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### 1 Thompson Estate General

#### 1.1 Decanter Magazine

- (a) Decanter
  - (i) Decanter June 2012. Poh Tiong Ch'ing profile – Top 8 Margaret River producers. Page 105.

#### 1.2 Winestate

- (i) Winestate May/June 2009 – article Newcomer builds a fine reputation. Page 90.

#### 1.3 Augusta Margaret River Mail

- (a) Wednesday 15/4/2015

Article: Venture sends wine to China.

Photo Peter Thompson of Thompson Estate with Keith Liu and Keith Leung of KWine Hong Kong, in the Thompson Estate Barrel Room, discussing plans to expand production of a cabernet merlot already selling in Hong Kong and China.

#### 1.4 Business News

- (a) 20 April 2015

[www.businessnews.com.au](http://www.businessnews.com.au)

“China has become WA’s biggest wine export destination, but finding the best way to market is still a learning experience for local producers.”

Page 12: Article “Local knowledge the bridge for wine exports”

Photo: Thompson Estate Winery’s Peter Thompson with new business partners Keith Leung (left) and Keith Liu (right).

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## 2 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon

### 2.1 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition, London 2016 IWSC  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – SILVER

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – Rating 96

Good colour; a powerful, concentrated and complex wine proudly flying its colours from the main mast, and staring down anyone seeking to question its authority, but even here is a deftness of touch with the balance between the black fruits, the firm tannins and the cedary oak.

## 2.2 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 – Rating 96

While there's power to this wine, that can come from nowhere else such is its strong regional stamp, there's also a certain level of elegance and almost restraint. A balanced blend of mulberries, blackberries and plums lightly spiced, the oak integrated, the fuller-bodied palate comfortable and the chiselled tannins and acid line will ensure this lasts for quite some time.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2018 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 – Rating 96

Deep dark chocolate and blackcurrant notes on the highly perfumed nose. There are touches of black olive and cedar with a little graphite. Has a beautiful minerality in the highly defined palate. Balanced and perfectly integrated.

- (c) The Six Nations Wine Challenge 2018

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 – GOLD

(The only Australian Cabernet Sauvignon to receive a Gold medal)

## 2.3 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2019 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 – Rating 97

Terrific wine from this outstanding Margaret River vintage. A stunning combination of elegance and refinement with underlying Margaret River power driving it. Leafy notes of blackcurrant and black olive dominate the aromas with subtle, understated, savoury chocolate edges. The palate delivers its concentrated powerpack with such poise and balance. A super wine.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 – Rating 95

This is a fine, sturdily built cabernet of compelling intensity and longevity. Built across strapping tannins, both well extracted grape and those from oak, the wine is a fugue across the palate of currant and leaf, repeating the tones along the tannin encasement, doused with bitter chocolate, a gentle whiff of cedar and bay leaf to finish. The oak is embedded; the sheer richness, nourishing. Quite the tour de force!

## 2.4 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2020 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Rating 97

Best Cellaring Reds Above \$50

A vibrant and elegant example of Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon. Sourced from the best rows of the estate vineyard, which has enabled it to be worked with high-quality, silky fine oak to achieve this balanced and supremely poised cabernet. The powdery tannins settle seamlessly within the palate, providing all the support for lengthy cellaring. Outstanding.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Rating 93

This is built for the long haul, blackcurrant, redcurrant, tannins and oak all on parade, yet to arrive at the point where they are fused together as a single identity.

## 2.5 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Wine of the Year Awards Annual Edition 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 – Rating 98 pts (5 stars)

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide by Ray Jordan 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 – Rating 97

An elegantly structured and presented wine that reflects this cooler vintage in Margaret River. It's more in the medium-bodied zone, but there is all that power and intensity that comes from careful fruit selection from specific rows. Bright red and black fruits with a light dusting of oak and a profound chalky tannin influence. It all hangs together so well.

- (c) Halliday Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 – Rating 95

Aromas of ripe cassis, black cherry and anise are set against a backdrop of glazed ham, pomegranate and toasted, spicy oak. The palate is densely flavoured, with fruits on the red spectrum rather than purple. An absolute mouthful of concentrated flavour. For a cool vintage like '17, there is impressive weight and density here.

## 2.6 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

- (a) Halliday Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Rating 97 points

Bright crimson purple; the colour is indicative of the great vintage, but that's just the start. This is a perfect rendition of cabernet sauvignon a la Margaret River, with a full-bodied well of cassis, blackcurrant and tapenade, with powerful but appropriate and not grippy tannins that underwrite the long-term future of this great cabernet.

- (b) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Gold (95pts)

A fresh nose of cassis, hints of ironstone and a rocky complexity give a sense of place. The mid palate is fresh and vibrant, with savoury and herbaceous notes, cloves and spices, mocha and smoke. The palate continues, with black fruit flavours opening up with a sense of mineral soil and complexity. A fascinating wine.

- (c) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – TOP Gold (96pts)

- (d) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2020

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Silver

## 2.7 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

- (a) Melbourne Royal Wine Awards 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – TROPHY – Best Cabernet Sauvignon (nominated for the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy)

- (b) Melbourne Royal Wine Awards 2021



Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (96pts)

- (c) James Halliday's Top 100. The Weekend Australian Magazine 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 97 points

“The love affair between Margaret River and cabernet sauvignon is evident in this wine. The bouquet is fragrant and flowery, the medium-bodied palate is supple and juicy, cassis to the fore, but backed by finely balanced, ripe tannins. There's oak present, but you don't notice it”.

- (d) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (96pts)

“Bright fresh and classic Cabernet, drive line and structure, regional character shining through”.

- (e) Wine Show of Western Australia 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (95pts)

- (f) James Halliday Australian Chardonnay and Cabernet Challenge 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (95pts)

- (g) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (95pts)

- (h) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Silver

A ripe wine, polished with graphite, cedar and cigar on top of some lovely black and red fruit. The tannins are delicate and refined there is fresh acidity. Well balanced, clean and long. Excellent.

- (i) James Halliday Australian Chardonnay and Cabernet Challenge 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Silver

## **2.8 Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2020**

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – Silver

Rose buds and herbs on the nose, with red and dark fruits, cashews, toasted oak, creamy tannins and sweet plums on the end.

- (b) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – Bronze

## **3 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay**

### **3.1 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2014**

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition, London 2015 IWSC

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 [ICON batch] – Silver – Tasting category Chardonnay – Margaret River – 2014.

- (b) International Wine & Spirit Competition, London 2016 IWSC

Thompson Estate The Specialist 2014 – SILVER

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2018 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2014 – Rating 97

Deep stone fruit and toasty charr grapefruit characters. The palate shows some delicious cashew and vanilla pod characters with a fine threading acidity sustained by an exceptionally long finish. layered and textured, this is high-class stuff.

- (d) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2014 – Rating 92

Richly flavoured with preserved lemons sprinkled with ginger, toasty rich full-bodied style built from winemaking artefact, lots of oak too, so drink sooner rather than later.

### 3.2 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2015

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2019 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2015 – Rating 97

Tighter and more elegant, but equally powerful compared to the 2014. Love the mineral savoury edges that sit comfortably in the intense and concentrated Chardonnay fruit. Lovely white-peach and cashew characters, with a lift of vanilla bean and savouriness.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2015 – Rating 95

A flaxen yellow, this boasts all the bells and whistles: extended lees work and maturation in sexy French oak, imparting a delicious marrow of curd, nougat, cashew and truffle. I appreciate, too, the phenolic rails that mitigate the need for acid as the sole driver. After all, the craftsman is Bob Cartwright. Ex-Leeuwin. Plenty of stone fruit mustering generosity, too. Delicious.

- (c) Royal Perth Wine Show Awards 2018

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2015 – Silver

### 3.3 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2016

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2020 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2016 – Rating 96

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2016 – Rating 96

Hand-picked from selected rows and conventionally vinified in the context of high quality Margaret River chardonnay. The result is impressive. The wine has conviction and drive thanks to its acidity and low pH. Grapefruit is the leader of the flavour pack, but white stone fruit, cashew and melon all contribute.

