



## James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009

Larry Cherubino Wines ★★★★★

Listed in the 10 best new wineries in the 2009 Wine Companion

PO Box 570, West Perth, WA 6872 Region: South West Australia Zone

Winemaker: Larry Cherubino Est: 2005 Cases: 2,000

Larry Cherubino has had a particularly distinguished winemaking career, first at Hardy's Tintara, then Houghtons, and thereafter as a consultant/flying winemaker in Australia, NZ, South Africa, the US and Italy. IN 2005 he started Larry Cherubino Wines, and has since developed three ranges: at the top Cherubino (Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz & Cabernet Sauvignon); next The Yard, five single vineyard wines from WA; and at the bottom another five wines under the Ad Hoc label, all single region wines. As expected the quality is exemplary. Exports to the UK, the US & Canada.

### 5 Glasses (94 – 100 Outstanding)

- **Cherubino Riesling 2007 – 94 Points**  
*Apple & citrus aromas lead into a palate of good intensity and good length, with no sunburnt fruit characters to the lime and mineral favours; good acidity. Top outcome. Screwcap 11.5% alc. Rating: 94 To: 2015 \$35*
- **The Yard "Whispering Hill" Riesling 2007 – 94 Points**  
*Tight & refined from the word go; intertwined line juice and mineral run through the long palate; very good acid balance. From Whispering Hill Vineyard. Screwcap 11.7% alc. Rating: 94 To: 2016 \$31.50*
- **Cherubino Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – 94 Points**  
*A powerful expression of Sauvignon, with the texture augmented by fermentation in 100% new French oak, an 5% semillon; nuances of apple and passionfruit. Screwcap 12.5% alc. Rating: 94 To: 2009 \$35*

### 4 1/2 Glasses (90 – 93 Highly Recommended)

- **Ad Hoc Straw Man Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2007 – 92 Points**  
*Good structure, line and length; a firm, herbal core with some passionfruit and gooseberry; 10% oak invisible; pleasingly dry finish. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Rating: 92 To: 2012 \$23.50*
- **Ad Hoc Wallflower Riesling 2007 – 91 Points**  
*A spotless apple blossom bouquet; a delicate and fine palate with apple, lime and pear flavours; seemingly early picked. Screwcap. 11.5% alc. Rating: 91 To: 2015 \$23.50*
- **The Yard Semillon Sauvignon Blanc – 90 Points**  
*Very Tight & controlled, the flavours still largely locked up but all in a herbaceous spectrum with some barrel ferment oak in the background; hard to judge so early (January 08). Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Rating: 90 To: 2013 \$23.50*

### 4 Glasses (87 – 89 Recommended)

- **Ad Hoc Middle of Everywhere Shiraz 2005 – 89 Points**  
*Bright colour ;very pure aromas and flavours in a predominantly red fruit spectrum, but not quite enough texture/structure. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating : 89 To : 2013 \$23.50*