

# 2008 HEYTESBURY

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Jancis Robinson.com  
Julia Harding MW

**17.5**

Refined dark-fruit aroma. A little more leafy than the 2007, juicy and fluid but still with very fine tannins. Dusty rather than chewy. Elegant on the palate - not at all heavy but persistent. Then lots of dark fruit on the finish. Tannins finer than on 2007. Lots of finesse as well as fruit and freshness. (JH)

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Wine Business Magazine

**96 points**

Wines of the Year 2011

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Australian Financial Review  
Tim White

**97 points**

Glistening fruitcake and fine cedar oak and sweet meat burnt bits: classy dense cabernet sauvignon this. Autumn leafy too with plug tobacco. Wow: this a cabernet sauvignon of massive proportion in the mouth, and yet it is still approachable and mouth-watering. Fruitcake, anise, fine sapid oak characters; grip, length, power. A wine with at least 20 years ahead of it. Sublime.

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Australian Wine Vintages

**94 points**

5 Stars. Top 100. A house style with gradual improvements each year, a world class wine, St Estephe-like aromas of black currant and stalk character. It has depth, concentration and complexity in small and large berry fruit with great length and evenness.

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Gourmet Traveller Wine

**94 points**

A blend of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and malbec. Very youthful, concentrated and dark, it shows intense red and dark fruit aromas, liberal French oak, and has a slightly chewy, thick density in the mouth.

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JamesSuckling.com  
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**93 points**

Aromas of blackberry, black olive and currant follow through to a full body, firm and chewy with a linear backbone and a driven finish. Still chewy. A blend of 77% cabernet, 13% petit verdot and 10% malbec. Screw cap. Drink up.

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Wine Advocate

Joe Czerwinski

**92 points**

The 2008 Heytesbury, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Petit Verdot, retains a dark garnet color, just beginning to brick at the rim. It also retains its firm tannins, giving it a drying finish even at nine years of age. It's medium to full in body with a fine degree of elegance to its notes of cassis, earth, mint and vanilla. Drink it over the next several years.

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