### 3.4 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2019

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Wine of the Year Awards Annual Edition 2022  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2019 – Rating 98 pts (5 stars)  
Very youthful with attractive honeyed toffee characters to the varietal fruit nose. Light, crunchy and flavoursome palate with balancing oak.
- (b) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2020  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2019 – GOLD
- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2022 by Ray Jordan  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2019 – Rating 96  
The basis for this chardonnay is fruit selection from what are considered the best rows of the vineyard. It is a finer and slightly leaner style than previous years, but there is still the power that drives with compelling intensity to a very long finish. Meal, grapefruit, and nectarine merge with the richer brioche and subtle savoury, mineral notes. Complex and engaging.
- (d) Halliday Top White Selections Aug/Sept 2020  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2019 – Rating 94  
Pineapple, green apple and white peach dominate the aromas that waft out of the glass, while the palate trots obediently behind. The tart acid the only quibble, taut and trim. Texturally this is quite creamy. The finish unfurls layers of citrus flavour.

### 3.5 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2020

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2020 – 93 points  
Gingin clone, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild ferment in barrel, matured in French oak for 9 months (54% new). The oak sits atop the fruit aromatically, and it brings to mind the sweet, oaty smell of Hob Nob biscuits. In the mouth the wine is creamy, traditionally structured and certainly powerful the full force of the 2020 vintage on show. This needs some time (either in a decanter, or years in the bottle) to meld all the components together the marriage of fruit, acid and oak with determine its grace in time.
- (b) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2020 – Silver  
Intense grapefruit and pineapple nose, with a superbly rich and full palate with fruit and citrus notes coming through. A classic, regional style.
- (c) WA Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2021  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2020 – Silver

### 3.6 Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2021

- (a) Wine Show of Western Australia 2022  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2021 – Gold (95pts)
- (b) James Halliday Australian Chardonnay & Cabernet Challenge 2022  
Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2021 – Silver

- (c) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate The Specialist Chardonnay 2021 – Silver

## 4 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot

### General

2007 Perth Royal Wine Show

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot – Gold Award

Class 20: Dry Red, Blends other than Classes 21 to 24

### 4.1 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005

- (a) Macquarie 2007 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Silver

Class: 2006 & 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominate Blends. Score 51

- (b) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Silver Best in Class

Tasting Category: Blended Red – Cabernet/Merlot Dominated – Western Australia – 2006-2004

- (c) Macquarie 2008 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Silver - Score 51

Class 2004 & 05 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blends

- (d) WineState Magazine – Best Wines of 2008 Western Australia 2008 – Annual 2009 Page 128

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 - ★★☆☆1/2

Bright red hues. Obvious oak on the nose but there's Ribena-like fruit underneath. Great palate structure with big, rich, ripe, fleshy fruit filling it out and stand-out oak. \$38

- (e) The West Australian – 26 June 2008 – Great Red Tasting Top 100 – Page 23

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 (\$38)

- (f) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009

Andrea Reserve Margaret River Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Rating 94

Deep crimson; a very poised example of this blend, with cassis fruit, black olives and a little hint of toasty oak; the palate is polished, and vibrant, with great focus and terrific line; very long on the finish. To 2020 \$35

- (g) Ray Jordan's WA Wine Guide 2009

Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2005 – 96/100

Peter Thompson has won plenty of kudos already for this venture but when you see wines like this you know that he's about to go into new territory of excellence. This is a classy wine showing the velvety seamless control of cabernet delivered with an underlying power and style. Exceptional and exciting wine.

#### 4.2 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007

- (a) Lavan Legal 2009 Margaret River Wine Show  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007 – Silver  
Class: Single Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blend
- (b) Lavan Legal 2010 Margaret River Wine Show  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007 – Silver  
Class: Single Vineyard Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blend
- (c) Decanter World Wine Awards 2011  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007 - Silver
- (d) James Halliday 2011 Wine Companion  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007 – 94 points  
Good hue, cedary, savoury, spicy aromas flow into the redcurrant and blackcurrant fruit of the medium-bodied palate; it has good texture and structure, French oak well integrated. Drink 2020
- (e) RobertParker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – August 2011  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot – 89 points  
A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the 2007 Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot was matured in seasoned French oak barrels for 12 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, it offers evolving notes of mulberries, crème de cassis and dried plums over soy, black olives, dried herbs and fertile earth. Medium-full bodied with just enough fruit concentration, it has very crisp acid, a medium level of chewy tannins and a long savory finish. Drink now, it should keep another 3-5 years.
- (f) WineState Annual January 2012 – Best Wines of 2011 Western Australia  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2007 – 4 ½ stars  
Lovely silky-smooth wine that's a concoction of plums, black olives and crushed blackberries sitting in a solid oak/acid framework. \$38.

#### 4.3 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2008

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2012  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2008 - Bronze
- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2008. Class 54, 15.33 points
- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2012  
Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2008 – Rating 95 to 2020  
Deep colour; a reserved and complex bouquet of cassis, black olive, thyme and cedar; unctuous and thickly textured, the ample levels of sweet black fruit easily account for the underlying structure, and handsome level of new oak; long, succulent and generous.

#### 4.4 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2009

- (a) Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2011

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2009 – Bronze

Young red wine, Jimmy Watson classes. Red wine – 2009 vintage, claret style – Bordeaux – varieties & blends

#### 4.5 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010

- (a) Poh Tiong Review – The Margaret River Report – June 2013

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010 ★★★★★ Excellent

Intense blue/black fruits. Rich tannins that are also very fresh. The oak and structure very nicely handled and, together with the sustained intensity of fruit, expertly balanced. Great winemaking. Medium-plus bodied.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010 - Rating: 95

An 80/10/10% blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc that spent 18 months in French barriques; the bouquet and medium-bodied palate show the impact of that oak, but there is ample red and blackcurrant fruit to sustain it, particularly on the finish and aftertaste, where it most counts; ripe tannins also come to the party. \$45. to 2030.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2014 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010 – Score 94/100

A blend of cabernet sauvignon merlot and cabernet franc. Quite firm wine thanks to firmish tannins and plenty of fine grained French oak. Silky smooth palate displays lovely blackcurrant and black olive nuances with some light cedar and dark chocolate. Tighter than the standard cabernet and will handle cellaring. (\$45). SCORE 94/100 CELLAR 10 years

- (d) International Wine Spirit Competition London 2013

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010 – Bronze

Blended Red – Cabernet Sauvignon Dominated – Margaret River – 2012

- (e) Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters – The Drinks Business – May 2014

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2010 – Bronze

#### 4.6 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2012

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2017 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2012 – 95 points

- (b) Wine Show of Western Australia Mount Barker 2016

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2012 – Silver – 90

#### 4.7 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2013

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2020 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2013 – Rating 95

Wow, when you see a wine like this that has just a little age on it you start to appreciate how Margaret River's best cab merlot blends start to achieve an extra dimension in complexity and interest. Starting to show some subtle leather and spice infiltrating the dark fruit of these varieties. Seamless integration and already showing wonderful complexity.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2013 – Rating 94 to 2030

64% cabernet sauvignon, 16% merlot, 10% each malbec and cabernet franc. There is a broad spectrum of fruit flavours here, plum, spice, redcurrant and bay leaf joining cassis. Controlled alcohol is a plus. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 94 to 2030 \$50

#### 4.8 Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2014

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Andrea Reserve Cabernet Merlot 2014 – Rating 96

One of many great examples of Bordeaux-type blends which Margaret River produces with far greater regularity than any other Australian region. It is medium-bodied, and it is elegant, with perfect fruit, oak and tannin balance. I pay particular attention to the aftertaste of wines such as this, and it reaffirms the message.

### 5 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

General

2007 Perth Royal Wine Show

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon [no vintage] – Bronze Award Class 47 Dry Red, Cabernet Sauvignon

#### 5.1 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2002

- (a) Ray Jordan's Guide to Wine 2005/06 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2002 – 93/100

This is emerging as a classy wine of deep dark colour. Smells of classic Margaret River with mint and blackcurrant aromas, plus those distinctive black olive characters of this region. The palate is dense and deeply concentrated but with a poised stylishness about it. High-class wine from a maker to watch. \$35

#### 5.2 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2003

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2006

Chardonnay 2003 – Rating 90

Complex funky/oaky bouquet; melon, fig, nuts and cream on the palate, with lots happening; slightly elevated alcohol. Drink 2010 \$33

#### 5.3 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia 2007 Mt Barker

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Cabernet Franc – Gold Award

Class 34: 2004 Dry Red, blend or single variety other than Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz or Pinot Noir

