

**ESTATE RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2009**

**AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2011 EDITION**

James Halliday, 28 July 2011

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94/100 points

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.

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

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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.