

Fraser Gallop

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MARGARET RIVER

2021 PALLADIAN CHARDONNAY



Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Tasting notes: Lime, green apple, struck match, roasted chestnuts, citrus blossom. A razor-sharp lemony focus with a citrus zing. The toasty oak is present but not overdone. A lovely flinty quartz like dryness offset by a touch of sweetness. Great balance and set up for the long haul.

Alcohol: 12.5%

pH: 3.1

Total Acidity: 9.2 gm/L

Residual Sugar: 6.6 gm/L

Harvest Date: 20th February 2021

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

Bottling Date: 15th December 2021

Cellaring Potential: Should develop further complexity with 10-12 years careful cellaring.

"[...]This is marvelous - produced in a vintage that was challenging for many (cool, poorly timed weather events) but successful for the balance. The low-alcohol, earlier-picked style of the Palladian brings a level of finesse and precision that, in this glass, makes for mouthwatering drinking. An exemplar wine that shows the elegance and tension that Margaret River Chardonnay is so capable of.

-Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 97 pts

"The fine delicacy and precision of this high-class chardonnay are evident from the get-go. Pear, grapefruit, and subtle understated nuttiness emerge from the nose. There is an almost ethereal quality here that flows through into that fine and most exquisite of palates. This elevates Fraser Gallop into rarefied air."

-Ray Jordan, 97 pts

"The complex bouquet of white flowers provides a confident start. Whole bunch-pressed into 100% new Burgundian special toast puncheons with no settling, matured 9 months. Hyper-refined, but more accessible than Parterre."

-James Halliday, 96 pts

"I think 2021 Margaret River Chardonnay can be very good, though there a few issues here and there with them, sometimes they can be a little mucky and lactic, or something like that. This is one of the better wines. Sea spray, spicy biscuit ginger oak, almond and crème brûlée, ripe lime and pink grapefruit. Intense and concentrated, flinty with some creamy gloss, tangy preserved lemon flavours, green apple, tight and very long. No shortage of drive and structure here, that's for sure. It should be quite something with a few more years in bottle."

-Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, 95 pts
