

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

