

MARGARET RIVER
SANDALFORD
Estate Reserve

2009 Estate Reserve Chardonnay

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

Chardonnay 100%

REGION

Margaret River 100%

VINTAGE

2009 will go down as one of the best ever vintages in Margaret River. The cool and slightly wet conditions during the initial growing season led to some yield losses. However, the summer months were again dry and warm without any overtly hot spells. Classic "Indian Summer" conditions then prevailed through in to the autumn months giving perfectly ripened and disease-free fruit with some of the most balanced acid profiles ever seen. In a word superb.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The fruit for this wine was harvested in February of 2009 from 25 yr old, dry-grown Gingin clone vines, prior to crushing and pressing. Only the free-run juice was settled for 24 hours prior to 35% being racked to individual new Burgundian French barriques, 25% to single use French barriques and 40% to stainless steel. All barrels were individually inoculated with a variety of selected yeast strains. This wine is the second in our new philosophy of Chardonnay making whereby the alcohol is kept at or less than 14%, no MLF was undertaken and combined with less oak, makes this a fresher, more modern and appealing style. The wine then sat "sur lies" in these barrels for 7 months prior to blending, stabilisation, clarification, filtration and bottling. A minimal intervention wine where no expense has been spared.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR

Translucent lemon rind

NOSE

A gorgeous nose with dare I say a little "funk". Classic peachy nose with some complexing flinty oak notes.

PALATE

Good modern Australian Chardonnay does not come much better than this. Lovely ripe citrus flavours to the fore with balancing and cleansing acidity on the finish. Medium-bodied style with texture and structure. Chardonnay is the greatest white variety and this wine exemplifies why. A wine to serve cool but not cold and with all great Chardonnays perfect with food with a bit of grunt. Cellaring for the next five to seven years will aid complexity but hey, it looks great now, fresh and alive.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol	14.0 %
Residual Sugar	3.1 g/l
Acidity	6.87 g/l
pH	3.10

AWARDS

New Release



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ACCOLADES

“Sandalford has well and truly leapt into the big league of premium producers in WA, having now completely transformed itself to a Margaret River wine operation. The Estate Reserve and Margaret River Range are entirely from Margaret River. The team of owner Peter Prendiville and winemaker Paul Boulden have taken the wines in an exciting new direction.”

Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide, published October 2010, page 151

“Sandalford is one of Australia's oldest and privately owned wineries. In 1970 it moved beyond its original Swan Valley base, purchasing a substantial property in Margaret River that now the main source of its premium grapes. With most of the vines now 40 years old, and with the highly experienced and former flying Winemaker Paul Boulden in charge, it is no surprise that the quality of the wines is consistently excellent. 2009 Estate Reserve Chardonnay: Shows that elegance and fruit freshness can be achieved with ripe grapes and 10 months in oak following barrel fermentation; white peach and nectarine flavours course through the long palate and bright finish. Rating 94/100.”

Australian Wine Companion 2011 Edition, page 565, James Halliday, released 28th July 2010

“Faultless, drink-now wine with light, simple varietal fruit with yeast / biscuity elements.”

Winestate, The Wine and Spirit Insider, July / August Edition, page 72

“Another fresh, youthful chardonnay with excellent potential. Oak is a little prominent at this stage, but the intense grapefruit and tropical fruit aromas and flavours are positive. The palate is smooth and concentrated with excellent length and finesse. It should gain as each month goes by. Watch this one.”

Scoop Magazine, Winter (May / June) Edition 2010, page 204.

“RED 5 STAR WINERY – Sandalford is an outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity.”

Australia's most pre-eminent wine critic, James Halliday, awards Sandalford Wines the very coveted RED 5 star rating in the Australian Wine Companion 2011 Edition released 28th July 2010.

“Producer of the Year, and Winemaker of the Year: Sandalford Wines. Since taking over Sandalford a few years ago Paul Boulden has consistently produced outstanding wines, based primarily on one of the oldest Margaret River vineyards. The combination of winemaker Paul Boulden and owner Peter Prendiville has proved an awesome double act resulting in outstanding wines across the board.”

Leading West Australian Wine Critic Ray Jordan, at the launch of Ray Jordan's 2010 WA Wine Guide, 30 November 2009.

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