- (b) Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 – Silver  
Class: 41 – Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 vintage and older
- (c) Wine State Magazine 2008 – New Releases  
Thompson Estate Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 - ★★★1/2  
Big oak, big fruit, big nose. Interesting palate – good intensity of sweet/sour berry fruit and warming oak finish. \$35.
- (d) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009  
Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 – Rating 95  
Brightly coloured; has real depth and complexity; as floral aromas drift over cassis and cedar; the tannins are ample, very fine and ripe, drawing out the palate to a very long, even and harmonious finish. To 2020 \$38.
- (e) Ray Jordan’s WA Wine Guide 2009  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 – 95/100  
Classic Margaret River cabernet from the deep bouquet of blackcurrant and leafy tobacco to the powerful intensity on the palate. It’s packed with ripe tannins and opulent dense fruit that powers through to a very long controlled finish.
- (f) Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australia Incorporated [date]  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 – Silver  
Class: Cabernet Sauvignon, 2005 vintage and older

#### 5.4 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

- (a) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia - Perth Royal Wine Show 2009  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 – RAS Trophy  
Class: 38, Dry Red, Cabernet Sauvignon
- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010  
Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 – Rating 94  
Very good colour, generous but high-quality blackcurrant fruit immediately appears on the fragrant bouquet backed by cedary oak, and continues on the well-balanced and structured palate, which has ample tannin support. To 2018 \$38

#### 5.5 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2011  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 - Gold
- (b) James Halliday 2011 Wine Companion  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 – 94 points



Bright crimson; ticks all the boxes for Margaret River cabernet; the bouquet is fragrant, promising the cedar and blackcurrant fruit that the medium-bodied palate duly delivers; the fruit, oak and tannins are totally in balance, and the finish is long and satisfying. Drink 2022

- (c) 2011 Decanter World Wine Awards

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 – Gold Medal

## 5.6 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 – Silver

Tasting Category: Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2008

- (b) Robert Parker.com – Lisa-Perrotti-Brown - August 2011

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 – 91 points

Blended of 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.5% Merlot and 7.5% Cabernet Franc, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon was matured in French oak barrels (50% new and 50% 1 year old) for 15 months. Deep garnet-purple colored, it is profoundly scented of warm blackberries and mulberries interlaced with cinnamon stick, cumin seed, sandalwood and cloves plus touches of cedar and pot-pourri. Medium bodied, elegant and nicely balanced, it has medium-high acid and medium-firm level of grainy tannins, finishing long with lingering notes of cinnamon and cloves. Drink now, it should cellar to 2018.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2012 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 – 95/100

Pure and intense cabernet sauvignon aromas on the nose. Cigar box, minerally blackcurrant and black olive with a subtle leafy tobacco character. The palate is long and angular with fine minerally tannins and fine grained oak supporting some incredibly intense yet most refined fruit. It's a wine of some power but delivered with real grace and style. Cellar 7 years \$40

- (d) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2012

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 – 90/100

Bright colour; charry oak dominates the essence cassis and redcurrant fruit; the palate is generous and chewy, again with charry oak the central theme; long and unevolved, time is needed for this wine to fully come together.

## 5.7 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 – Rating 94

Deep garnet; a distinctly mellow and accessible bouquet with dark fruits and crushed leaf on display; soft and generous on the palate, despite the ample level of fine-grained tannins, and complex, long and silky on the finish; the elegant nature of this wine is commendable and most alluring. Drink to 2020. \$40.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2013 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 – 95/100

A most beautiful expression of Margaret River cabernet sauvignon. The addition of a small amount of merlot and cabernet franc makes an impression of the nose with beautiful perfumed

qualities. The palate is all about style and refinement. Effortless and long with a fine oak and tannin balance. Superb. Cellar 10 years \$45

## 5.8 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition Awards 2012  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – Bronze  
Tasting Category: Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2011-10. 78.2
- (b) The Sunday Times Magazine – 8 June 2013 – David Prestipino  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – 93 points  
Soft but full of flavour, with lovely texture and a cocoa/choc emphasis on the palate. It's silky, complex and sustained on the palate.
- (c) Gourmet Traveller Magazine – Oct/Nov 2013 – 100 Top New Releases  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – 94 points – 4 Stars  
This is one of the region's newer wineries and the wines are singularly impressive. Violet, briar and walnutty oak, backing up raspberry and mulberry fruit, sweet seductive and plush on the tongue. A delightful cabernet.
- (d) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – Rating 95  
Deep crimson, bright; a restrained and elegant expression on the bouquet offering pure red and blackcurrant aromas, offset by cigar box and violets; the medium-bodied palate is lively, silky in texture with ample fine-grained tannins wound seamlessly together with fine well-handled oak lingering on the long finish. Drink to 2025. \$40.
- (e) Huon Hooke, Wine Writer, Sydney Morning Herald Good Living, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Decanter Magazine  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – 95 points – Gold Ribbon Wines, # 3 of 39 Cabernet Sauvignon tasted from Margaret River in 2010 and \$40 vs price benchmark of \$54.4.
- (f) The West Australian Wine Guide 2014 by Ray Jordan  
Thompson Estate cabernet sauvignon 2010 – Score 93/100  
Predominantly cabernet sauvignon with a small contribution from merlot and cabernet franc. Supremely elegant and stylish cabernet where the oak and fruit balance has been struck with such compelling effect. So smooth, so seamless and yet so powerful with that structural core ensuring it has all it needs to support further cellaring, albeit in the shorter to medium term. It has such appeal now you really don't need longer-term cellaring. (\$45). SCORE 93/100 CELLAR 6 years
- (g) International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2013  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – Silver  
Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2010
- (h) Margaret River Wine Show 2013  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – Silver (52 points)  
Global Cabernet Sauvignon Masters – The Drinks Business – May 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 - Silver

- (i) Decanter Magazine - Coonawarra & Margaret River Cabernet – June 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 – 94 points – Highly Recommended - (18.25)

Fine nose of lovely elegance and polish behind the fragrance and fruit quality. This shows depth and is quite layered. The palate is well textured and very rich and then some lovely spices and great balance. Drink 2014-2025 Alc 14%.

## 5.9 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2013

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – 43 points

- (b) Poh Tiong's (China) Review – The Margaret River Report 2014 – Red Bordeaux Blends – 2011 Blends

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – 4 Stars

Ripe capsicum, cassis-ish fruit. Intense and complex. Ripe Rich tannins and lots of freshness. Vibrant, Energetic. Balanced About full-bodied.

- (c) Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Silver

- (d) Winestate Magazine – Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends – July/August 2014 issue

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – 4 Stars

Ageing nicely with some beautiful fruit and lovely oak. Interesting hint of oysters on the nose and a well-structured palate. \$40.

- (e) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Rating 96 to 2041 \$50

An 85/8/7% blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc matured for 18 months in French barriques. For those who have developed a taste for Bordeaux, Margaret River is more likely to satisfy them than Coonawarra, McLaren Vale or elsewhere in SA. This is a classic example, an immaculately structured wine with black fruits surging through it, all the way with a savoury/briary edge, but led to the finish and aftertaste by the fruit, quality oak and tannins simply adjuncts to the main game. Screwcap. 14% alc.

- (f) International Wine & Sprit Competition IWSC London 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Silver

Tasting Category: Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2011

- (g) The West Australian Wine Guide 2015 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Score 94/100 Cellar 10 years (\$40)

This is predominantly cabernet with a small amount of merlot and cabernet franc. It is a cabernet with a lovely light touch which manages to conceal the power and intensity sitting within. Fine and elegant with a refined poised finish. This is a high-class Margaret River cabernet which will continue to evolve with ageing.

**5.10 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**

- (a) Poh Tiong The Margaret River Report 2015

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Violets, blueberries and blackcurrants. The tannins are quite rich. At the moment, that richness gives a touch of dryness on the finish which time will caress and soften. Cabernet sauvignon 87.5%; merlot 7.2%, cabernet franc 53%.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 - Rating 95 to 2042 \$45

An 87.5/7.2/5.3% blend of cabernet, merlot and franc (decimal places are hellishly difficult to measure) open-fermented, plunged and 7 days post-ferment maceration, 18 months in French oak. It has exceptional drive and intensity to its mix of savoury blackcurrant, redcurrant and earthy fruit. Demands respect. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 95 to 2042. \$45

- (c) International Wine & Spirit Competition, London 2015 IWSC

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 – Gold – Tasting category: Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2012

**5.11 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition, London 2016 IWSC

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – SILVER

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – Rating 95 to 2033

85% cabernet sauvignon, 5% each of malbec, cabernet franc and merlot. Good hue; this is pure cassis, not blackcurrant per se. This fruit is given another dimension by its oak and silky tannins. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 95 to 2033 \$50

- (c) Decanter 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – Bronze

- (d) Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition HKIWSC 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – SILVER

Tasting category: Cabernet Sauvignon – Margaret River – 2015-2010

- (e) Winestate Wine Show – New Releases December 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – Recommended – very good

**5.12 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 – Rating 96

Includes 10% merlot, matured for 16 months in new and used French oak. Bright crimson-purple; has fragrance and freshness of a high order, seemingly the mark of the vintage in

Thompson Estate's hands. Pure cassis and bay leaf aromas and flavours on the bouquet and long, pure palate; tannins and oak are camouflaged and largely unseen supports.

