James Halliday’s TOP 100

**Pol Roger Vintage Brut 2004 - 97 /100**

For decades one of Australia’s darlings, and mine too. The usual Pol blend of 60% pinot noir and 40% chardonnay, it spent eight years on tirage. Gleaming straw-green, it has remarkable drive, intensity and freshness to its white stone fruits, grilled cashews and spices, the aftertaste endless, the future in bottle almost as long.

**Pol Roger Vintage Blanc de Blancs 2008 - 97 /100**

This 100% Côte des Blancs Grand Cru demands inclusion, notwithstanding my tasting note finishing « just-a-baby ». Bright green-straw, it has exquisite freshness and balance, the bouquet filled by scents of white flowers, the palate with pink grapefruit in a glittering necklace of acidity. Will fill you