

Chrismont Wines

James Halliday Reviews

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Chrismont Wines has scored better than a hat trick as it receives **four 90+ scores** from esteemed Australian wine writer, **James Halliday**. The wines reviewed are:

Chrismont LA ZONA Marzemino 2002 – **93/100**

Chrismont Chardonnay 2003 – **92/100**

Chrismont LA ZONA Barbera 2002 – **91/100** and

Chrismont Riesling 2004 – **90/100**.

The reviews, all dated May 20 2005 and reported on www.winepros.com.au, were introduced by James Halliday with a brief summary on **Chrismont Wines**. Halliday writes,

Various branches of the Pizzini family are among the leading grapegrowers in the King Valley. Arnie Pizzini (and wife Jo) planted their first grapes in 1980, and now have 100 ha of vineyard. Two streams of wine are made: traditional French varieties under the Chrismont label, and Italian varieties under the Chrismont La Zona labels. All wines are particularly well made, but the two La Zona releases are quite outstanding, doubtless benefiting in part from the 2002 vintage. The winemaker, incidentally, is Warren Proft, with extensive Australian and international experience.

Chrismont LA ZONA Marzemino 2002 93 out of 100

Spotlessly clean; bright red and black cherry and raspberry fruit; excellent tannin structure and balance. Impressive. Cork. best drinking 2005 to 2010

Chrismont Chardonnay 2003 92 out of 100

Very well made; medium-bodied; nectarine and cashew/creamy mix; good length and balance; major surprise. Cork. best drinking 2005 to 2008

Chrismont LA ZONA Barbera 2002 91 out of 100

Medium-bodied; attractive spicy plum and blackberry fruit; fine, ripe tannins; good oak; another surprise. Cork. best drinking 2005 to 2010

Chrismont Riesling 2004 90 out of 100

Pale straw-green; floral apple blossom aromas flowing through to spice and apple palate; excellent acidity. Screwcap. best drinking 2005 to 2012

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