### 5.13 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2020 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Rating 94

This is a well put-together cabernet. Aromas of slightly meaty blackcurrant with a subtle savour influence. Its firmish, which is typical of this vintage, yet there is supple ripe fruit working through the palate. Fine-grained oak harnesses the palate with these powdery tannins. Finishes with a dry sappiness that focuses the profile.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 – Rating 93

An earlier ripening year, '16 boasts ample fruit and with that, a forward generosity. Densely concentrated with cabernet's markers of blackcurrant, lead and graphite punctuated by strewn green herb and olive. Yet the oak and tight grain tannins shape this wine, corralling the flavours into a lung funnel of vanilla and mocha.

### 5.14 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 – Rating 95

An altogether serious wine that includes 5% each of malbec and cabernet franc plus 2% merlot. Despite suggestions of tenderly doing this or that in the vinification, this is Wilyabrup's answer to Bordeaux. While there are some delicious red/cassis/purple flavours, the stern mouthfeel makes you stand up and salute. It is still in its first flush of youth.

### 5.15 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Wine of the Year Awards Annual Edition 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Rating 98 pts (5 stars)

A very seductive mulberry nose with lovely warming spicy characters. Good complexity and concentration of red fruit flavours with cedary oak and elegant tannins.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide by Ray Jordan 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Rating 96

A thoroughly beautiful cabernet from this great Margaret River vintage. Has all the power and fruit richness you expect from these old vines, but then the vintage impact of 2018 brings another dimension. Waves of blackcurrant and leafy black olive invade the senses. Into the palate and deep fruit builds with compelling intensity to a long finish with firm, chalky tannins and a decent hit of oak in support. A dry, slightly savoury ironstone finish completes a masterful wine.

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Rating 95

Matured for 15 months in French oak (both seasoned and new). If you are tiring of reading about the near-perfect 2018 vintage in Margaret River, look away now. It produced wines of succulence, ripeness, density, power and balance, characters which are all present here in this

wine. The concentration of fruit and structuring tannins/oak in this cabernet assure it a long and graceful life in the cellar for decades to come.

- (d) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018 – Bronze

### 5.16 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

- (a) Wine Show of Western Australia 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – TROPHY Best Cabernet Sauvignon

- (b) Wine Show of Western Australia 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019– Gold (96pts)

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Rating 95 points

86.5/6/5.5/2% cabernet sauvignon/cabernet franc/malbec/merlot. Matured for 14 months in French oak (18% new). Classical, supple and silky. The red fruits are on show here, backed by a wall of crafted oak. The oak provides structure but also rigidity, the waves of flavour crash against it in the mouth. The acidity is finely woven into the fruit, stitched with invisible thread.

- (d) WA Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – TOP Gold (96pts)

- (e) James Halliday Australian Chardonnay & Cabernet Challenge 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (96pts)

- (f) Melbourne Royal Wine Awards 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Gold (95pts)

- (g) The Real Review – Stuart Knox - March 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 94 points

Intense ruby-red colour. A classic nose of blackberry, tobacco leaf and black slate. Medium to full-weighted, black fruits glide through the centre core, tangential lines of nori, black olive and leafy herbs bring interest and character. The tannins are supple through have the power required to dry and lengthen the finish.

- (h) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022 – Silver

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

A rich and full wine with delicate spicy nose, vibrant, bright flavours of plum, lavender, mint and violet. A juicy, elegant and stylish wine.

- (i) James Suckling. Online Media Reviews October 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 92 points

Aromas of blackberries, earth, potpourri, lavender and cigar box. It's full-bodied with soft tannins. Fragrant and creamy with a flavorful, slightly sticky finish. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

- (j) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Silver

### 5.17 Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

- (a) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – Silver

“Briary leafy iodine and blue fruits, plush and primed varietal fruits, drives well, depth of flavour”.

- (b) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 – Bronze

## 6 Thompson Estate Chardonnay

### 6.1 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2001

- (a) 2002 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2001 – Best White Wine

### 6.2 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2002

- (a) Ray Jordan’s Guide to Wine 2003/04 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2002 – 91/100

One of the new and up-and-coming chardonnays in Margaret River. Immediately strikes with a complex creamy mix of deeply intense fruit and a cutting edge of crisp tartness. This has quality written all over it with a lingering and persistent palate sustained, but excellent oak, quality fruit and fine acid.

### 6.3 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2003

- (a) Ray Jordan’s Guide to Wine 2005/06 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2003 – 93/100

Deep, penetrating and complex with cereal, grapefruit and subdued cashew and spice on the nose. It’s a compelling opening that leads to superb palate. Has excellent complexity and poise. A compelling wine.

- (b) The West Australian Fresh – 17 November 2005

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2003 – 93/100

One of the really exciting new producers is Thompson Estate (Cellar door: Harmans Road South, Wilyabrup; open 10am-4pm daily), which made an immediate impact a few years ago with a super first-up chardonnay release. The Thompson Estate chardonnay 2003 (\$35) is a beauty. It’s deep, penetrating and complex. Cereal, grapefruit and subdued cashew and spice on the nose. It’s a compelling opening that leads to superb palate. Has an excellent complexity and poise. An excellent wine.

### 6.4 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2004

- (a) 2006 Perth Royal Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2004 – Gold Award

Class 0027: Dry White, Chardonnay

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007

Chardonnay 2004 – Rating 90

Light-bodied, fresh melon and citrus flavours; almost delicate, interestingly, 8 months in French oak does not overwhelm the fruit. Drink 2010 \$35.

### 6.5 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2005

- (a) Macquarie 2007 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2005 – Bronze – score 47.5

Class: 2006 & 2005 Chardonnay

- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia – Perth Royal Wine Show 2008

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2005 – Bronze

Class: 0042: Dry White, Chardonnay

### 6.6 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2006

- (a) Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of South Australian Incorporated [date]

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2006 – Bronze Medal

Class 1, 16.2 points

- (b) The West Weekend Magazine Page 23 – 12 January 2008

Article by Ray Jordan, “Drink It” ... Thompson Estate, just a stone’s throw from Vasse Felix, has recently opened a nice cellar door. Its chardonnay 2006 (\$35) is beautiful with its stylish delicacy and subtlety with intense smells of grapefruit and cashew.

- (c) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2006 – Silver Best in Class

Tasting Category: Chardonnay – Margaret River - 2006

- (d) Perth Royal Wine Show – July 2009

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2006 – RAS Trophy – Class Dry White, Chardonnay

- (e) WineState – March/April 2009. Page 126

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2006 – 5 stars

Classic Margaret River chardonnay. Smells of grapefruit and citrus blossoms, with cashew characters adding complexity. Very stylish palate – fresh and elegant, with clean, spicy flavours. \$38.

- (f) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009

Chardonnay 2006 – Rating 89

Very creamy and mealy oak aromas; but the palate tightens up with a real citrus twist on the finish; just lacks a little concentration. To 2012 \$38

- (g) Ray Jordan – 2010 Wine Guide

Chardonnay 2006 (\$40) – 94/100, Cellar 5 years



This was a terrific year and this wonderful chardonnay is just starting to reveal all its best qualities. A chardonnay of wonderful delicacy and subtlety. Very intense smells of grapefruit and cashew with some smoky complexity. Beautiful long and intense palate is tight and held with a piercing acidity.

### 6.7 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2007

- (a) James Halliday's Top 100 – November 2008

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2007 – 95 points

One of a number of very good present releases from Thompson Estate, here dealing with the challenges and opportunity of a warm, early vintage. It is beautifully crafted, with pure grapefruit and nectarine on the bouquet; gently spiced with very polished oak and lovely grip, weight and depth to the powerful yet fine palate. \$38, S, 14.5%. Drink now to 2014 with grilled spatchcock.

