

# Hugh Johnson's Wine Pocket Book

- 2008 **Castel** Judean Hills r w \* \* \* \* Small family estate in Jerusalem mountains. Characterful complex Grand Vin (00' 02 03' 04). Second label, Petit Castel. Outstanding, well-balanced Chard - 'C' Blanc du Castel.
- Characterful complex Grand Vin type so styled within entries indicates wine (mid '06-07) specially enjoyed by the author.
- 2007 **Castel** Judean Hills r w \* \* \* Small family estate in Jerusalem mountains. Complex Grand Vin (00' 01 02 03'); outstanding Chard (02 03' 04).
- 2006 **Castel** Judean Hills r w \* \* \* Small family estate in mountains W of Jerusalem producing characterful, complex Cab Sauv/Merlot (98 99' 00 01') and an outstanding Chard (00 01 02). Great value second label Petit Castel.
- 2005 **Castel** Judean Hills r w \* \* \* Small family estate in mountains W of Jerusalem producing characterful, complex Cab Sauv/Merlot (97 98 99' 00') and an outstanding Chard (00 01). Great value second label Petit Castel.
- 2004 **Castel** Judean Hills r w \* \* \* Small family estate in mountains west of Jerusalem producing characterful, complex Cab-Merlot (96 97 98 99'); outstanding Chardonnay (00). 2nd label Petit Castel.
- 2003 **Castel** Judean Hills r (w) \* \* Small family estate producing elegant, subtle Cab-Merlot (96 97 98). 2nd label Petit Castel; classic, well-made Chard.
- 2002 **Castel** Judean Hills r (w) \* \* Small family estate. Vg elegant subtle Cab-Merlot (96 97). 2nd label Petit Castel. Deep, well-made Chard.
- 2001 **Castel** \* Small family estate in Judean Hills. Vg elegant subtle Cab-Merlot since '92. '98 saw first release of deep, well-made Chard.
- 2000 **Castel** Small family estate in Judean Hills. Very good subtle Cab-Merlot.
- 1999 **Castel** Small family estate in Judean Hills. Very good subtle Cab-Merlot.