



MILLBROOK

Winery

WINE	Millbrook Estate Shiraz Viognier	
VINTAGE	2005	
REGION	Perth Hills (Estate)	100%
VARIETIES	Shiraz	95%
	Viognier	5%
PRODUCTION	600 Cases	

VINTAGE NOTES

The estate-grown vines were planted in 1996 on a shallow lateritic gravel soil ridge with a south-west aspect. The growing season was dry and the drought conditions led to lower yields with concentrated flavours in smaller berries. Shoot and bunch thinning allowed optimum ripening at a crop level of 2.2 tonnes per acre.

The fruit was handpicked and de-stemmed upon a layer of whole bunch Viognier in open top fermenters. After inoculation the caps were hand-plunged twice daily and temperatures were kept below 30°C. Fermentation typically lasts 12–14 days. After settling, all batches were racked to oak for malolactic fermentation.

The 100% French oak used was 40% new, 20% one-year-old and 40% two-year-old from the Saury, Francois Freres and Bossuet cooperages. After 20 months maturation the wine was minimally filtered and bottled in March 2007.

ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.57, TA 6.45 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Colour	Bright, deep ruby red with purple hues.
Aroma	The wine reveals a wonderful array of black fruits and plum, with underlying chocolate and toasted oak on the nose.
Palate	A full-bodied wine with sweet black berry fruit characters and a succulent mid-palate. Excellent oak integration and ripe plum fruit are finely balanced with elegant and persistent tannins.

CELLARING

Potential to age for 10–15 years.

SHOW SUCCESS

Trophy	Best Shiraz, Perth Hills Wine Show 2007
Gold	Perth Hills Wine Show 2007
Silver	Qantas Wine Show of WA, Mt Barker 2007
Bronze	Nine to date
94 points	James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009
94 points	Huon Hooke, Sydney Morning Herald, October 2008
★★★★	Winestate World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge III, Sept/Oct 2008