- (b) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2007 – Gold (Best in Class)

Tasting Category: Chardonnay – Margaret River - 2007

- (c) Margaret River Wine – Laval Legal 2009 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2007 – Bronze

Class – Exhibition Wines 207 or older Chardonnay

- (d) Margaret River Wine – Lavan Legal 2010 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2007 – Bronze

Class – Exhibition Wines 2007 or older Chardonnay

- (e) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010

Chardonnay 2007 – Rating 95

Beautifully crafted, with pure grapefruit and nectarine on the bouquet; gently spiced with very polished oak, and lovely grip, weight and depth to the powerful yet fine palate. To 2017 \$38/

### 6.8 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008

- (a) Ray Jordan - Pick of the Week [date]

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008 (\$40) 94/100

Fair to say this is right up there with the best yet from Thompson. Powerful and intense aromas of cereal and grapefruit with a precise citrus mineral cut. The palate is intense and lavish with layers of flavour complexity. One of the more powerful interpretations of the variety from Margaret River. Perfect with veal cutlets.

- (b) Margaret River Wine – Lavan Legal 2009 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008 – Bronze

Class – Single Vineyard Estate Chardonnay

- (c) Margaret River Wine – Lavan Legal 2010 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008 – Bronze

## Class – Single Vineyard Estate Chardonnay

- (d) The Australian Wine Annual 2011 – Jeremy Oliver

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008 – 92-93 ★★ ★ Top silver medal

Elegant, complex and fruit-driven, with a fresh, if assertively oaked bouquet of quince, grapefruit and melon backed by smoky charcuterie notes, ginger and cloves, with suggestions of grilled nuts and vanilla. It's medium to full-bodied, with delicate sappy and lightly herbaceous notes beneath its citrus/melon flavours. It finishes with a persistent core of fruit and a suggestion of minerality. With some time, it should evolve into a fine, savoury style. \$30-\$49

- (e) James Halliday 2011 Wine Companion

Margaret River Chardonnay 2008 – 94 points – Drink 2015

Bright green-straw; has all the layered depth that is the hallmark of Margaret River chardonnay, with nectarine, melon and fig swathed in fine oak and lengthened by citrusy acidity.

- (f) WineState Annual – January 2012 – New Releases

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2008 – 4 ½ stars

Attractive creamy/toasty oak dominates the nose and gives lovely depth to the very flavoursome aged fruit palate. Well matched crisp acidity. \$40.

**6.9 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2009**

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2011

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2009 – Bronze

- (b) RobertParker.com. Lisa Perrotti-Brown August 2011

Thompson Estate Chardonnay – 91 points

Fermented in new French oak (80%) and once used French oak (20%) and matured in barrels with lees stirring every 2 weeks over 8 months, the 2009 Chardonnay gives intense aromas of cedar, ripe apricots, green guava, apple tart and meal. Full bodied with a generous amount of stone and tropical fruit flavors, it is enlivened with crisp acidity and finishes long with notes of cedar and toast. It's still very young with the oak jutting out and should be drinking best 2012 to 2016+.

- (c) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2009 – Silver

Tasting category: Chardonnay – Margaret River – 2009

- (d) The West Australian Wine Guide 2012 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2009 – 96/100

Complexity, elegance and style. It's all there is this exceptional chardonnay. Aromas of fig, grapefruit and mealy cereal with a little lemon zest. On the palate the rich intensity of fine, tightly wound chardonnay takes over. It is very long in the mouth and extraordinarily intense. Just about the best yet. Cellar 6 years. \$40

**6.10 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010**

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010 -Bronze

- (b) International Wine & Spirit Competition Awards 2012

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Chardonnay – Margaret River - 2010

- (c) 2012 Dan Murphy's Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010. Class 11 Score 43

- (d) The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010

(i) Class 3, 13.67 points

(ii) Class 64, 15.33 points

- (e) Ray Jordan's Top 100 White Wines – The West Australian – 6 December 2012

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010 (\$40)

This is a very powerful statement of Margaret River chardonnay. It is one of the most impressive yet from this estate, and there have been some good ones. Creamy, nutty nuances of cashew and stone fruit on the nose with a minerally funky edge. The palate has great depth and is textured with an intense and sustained finish.

- (f) The West Australian Wine Guide 2013 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010 – 96/100

This is a very powerful statement of Margaret River chardonnay. Certainly it is one of the most impressive yet from Thompson Estate, and there have been some very good ones. Creamy nutty nuances of cashew and stone fruit on the nose with a minerally funky edge. The palate has great depth and textured with a really intense and sustained finish. Impressive stuff. Cellar 8 years \$45

- (g) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2010 – Rating 94 to 2020 \$40

Bright green-gold; clonal selection and 8 months in French oak are two of the contributors to an impressive wine, its layers of ripe melon and stone fruit offset by citrusy/minerally acidity on the finish.

### 6.11 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011

- (a) The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011

Class 5, 14.67 points

- (b) Scoop Wine Tasting Results – Winter Edition – June 2013

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 - Silver

- (c) The Sunday Times Magazine – 8 June 2013 – David Prestipino

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 – 93 points

A sumptuous chardonnay, elegant in expression and bright in flavour. The fruit is softly enduring, with a slight biscuity undertone. A real delicacy on the lips. \$40.

- (d) Ray Jordan – West Australian Weekend Magazine – 13 July 2013

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 (\$45) 96/100

Full-bodied chardonnay that retains the essential character and style of Margaret River. Creamy stone-fruit aromas with a slightly nutty French oak influence. The rich texture and lavish fruit intensity strikes home with compelling impact. Complex cereal and mineral mix, with a little spice thrown in. (Best drinking: 2014-19 Alc: 13.5%)

- (e) Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine – August 2013 ‘Great Australian Whites’ Oct/Nov Issue

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 – 95/100

- (f) Huon Hooke, Wine Writer, Sydney Morning Herald Good Living, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Decanter Magazine. 2013

(i) Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 – 95 points – Gold Ribbon Wines, # 4 of 57 Chardonnay tasted from Margaret River in 2011 and \$40 vs price benchmark of \$53.5

(ii) Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 – Six Nations Wine Challenge – Medals of Excellence - High scoring wine not reaching top medal status.

- (g) The West Australian Wine Guide 2014 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 - Score 96/100

A full-bodied chardonnay that holds nothing back in retaining the essential character and style of Margaret River. Creamy stone fruit aromas with a slightly nutty French oak influence. On the palate the rich texture and lavish fruit intensity strikes home with compelling impact. Complex cereal and mineral mix with a little spice thrown in. Excellent wine. (\$45). SCORE 96/100 CELLAR 5 years

- (h) International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2013

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2011 – Silver

Chardonnay – Margaret River 2011

## 6.12 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2012

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2012 - Silver

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2012 - Rating 96 to 2025 \$45

Bright straw-green; the mix of clones, hand picking and fermentation in French barriques, provide the foundation for the wine; the bouquet and palate are an exercise in harmony, with perfectly ripened and detailed fruit easily outpacing the oak, but not preparing you for the mouthwatering explosion of flavour on the finish and aftertaste. Seriously good wine. Screwcap. 12.5% alc.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2015 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2012 – Score 95/100 Cellar 6 years \$45

From the outset Thompson Estate has been making mightily impressive chardonnay and yet again this one has hit all the right notes. Intense and powerful with a beautiful mix of primary stone fruit and quince, hazelnut and tangy, mineral citrus characters. The palate has a subtle light toasty character but it is the fruit which carries effortlessly to a very long finish.

- (d) Winestate Magazine – Chardonnay Tasting – March April 2015 edition

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2012 – 4 stars

### 6.13 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013

- (a) Australian Wine Showcase Magazine – October 2014 issue - Chardonnay Varietal Tasting Results

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 – Gold – 95 points

- (b) Decanter World Wine Awards 2015

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 - Bronze

- (c) Decanter Guide – Margaret River Supplement 2015 page 25

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 – 18 (93)

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Under the watchful eye of Bob Cartwright, who has been at Thompson Estate since he ‘retired’ as chief winemaker at Leeuwin Estate in 2005, Thompson Estate is, unsurprisingly, making top-notch Chardonnay. The 2013, which has swallowed up its 100% new oak, is fruit driven, stylish and very nicely put together. Drink 2015-2022 Alc 13.5%.

- (d) International Wine & Spirit Competition IWSC, London 2014

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 – Gold Outstanding

Tasting Category: Chardonnay – Margaret River 2013

“Luminous straw yellow in colour with green flashes. A smoky start to the nose, struck match and bacon which swiftly turns to stone fruits, guava, nuts and a sprinkle of lime/lemon. It flows smoothly in the mouth, the high pitched acidity in absolute balance. Very complete. The palate is pure Margaret River, unmistakable in profile.”

