

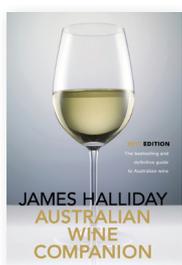


# ARAVINA ESTATE

*Margaret River*



*James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2015  
"Top 5 Star Winery"*



In 2010, sixth-generation Western Australian 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: as a first step, internationally renowned designer Paul Bangay has been commissioned to design the estate's gardens. Unsurprisingly, wedding ceremony areas will also be created, along with a host of other attractions. The vineyard dates back to 1986, and all the major varieties are encompassed.



#### **Margaret River Limited Release Chardonnay 2013**

This is a limited release from 27-year-old vines, hand-picked, whole bunch-pressed, and fermented in new oak. It is riper, but initially seems as elegant as the estate wine, until the power surges through on the back-palate and lingering finish.

**Rating: 95 Price: \$38**

#### **Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2011**

Good colour; an elegant, medium-bodied (bordering medium to full-bodied) cabernet, with strands of red and blackcurrant fruit, cedary French oak, a touch of dark chocolate, fruitcake and fine tannins all interwoven through to the long finish.

**Rating: 94 Price: \$38**

#### **Margaret River Chardonnay 2013**

Light straw-green; while 100% barrel-fermented, the oak is not obtrusive, allowing the bracing, zesty and fresh fruit of the bouquet and palate free play; the flavours centre around pink grapefruit and white peach, good acidity lengthening the finish.

**Rating: 94 Price: \$28**



#### **Margaret River Shiraz 2012**

Deep crimson-purple; a richly fruited shiraz with both bouquet and palate singing from the same part of the same page: blackberry, black cherry and plum retain their shape thanks to the controlled alcohol and oak; at the moment it's all too perfect and too linear, but will unwind to show light and shade, texture and structure.

**Rating: 93 Price: \$28**

#### **Margaret River Semillon 2013**

Bright straw-green; the impact of 40% barrel ferment is obvious on the bouquet and palate alike, but does not compromise the fragrant fruit underneath; lemon zest, lemon juice and lemongrass all contribute to a wine with attitude and palate length.

**Rating: 93 Price: \$28**

#### **Other Wines**

#### **Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

**Rating: 92 Price: \$38**

#### **Margaret River Cabernet Merlot 2011**

**Rating: 91 Price: \$28**

#### **Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013**

**Rating: 91 Price: \$20**

#### **Margaret River Cabernet Merlot 2012**

**Rating: 90 Price: \$28**

