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ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER

2018 PALLADIAN CHARDONNAY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Tasting note: Rich expressive perfume of preserved pears, cloves and brioche, followed by fresh white peaches, green pears and nougat. Layers of complexity from time in new oak and on lees give freshness and vitality to the this style.

Alcohol: 13.1%

pH: 3.15

Total Acidity: 9.1gm/L

Residual Sugar: 4.5gm/L

Harvest Date: 14th February 2018

Oak: 9 Months in 500Litre French Burgundian Special toast puncheons.

Bottling Date: 19th December 2018

Cellaring Potential: Should develop further complexity with 5-7 years careful cellaring.

2018 VINTAGE

This marks the second vintage of our Palladian Chardonnay and again we are excited to release the new vintage during the Gourmet Escape.

We have sourced our fruit from low yielding Gin-Gin Chardonnay from particular east-west row orientation, these rows were selected as having the distinctive quality for this style of wine. The handpicked fruit was cooled overnight then whole bunch pressed directly to barrel. The resulting juice was left to ferment naturally with the indigenous yeasts found in the vineyard. This year ripening season was a little under the average temperatures with no noticeable heat spikes, making for grapes with lovely fragrance, higher acidities and higher sugar levels than normal.

Another delightful Margaret River chardonnay. This one reveals freshly squeezed lemons, acacia, chamomile and Granny Smith apples with the faintest touch of spices. The acidity is very, very intense, so beware, but if you can hold on for the ride, it's a real roller-coaster, as tons of citrus and herbs seep through.

James Suckling, 94 points, May 2019

Very light-yellow hue. Restrained and faintly nutty aromas recalling almond and cashew. There is juicy sweet lemon flavor in spadesful, tight and intense and focused, with impressive length and at the same time terrific refinement. An excellent wine. A textbook chardonnay of great class

Huon Hooke, 96 points, The Real Review