- (e) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 - Rating 96 to 2028 \$50

Night machine-harvested, pressed and cold-settled to star brightness, cold-fermented, inoculated with a pure culture, in 100% new French oak. The long experience of Bob Cartwright at Leeuwin Estate shines through, the intensity of the fruit has absorbed the impact of the oak without breaking into a sweat, and the 8g/l of acidity will help underwrite its very long future. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. **Rating 96 to 2028**. \$50.

- (f) Winestate Magazine. Best of the West Tasting Results for May/June 2015 issue

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 – 3 and 1/2 stars.

- (g) The Wine Review: Chng Poh Tiong. Alert! Email 20 October 2015

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2013 – Reminds of Premier Cru Puligny-Montrachet

### 6.14 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition IWSC, London 2016

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 – SILVER

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 – Rating 95 to 2023

An exemplary Margaret River chardonnay; white peach and grapefruit are the clay, citrusy acidity and integrated oak the mould forming the shape of a wine that has both depth and length. Screwcap. 13.5% alc. Rating 95 to 2023 \$50

- (c) Winestate Magazine – Best of the West Wine Show Results – February 2016

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 – 3 and a half stars

- (d) Decanter 2016

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 – Bronze

- (e) Langton's Margaret River Wine Show 2015

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2014 – Bronze

### 6.15 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2016

- (a) Winestate Best of the West

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2016 – 4 stars - Excellent. Equal Top in Category

A medium weight wine but has a good spectrum of grapefruit, lemon and spicy aromas and flavours with cleansing acidity.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2016 – 95 points

A particularly well balanced and focused chardonnay, fruit foremost with a classic array of nectarine, white peach and grapefruit zest and juice; acidity and oak slot precisely into the fruit jigsaw, the picture complete in every respect.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2018 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2016 – 94 points

Chardonnays from Thompson Estate have been top drawer from the outset and this is another exceptional wine. Lovely mix of grapefruit and lightly peach stone fruit with a faint toasty oak influence. There's a neat minerality on the palate which is poised and very long.

### 6.16 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2017

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2019

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2017 – 95 points

There is beautiful fruit purity in this pristine and precise Margaret River Chardonnay. Aromas of cashew and light butterscotch with a little vanilla pod. The palate is typically textured and powerful, but held with a controlled tight line through to a very long finish. A thoroughly satisfying and appealing Chardonnay.

- (b) Halliday Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2017 – 94 points

This is smart. Slick. Less complex perhaps than The Specialist cuvee, but it wins one over with sleek refinement, ample stone fruit flavours, mineral pungency and throbbing length. Kicked off wild, pushed through inoculated and left on lees for eight-months to impart some tension, what's not to like? A thrumming vintage, to boot!

### 6.17 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2018

- (a) Halliday Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2018 – 97 points

Now this is something. I sometimes describe cabernet (and its tannins) as autocratic. This is the chardonnay counterpart, with its mouthwatering charge of grapefruit, white peach and white nectarine putting maturation in 30% new French oak into observer status. For the number nerds, its pH of 3.18 and titratable acidity of 8.2g/l is the measure.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2020 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2018 – 96 points

This is a most impressive chardonnay from Thompson Estate. It has been expertly crafted to achieve a delicacy, yet at the same time there is a deep penetrating power and energy through the palate. Has a steely, mineraly and slightly savoury character, with subtle cashew and butterscotch. One of the best yet from this outstanding producer.

### 6.18 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Wine of the Year Awards Annual Edition 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019 – Rating 97 pts (4 ½ stars)

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019 – Rating 95 points

Another fine chardonnay from this excellent producer. Characteristic power in this wine which is the Thompson Estate style. It's immediately engaging with a mealy citrus and white peach combination creating a beautiful fragrance. Palate is so deeply concentrated and tightly wound with texture and flavour. Very long finish is a feature.

- (c) Halliday Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019 – 92 points

9 months in oak (30% new). Taut and woven together by white peach, green apple and crushed cashew, the palate is creamy and lean, with acidity pulling it out into a lingering finish. For all the intensity and concentration of flavour, this wine shows a lot of restraint. Elegant.

- (d) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2020

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019 – Silver

- (e) The Australian Wine. Online Review. June 2021

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2019

With Vasse Felix as its next door-neighbour, there's no doubting the quality of the Thompson Estate vineyard at Wilyabrup in Margaret River. Studies show Wilyabrup has the ideal number of sun exposure days per year for optimal ripening and, being surrounded by sea on three sides, enjoys maritime breezes to keep the fruit cool, producing an intensity of flavours some liken to the great years of Bordeaux. Jane and Peter Thompson (a cardiologist mentored by Vasse Felix pioneer Dr Tom Cullity) planted in 1997 their first chardonnay, which often

left wine judges like James Halliday waxing lyrical. The 2019 continues the tradition of ultra quality, boasting what is described as a rich, vibrant palate with a soft creamy texture and exquisite white stone fruit flavours. Scored 95 points from West Australian wine specialist Ray Jordan

### 6.19 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2020

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2020 – 96 points

Chilled fruit was pressed, the juice settled, fermented in new and used French oak and matured for 9 months. Grapefruit is the leader of the fruit pack, though white peach and nectarine are also involved, along with some French oak spice. The overall line and length is very good.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2022 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2020 – 95 points

Has been one of the premier chardonnays from Margaret River for some time now. I like the fine structure in this one. It's tight and almost lean but there is a deep fruit intensity of citrus and nectarine with a faint hint of mealy richness. Like the minerality and slightly savoury finish to complete a classy wine

### 6.20 Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2021

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2021 – Bronze

- (b) James Halliday Australian Chardonnay & Cabernet Challenge 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2021 – Bronze

- (c) Wine Show of Western Australia 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2021 – Bronze

- (d) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Chardonnay 2021 – Bronze

### 6.21 Thompson Estate Chardonnay – General

Article “Eating Out” with Gail Williams in Sunday Times May 4-10 2014. “Landing a Big One” review on Little Fish, Yallingup referring to Thompson Estate Chardonnay.

## 7 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot

### 7.1 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002

- (a) Ray Jordan’s Guide to Wine 2003/04 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002 – 85/100

There’s the unmistakable stamp of Margaret River in here. The aroma has a leafy blackcurrant and slightly minty character. This is a young cabernet and lacks the depth that comes from really mature vines, yet there is promise enough to suggest good things ahead.

- (b) The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2005/2006 – Huon Hooke & Ralph Kyte-Powell



## Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002

Quality: A marvellous wine that is so close to the top it almost doesn't matter.

Value: Don't tell too many people because the wine will start selling and the maker will put the price up. ★★ ★ 1/2

Smoky, high-char oak is the first thing you smell, followed by blackberry, black-olive and other savoury complexities. There's plenty of tannin grip and the wine has the structure to go with hearty foods and to age well. There's generous rich fruit on the mid-palate: a good wine indeed. It suits spiced, marinated lamb fillets off the barbeque. Cellar 8+ RRP \$23

## 7.2 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2003

- (a) Ray Jordan's Guide to Wine 2005/06 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2003

One of the better cabernet merlots I have tasted at this price. Loaded with ripe sappy blackcurrant and rich plum pudding characters. The palate is fleshy and soft with a delicious sweep plump fruit character and just a little cedary oak complexity. Nice drinking. \$22

- (b) The Sunday Times May 2006 - WA Reds Winter 100 – Page 53

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2003

With vines planted in 1997, this is a relatively new Margaret River producer. The cabernet is made by Mark Messenger at Juniper and is vibrant, juicy and bursting with flavour – brambles, blackcurrant, dark plums. Fairly priced.

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007

Cabernet Merlot 2003 – Rating 88

Bright purple-red; light to medium-bodied, with strong earthy/savoury/briary characters, but does have length and balance. Drink 2009. \$25.

## 7.3 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2007

2004 Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Cabernet Franc 2004 – Gold Award

Class: 34 – 2004 Dry Red, blend or single variety other than Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz or Pinot Noir

- (b) Macquarie 2007 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004 – Gold

Class 2004 & 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominate Blends -Score 55.5

- (c) Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004 – Bronze Medal

Class 23 – Blends, labelled with only Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot, in any percentage, of any vintage.

