

ridgemill estate – *wine by design* ridgemill escape – *cabins in the vineyard*

The logo for Ridgemill, featuring the word "ridgemill" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

ridgemill estate winery rated 3.5 stars in James Halliday's 2008 Wine Companion

In only our second entry into James Halliday's Wine Companion, **ridgemill estate** scored 3.5 stars with our submitted wines rating highly. James also noted that our best wines are *part of the charge by Queensland wines to recognition against all comers!*

2005 black dog Cabernet Sauvignon rated 4.5 glasses and 91 points, Drink to 2018

"Good colour and not too hazy for an unfiltered wine, medium bodied with sweet cassis/blackcurrant fruit right in the varietal slot. IMPRESSIVE"

2005 sinister Cabernet Sauvignon rated 4 glasses and 88 points, Drink to 2011

"Light to medium bodied; has varietal character without the depth or conviction of black dog; nonetheless, nice savoury/cedar notes"

2006 tempranillo The Spaniard rated 4 glasses and 88 points

"Clean fresh red fruits. Light to medium bodied with good mouth feel and balance; not especially complex, but well made."

2005 Shiraz rated 4 glasses and 88 points, Drink to 2010

"Light to medium bodied; predominantly black with some red fruit flavours; no frills but well balanced".

Winestate Magazine : The **2007 first press Rosé** came **Top in Category** in the 2007 **Queensland tasting** and was the only Queensland Rosé to be recommended!

In the Vineyard (beep beep)

Spring 2007 is off to a promising start with 80mm to 90 mm of rain in early Spring. Some warm weather since then has seen the vines off to a flying start for the season. (See, I told you - Bacchus would see the errors of his ways from last season.) All that rain has helped to fill up the soil profile and put some run-off water into the dam for the coming season.

At the moment we are catching up on some routine vineyard maintenance like tightening foliage wires, ramming posts and machinery maintenance. We'd also like you to meet the newest member of the **ridgemill** team nicknamed **Grasshopper!** Tanya is a school-based trainee who is with us to learn the trade from the master! (wax on/wax off - all that kind of stuff) so, a big welcome to **GRASSHOPPER!**

Check out our Newest Release

We would like to introduce all our wine club members and wine buffs to our newest release - from the 2007 vintage and Chevy and Lady Luck's proudest achievement to date! Early August saw the arrival of a bouncing baby girl - Ella Grace (aka **slim**). This new release is strictly for viewing only and will be cellared for many years before being re-released into the world.

Model Material

We are also proud to announce that our very own Dusty - the Wonder Dog has reached the pinnacle of her modelling career and been selected to star in the new edition of WINE DOGS OF AUSTRALIA. Unfortunately, since reaching this pinnacle, she has let herself go a bit and put on a couple of extra kilos.

Events you can catch us at.....

You can catch us at the "Tapas and Tempranillo" function and the Perfect Match Wine Lunches throughout the Spring Wine Festival - for more info, give us a call or email rmestate@halenet.com.au

Ridgemill escape "Cabins in the Vineyard"

Cabin fever - Have you been working hard all year and need a break from the hustle and bustle of your work schedule - don't head to the coast to relax - come out to granite country and Queensland's premium wine growing region.

Summer is great, no crowds (not like the coast!) the people are friendly. The serenity is deafening and the wines and restaurants are great - and the best part is that if you stay at **ridgemill estate**, low season rates will save on accommodation costs and enable you to spend more on fine wines.

Low season is from August 2007 up to but not including Easter 2008.

\$325/double for two weekend nights including bottle of wine and a canapés plate on arrival and a breakfast basket each morning.

\$325/double for three midweek nights, also a bottle of wine and canapés plate on arrival and a breakfast basket each morning.

Single night stays are also available all year round!

Have you got cabin fever yet?