Smith & Hooper- 4.5 Stars ★★★★★
“...it is estate-based, with cabernet sauvignon (21 ha) and merlot (13 ha) planted on the Hooper Vineyard in 1994, and cabernet sauvignon (15 ha) and merlot (9 ha) planted on the Smith Vineyard in ‘98. Spread across both vineyards are 15 ha of shiraz and 9 ha of trial varieties.” - James Halliday
Smith & Hooper Wrattonbully Reserve Merlot 2006 ★★★★★ Rating 94
Brightly fruited and clearly defined, with mouth-watering acidity providing a counterpoint to the vibrant red fruits; dry and pleasingly savoury on the finish. Cook. Drink 2016.

Pewsey Vale - 5 Stars ★★★★★
“Pewsey Vale was a famous vineyard established in 1847 by Joseph Gilbert... The Riesling has also finally benefited from being the first wine to be bottled with a Stelvin screwcap in 1977. While public reaction forced the abandonment of the initiative for almost 20 years, Pewsey Vale never lost faith in the technical advantages of the closure. A quick taste (or better, a share of a bottle) of five- to seven-year-old Contours Riesling will tell you why.” - James Halliday
Pewsey Vale Prima Eden Valley Riesling 2008 ★★★★★ Rating 95
Incredibly fragrant and expressive aromas of lime blossom, apple blossom and fruit spice (and more) is of 100-point quality; inevitably, the palate, while excellent, does not have quite the same vibrancy and intensity. That said, a must-buy. Screwcap. Drink 2018.
Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Riesling 2008 ★★★★★ Rating 94
Strong colour; a powerful, complex bouquet leads into a palate bursting with lime juice fruit; has thrust and length. Screwcap. Drink 2018.
Pewsey Vale The Contours Eden Valley Riesling 2003 ★★★★★ Rating 94
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Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Gewürztraminer 2008 ★★★★★ Rating 94
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Freshly toasted brioche on the bouquet, displaying an attractive level of development; creamy and fine on the palate, with a dry, linear and chalky finish; complex and satisfying. Cork. Drink 2012.

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Heggies Vineyard Valley Chardonnay 2007 ★★★★ Rating 91
The first impression is the strong mineral core to this wine, which is supported by ample levels of stone fruit, moving through to apricot; full of toast and grilled nuts on the finish. Screwcap. Drink 2013.

Heggies Vineyard Eden Valley Botrytis Riesling 2007 ★★★★ Rating 91
The green-gold colour and bouquet are arresting, as is the deliciously ripe lime and tropical fruit, honey already apparent on the palate. That said, it really needs more grip and minerally acidity. Screwcap. Drink 2012.

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