- (d) The Vintage Cellars National Wine Show of Australia 2008

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004 – Bronze

Class 30: 2006 & Older Dry Red

- (e) WineState – Best Wines of 2008 Western Australia – Annual 2009 – Page 129  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004- ★★★★★  
A fresh, clean wine with a lifted, Ribena fruit nose integrated seamlessly with the oak. Heaps of acid balances the sweet fruit palate. Quite light and green. \$25
- (f) WineState’s Best Wines of 2008– Annual 2009 – Page 61  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot – 2004 ★★★★★  
Minerally/oyster sauce-like aromas. Soft and fleshy in the mouth and brimming over with sweet fruit flavours balanced by toasty oak and fine, powdery tannins. \$28.
- (g) The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2009 – Nick Stock  
2004 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot  
Quality: Rating 87-89. ★★★★★1/2. Good wine that is defined by high-quality fruit, quality winemaking and impressive balance.  
Nice to see this '04 wine developing some bottle-derived complexity. Demi-glace and brambly cassis berries, some cedary oak, all nicely integrated. The palate is open and approachable, already developing brown savoury flavours.
- (h) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009  
Cabernet Merlot 2004 – Rating 90  
A pleasing blend, more in the red fruit spectrum, with a little savoury twist to the finish, and to the merlot providing plumpness on the mid-palate. To 2012 \$28
- (i) Ray Jordan’s WA Wine Guide 2009  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2004 – 89/100  
Double gold medal winning wine that is all about poise and refinement. Seamlessly structured palate with fine, granny tannins. Silky soft fruit and fragrant oak. The plush flesh of merlot provides a perfect balance. Lovely wine.l

#### 7.4 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005

- (a) Perth Royal Show 2008  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 - Bronze  
Class: 46: Dry Red Blends
- (b) Royal Melbourne Wine Show Awards 2008  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 - Bronze  
Class: 40 - 2005 & 2006 Red Wines – Other Single Varieties & Blends
- (c) 2008 Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show  
Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Silver  
Score 51. Class 2004 & 05 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blends.
- (d) WineState Varietal Tasting Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends - July/August 2009. Page 79

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 - ★★★★★1/2

Lovely example of a perfectly maturing cabernet. Some hessian notes to the nose and real vibrancy on the palate. Excellent fruit/oak integration. It's all here! Very good wine. \$28.

- (e) WineState's Best Wines of 2008 – Annual 2009

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 - ★★★★★1/2

Lovely example of a perfectly maturing cabernet. Some hessian notes to the nose and real vibrancy on the palate. Excellent fruit/oak integration. It's all here! Very good wine. \$28.

- (f) Ray Jordan's 2010 Wine Guide

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Score 94/100

Simply gorgeous aromas of perfumed cedary, light red berry and tobacco leaf. The palate shows wonderful integration into a seamless poised and stylishly elegant wine. The fine tannins and fine-grained oak support the controlled and slightly angular palate to a very long finish. There's both power and finesse in here. One of the best yet from Thompson. Cellar 10 years.

- (g) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010

Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Rating 94

Still vibrant colour, red fruit and cassis combine seamlessly with cigar box and black olive; the oak frames the fruit well, and there is a slight leafy varietal firmness on the finish; textbook stuff. To 2018 \$28

## 7.5 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2006

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2006 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot – Margaret River – 2007-2005

- (b) Perth Royal Show 2009

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2006 - Bronze

Class: 36: Dry Red Blends ★★★★★1/2

Lovely example of a perfectly maturing cabernet. Some hessian notes to the nose and real vibrancy on the palate. Excellent fruit/oak integration. It's all here! Very good wine. \$28.

- (c) The Australian Wine Annual 2011 – Jeremy Oliver

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2006 - Score 90-91 ★★ (Regular silver medal)

A fine effort from this cloudy season, with a modest presence of berries and plums backed by sweet cedary oak. While it is underpinned by a thread of herbaceous green pea influence, there is indeed some deep, rich fruit backed by sweet cedar/vanilla oak to be found on the palate. It's moderately firm, fine grained and drying. \$30-\$49

## 7.6 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2007

- (a) Lavan Legal 2009 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2007 – Silver

Class: 2007 & 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blends

**7.7 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012**

- (a) Wine Business Magazine October 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012 – 92 - \$28

A Margaret River Cabernet Merlot of fragrant fruit character, varietal definition and tangy appeal. A bright and appealing style for the medium term, underscored by gentle, finely textured tannings and vibrant acidity. 14.0%. Reviewed by Tyson Stelzer.

- (b) Langton's Margaret River Wine Show 2015

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012 – score 43.5

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012 - Rating 94 to 2032 \$35

A 78/12/10% blend of estate-grown cabernet, merlot and franc, open-fermented with extended maceration post-ferment, 18 months in used French oak. It is an exercise in harmony between blackcurrant/cassis, a dash of black olive and ripe tannins, oak underpinning the texture/structure, rather than the flavor. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 94 to 2032. \$35

- (d) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2015, London IWSC

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012 – Silver – Tasting category – Cabernet Sauvignon Blends – Margaret River – 2013 – 2012

- (e) Winestate Magazine – Best of the West Wine Show Results – February 2016

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2012 – 3 stars

**7.8 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2013**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2013 – Rating 95 to 2033

62% cabernet sauvignon, 27% merlot, 6% Malbec, 5% cabernet franc, matured in used French oak for 18 months. Very good structure and texture underlying the complex interplay of cassis/blackcurrant, redcurrant and earthy/forest fruits. The decision to only employ used French oak is the key to its success. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 95 to 2033 \$35

**7.9 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2014**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2014 – Rating 94

70% cabernet sauvignon, 17% merlot, 7% malbec, 6% cabernet franc, matured for 15 months in used French oak. Like its Andrea sibling, has excellent clear crimson-purple colour; it has been assembled with great attention to detail, the array of cassis, redcurrant, bay leaf and dried herb flavours supported by fine-grained tannins.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2017 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2014 – Rating 92

**7.10 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2016**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2016 – Rating 94

An ever-reliable blend with cabernet sauvignon leading with its refinement and restraint, a mix cassis and pips, dried herbs and really fine-grained tannins. The merlot, with splashes of malbec and cabernet franc, are supporting acts and add another dimension; just a tad drying on the finish.

- (b) Winestate Magazine – Best of the West. May/June 2019

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2016 – 4 stars

Confectionary Ribena bouquet with a floral perfumed lift. Lovely fleshy ripe black plum and cassis flavours with savoury complexity.

### 7.11 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2017

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2017 – Rating 93

A superlative vintage, but what sets Thompson Estate's wines apart is their understated confidence. The fruit, a jubilant chorus of cabernet's choir, singing currant, graphite and bay leaf. Merlot provides some juicy fill and malbec (7%) and franc (6%) some aromatic high tones. The oak, older French, serves as a signpost rather than a stop sign.

- (b) James Suckling. Online Media Reviews October 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2017 – 90 points

This has impressively ripe and glossy red-fruit aromas with some baking spices and a cedary oak overlay that adds some classically styled complexity to the mix. The palate has a plush red-plum and mulberry fruit core with gently grainy tannins and chocolate here, too. Medium body. Good balance. Drink now. Screw cap.

### 7.12 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2018

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2018 – Rating 93

56% cabernet sauvignon, 40% merlot, plus scraps of malbec and cabernet franc. This is a substantial wine by any standards, with dark fruits doing battle with their red counterparts, tannins with oak - the wine spent 15 months in used French oak. Needs time.

### 7.13 Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2019

- (a) Wine Orbit – Sam Kim. July 2022

Thompson Estate Cabernet Merlot 2019 – Rating 93

Beautifully fruited and elegantly fragrant on the nose with blackcurrant, sweet cherry, dried herb, olive and toasted almond characters, it's succulent and finely textured in the mouth offering excellent structure and length.

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## **8 Thompson Estate Malbec**

### **8.1 Thompson Estate Malbec 2014**

- (a) Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition 2016 HKIWSC 2016  
Thompson Estate Malbec 2014 – SILVER  
Tasting category: Malbec – Regions of Australia 2-15-2012
- (b) 2016 Langton's Margaret River Wine Show  
Thompson Estate Malbec 2014 – Bronze – score 86
- (c) Winestate Wine Show – New Releases December 2016  
Thompson Estate Malbec 2014 \*\*\*\*\* Excellent

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## **9 Thompson Estate Pinot Noir**

### **9.1 Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2002**

- (a) Ray Jordan's Guide to Wine 2003/04 – Western Australia  
Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2002 – 86/100  
  
Okay, pinot is not my favourite Margaret River variety, yet this does an excellent job of overcoming my prejudice. It has that fine bony character of pinot with a fresh palate wrapping around a central core of fine acid and firm tannins. It has promise over the next couple of years.

### **9.2 Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2003**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2006  
Pinot Noir 2003 – Rating 86  
  
Light to medium red-purple; getting close in varietal terms, and may evolve with time; fair structure. Drink 2008. \$25.

