

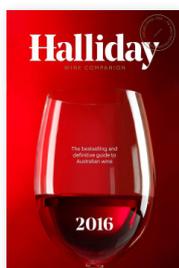


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Margaret River



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In 2010, sixth-generation Steve Tobin and family acquired the winery and vineyard of Amberley Estate from Accolade, which retained the Amberley brand. Steve has big plans for turning the property into a multi-faceted resource with a host of attractions, for use as wedding ceremony areas and so forth. Exports to Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and China.



Wildwood Ridge Reserve Margaret River Chardonnay 2014

From the oldest vines on the estate, hand-picked, whole bunch-pressed, wild-fermented. "Underlying spicy new oak". Has what it takes: vibrant white peach, nectarine and grapefruit, neatly balanced / integrated French oak, and squeaky / grippy (in the best sense) acidity.

Rating: 95 Price: \$42



Block 4 Margaret River Chenin Blanc 2014

Wild yeast barrel-fermented. Chenin blanc responds far better to this type of vinification than verdelho, if nothing else due to its better acidity that — as here — underwrites its length. This is no mean wine, and will repay cellaring handsomely.

Rating: 93 Price: \$28

Margaret River Semillon 2014

Crushed and pressed, and allowed to settle for 4 days, clear juice was racked, and inoculated with a selected yeast strain, transferred to French (40% new) barriques to complete fermentation, then 9 months maturation. The oak impact is minimal in terms of flavour, crushed lemon leaves and lemongrass intermingle with crisp, crunchy acidity on the long palate. Give it time.

Rating: 93 Price: \$28

Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

A limited release (black bars on the front label). The wine has good colour and abundant black fruits ranging through blackcurrant, blackberry and earth / olive nuances to give some flavour tension and complexity; the tannins are well balanced.

Rating: 92 Price: \$38

Margaret River Cabernet Merlot 2012

Good hue and depth; streams of cassis, redcurrant and olivaceous flavours run through the medium-bodied palate, red fruits emerging on the top of the pile; the oak and tannins are balanced.

Rating: 90 Price: \$28

