



**Above: Tony Davis of Howard Park in the vineyard.**  
**Right: Larry Cherubino and family.**

**The Yard Pedestal  
 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc  
 2008**

THE point has been made that WA gained all 11 of the gold medals and the three trophies given to this style on the 2007 capital city national wine show circuit and that two wines, the 2005 and 2006 Cape Mentelle Wallcliffe sauvignon blanc semillons came equal top of this blend in James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2009 edition.

In context, I believe that the 2006 lightly-wooded Wallcliffe release (18.5 pts and RRP\$ 41) and the unwooded Jeffrey Grosset 2008 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc (18.5 pts and RRP \$32.55) are probably the finest examples of their styles

yet made in this country.

But the just-released The Yard 2008 Pedestal Vineyard Semillon Sauvignon Blanc from Larry Cherubino is just ever so close to these in quality.

This is more similar in production method to the Cape Mentelle with one third of the base material being oaked for four months.

The Cherubino website says that this wine will drink well for seven to 10 years, but why wait because this is one of the three finest of this blend that we've seen and it is delicious for drinking right now. 18.5 points and \$29.15