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Chandon sparkles in Halliday's Wine Companion

This week saw the release of James Halliday's latest Australian Wine Companion book, the 2010 edition, the bestselling and definitive guide to Australian Wine. Domaine Chandon achieved a five star rating for the fourth consecutive year and was awarded outstanding scores across its entire portfolio of still and sparkling wines.

The Domaine Chandon winery in Victoria's Yarra Valley produces still and sparkling wines of the highest quality, a fact reflected in the outstanding results achieved in the latest 'Companion', no less than eleven wines achieved 94 points or more out of 100 making it the sixth most awarded winery in Australia.

The renowned range of Chandon sparkling wines showed its depth with seven wines achieving 92 points or above and the flagship Chandon Vintage Brut achieving a remarkable 95 points for the fifth consecutive year with the 2005 vintage.

While Domaine Chandon has long been renowned for its sparkling wines the still wines produced by the Yarra Valley winery have also shown their exceptional quality. Eight Domaine Chandon still wines were rated 94 points or above, the Pinot Noir Rosé 2008 was the highest rated rosé in the country (equal) and the Yarra Valley Chardonnay 2007, scoring 96 points, was the equal second highest scoring chardonnay in Australia.

The great results achieved by Domaine Chandon and a number of other Yarra Valley wineries have provided a welcome boost for the region after a difficult start to 2009 and are sure to put the region firmly back on the national wine map for all the right reasons.

Yarra Valley resident, James Halliday is Australia's leading wine critic having contributed to more than 56 wine books and countless domestic and international articles since he began writing in 1979. He is an unmatched authority on every aspect of the Australian wine industry and his annual Wine Companion book is widely recognised as the absolute guide to Australian wine quality.

Domaine Chandon Senior Winemaker Matt Steel noted, "We are thrilled that our range of still and sparkling wines is held in such high regard by a wine critic of James Halliday's calibre".

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