with traces of cut ginger. The palate is full but finely balanced with a fresh citrus tang that controls it. Lovely drinking wine as distinct from a tasting only wine.

\$25 to \$40

2009 Millbrook Estate Viognier (\$35)

This is far more restrained than the standard entry-level viognier. It's so precise and angular yet with all the intensity and varietal concentration you expect from this distinctive variety. That gingery citrus mix is just so compelling.



WINESTATE, SEPT/OCT 2010

World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge V

2008 Barking Owl Shiraz Viognier ★★☆☆

Full-bodied wine with a spicy/peppery bouquet and intense varietal fruit palate with balancing tannins and long, lingering aftertaste. \$17.95

EPICURE WINESTYLE + FOOD, SPRING 2010

2009 Millbrook Limited Release Viognier ★★☆☆

A complex expression of viognier's rich, opulent personality grown in the Perth Hills of Western Australia. A powerful, complex nose incorporates lush, apricot glaze, spiced peach and butter pastry aromas. It's lusciously textured, mouth-filling and warmly impressive finishing dry and spicy.