

Wine Orbit

Extensive Wine Review by Senior Wine Judge, Sam Kim

Cypress Terraces Syrah 2007 Hawke's Bay **90 4.5 Stars**
Medium-deep red/purple in colour. A beautifully fragrant nose displaying ripe plum, cherry and spice characters with a hint of spicy oak notes. The palate is well fruited showing rounded mouthfeel, good mid palate weight and fine, supple tannins. A medium-full bodied, beautifully balanced and refreshing Syrah. At its best: now to 2012. \$40.00 14% Screw cap.

Cypress Terraces Viognier 2007 Hawke's Bay **93 5 Stars**
A beautifully lifted and exotic bouquet displaying peach, pear, spice and a hint of vanilla characters. It's full and generous on the palate with richly textured mouthfeel, modest acidity and an expansive long finish. The varietal expression is superb, and the wine is opulent yet refreshing. At its best: now to 2011. \$30.00 14.5% Screw cap. www.cypresswines.co.nz. Oct 2009.

Cypress Terraces Chardonnay 2008 Hawke's Bay **92 4.5 Stars**
A youthful yet complex nose displaying ripe stonefruit, cream and gentle vanillin oak characters. The palate is fruity and well weighted with smooth mouthfeel, bright acidity and a lengthy finish. A very appealing and friendly Chardonnay. At its best: now to 2011. \$30.00 Limited availability. 14.5% Screw cap. www.cypresswines.co.nz. Oct 2009.

Ratings

5 Stars	100 pts	
5	96 - 100	Exceptional quality exhibiting highest level of concentration and complexity.
5	93 - 95	Outstanding quality showing varietal purity and exemplifying regional type.
4.5	89 - 92	Excellent quality showing high level of concentration and balance.
4	85 - 88	Very good quality displaying attractive flavours and good balance.
3.5	81 - 84	Good quality, easy drinking with straightforward flavours.
3	78 - 80	Sound quality, pleasant and satisfactory.

Not all wines tasted by Wine Orbit are published including those rated below 3 stars.