### **9.3 Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2006**

- (a) Macquarie 2007 Margaret River Wine Show  
Thompson Estate 2006 Pinot Noir – Bronze  
Class: 2006 & 2005 Other Red Blends & Varieties, Score 46.5
- (b) Perth Royal Show 2007  
Thompson Estate 2006 Pinot Noir – Bronze  
Class 018: Dry Red, Pinot Noir, Points 16
- (c) WineState 2008 Western Australia  
Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2006  
  
Cedary oak aromas dominate the fruit, making quite a meaty nose. Nice core of acid on the palate. \$25.

## 9.4 Thompson Estate Pinot Noir 2007

- (a) 2007 Perth Royal Wine Show  
Thompson Estate Pinot Noir [date] - Bronze  
Class: 0018: Dry Red, Pinot Noir

## 10 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

### 10.1 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2004

- (a) Ray Jordan's Guide to Wine 2005/06 – Western Australia  
Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2004 – 91/100  
Cracking good wine this. It's a blend of 60 percent grassy honey perfumed Semillon with some subtly herbaceous sauvignon blanc. It comes together into a neat, delicate and finely balanced package that's sustained beautifully. \$22
- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2006  
Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2004 – Rating 91  
Crisp, firm and tight, the 60% Semillon at work; lemon rind, asparagus and gooseberry flavours; mineral acidity, small percentage barrel-fermented. Drink 2008 \$22.
- (c) The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2005/2006 – Huon Hooke & Ralph Kyte-Powell  
SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2004  
Quality: A marvellous wine that is so close to the top it almost doesn't matter.  
Value ★★★★★ If you complain about paying this much for a wine, you've got a death adder in your pocket.  
A very good, typical SSB, with a subtle trace of oak that is barely discernible, and lots of crunchy cucumber, sugar-snap pea aromas and flavours. The palate has good intensity and persistence, without sacrificing delicacy or balance. It's a superior version of this classic Margaret River style. Serve with blue eye cod.

### 10.2 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2005

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2007  
Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2005 – Rating 93  
Clean, bright, fresh apple, grass, lemon and gooseberry flavours, the small percentage of barrel ferment adding to the texture; a clean and powerful finish. Drink 2009. \$22

### 10.3 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2006

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2007  
Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2006 – Bronze Award  
Class 14: 2006 Dry White, blend Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc

### 10.4 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007

- (a) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia – Perth Royal Wine Show 2007

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – Bronze

Class 01: Dry White Blends, Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc

- (b) Macquarie 2007 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – Class 3: Score 44

- (c) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia – Perth Royal Wine Show 2008

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – RAS Trophy

Class 028: Dry White Blends, Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, points total 14.67

- (d) Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – Bronze

Class 11 – Blends, predominantly labelled as Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon or Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, any vintage.

- (e) 2008 Royal Melbourne Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007

Class 17: 45.0 points

- (f) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2008

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007

Class 13: 2007 Dry White, blend Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, 45.5 points

- (g) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2009

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – Rating 94

A seamless wine, with fleshy citrus fruit and a hint of dried straw; lovely texture, and really vibrant, fine and long on the finish. To 2012 \$22

- (h) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc – Margaret River – 2008-2007

- (i) Ray Jordan's Guide to Wine 2003/04 – Western Australia

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 – 93/100

This is a terrific example of what you can do with some high-quality Semillon and sauvignon blanc and then work a little into barrel. It retains its lemony fresh zing but there is a smoky nutty overtone that adds complexity. A very promising wine.

## 10.5 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

- (a) 2008 Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Class 4: Score 43.5

- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia – Perth Royal Wine Show 2009



Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

Class 41: Dry White Blends – RAS Trophy

- (c) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia 2009 Mt Barker

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – Bronze

Class 13: 2008 DryWhite, blend Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc

- (d) Lavan Legal 2010 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – Gold

- (e) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010

Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – Rating 94

A very precise green nettle bouquet, with vibrant citrus and a mere hint of tropical fruit; the palate is taut, with fine line and drive; long and harmonious. To 2014 \$25

- (f) The Australian Wine Annual 2011 – Jeremy Oliver

SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – 90-91 ★★ Regular silver medal

Nutty, smoky and faintly reductive, with waxy aromas of melon, snap peas and capsicum with a faint whiff of vanilla oak precede a long, slatey and savoury palate whose meaty, herbal expression of fruit is marginally too herbaceous for a higher rating. It finishes with a lick of mineral. \$20-\$29

## 10.6 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010

- (a) 2011 Royal Melbourne Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010. Class 14, 44.0

- (b) RobertParker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – August 2011

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010 -88 points

Blended of 54% Semillon and 46% Sauvignon Blanc, the grapes for the 2010 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc spent extended time on skins, while approximately half of the Semillon component was fermented in older French oak. It gives pronounced notes of pink grapefruit, under-ripe pineapple, green mango and chalk dust. Bone dry and light to medium bodied in the mouth, it has a pleasantly satiny texture with crisp acid and plenty of ripe tropical fruit, finishing long. Drink this one now through 2014+.

- (c) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc – Margaret River – 2011/2010

- (d) The West Australian Wine Guide 2012 by Ray Jordan

SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010 – 94/100

Two things stand out in this very good white blend. The first is the small but significant amount of barrel fermentation and the second is the Semillon contribution, particularly on the nose. It is a thoroughly matured style having an extra year in bottle to deliver more riches on both the nose and palate. Cellar 5 years \$30

**10.7 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2011**

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition Awards 2012

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2011 – Silver

Tasting Category: Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc – Margaret River – 2011. 80.7

- (b) Dan Murphy's 2012 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2011 – Silver

Class 23: Single vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Blends Of

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2011 – Rating 94

Even though Semillon is the dominant partner in terms of percentage, there is a wider range of ripe/tropical fruits here than in the '11 Locum SBS; guava, passionfruit and gooseberry are corralled on the finish by lemony Semillon and its attendant acidity. \$30. to 2013.

- (d) The West Australian Wine Guide 2013 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2011 – 92/100

While this is essentially about primary fruit characters, a small amount of barrel fermentation has added to the texture and palate complexity. It's finely balanced with a keen edge of crisp semillon working nicely with the tropical characters of the savvy. The finish has a neat lick of citrus. Clean crisp acid sustains. Cellar 5 years \$30

- (e) Wine Genius –
- [www.winegenius.com](http://www.winegenius.com)
- Jeremy Oliver

Thompson Estate, SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, 2011 – Score 92

Grassy, pristine and floral aromas of passionfruit, lychees and gooseberries are lifted by a perfume of white flowers and lavender. Long and finely textured, with a chalky, pulpy mouthfeel beneath its even presence of fruit, it reveals funky, creamy complexity before a savoury finish of citrusy acids. It has some potential to age. Drinking Range: 2013 - 2016

**10.8 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012**

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2013

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 – Silver

Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc – Margaret River - 2012

- (b) Perth Royal Wine Show 2013

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 – Gold medal

Class 25 – Semillon Sauvignon Blanc or Sauvignon Blanc Semillon Blends

- (c) Rating 93: James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014 to 2015. \$30.

- (d) WineState magazine October/November 2013 edition

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 - ★★★★★1/2

Great style and structure here. Very sweet, tropical fragrances, with grassy/herbal notes. Lively passionfruit and gooseberry flavours tightly wrapped in some piercing acidity.

- (e) Huon Hooke, Wine Writer, Sydney Morning Herald Good Living, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Decanter Magazine
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 - 90 points – Silver Ribbon Wines and # 4 of 24 Semillon blend tasted from Margaret River in 2012
- (f) The Sunday Times Magazine – 8 June 2013 – David Prestipino
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 – 94 points
- Wonderfully vibrant, exotic nose with soft, penetrating spice. The action is all on the mid-palate, with gooseberry and vegetal undertones and dry, biting acidity. V\$30
- (g) Winsor Dobbin – Wine of the Week Blog June 2013 (Tasmania)
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012
- <http://www.wdwineoftheweek.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/thompson-estate-2012-ssb.html>
- Thompson Estate is a small family-owned operation in Margaret River located right next door to regional pioneer Vasse Felix. Former Leeuwin Estate winemaker Bob Cartwright makes the wines and he's hit the home run with this delicious 60-40 semillon sauvignon blanc blend that has undergone partial barrel fermentation in French oak barriques to add mouthfeel and complexity. There is nothing oaky about this at all, however. It is fresh and crisp and delightfully balanced with nice inter play on the palate between tropical fruit and citrus notes. Delicious drinking. \$30.
- (h) Gourmet Traveller Magazine – Oct/Nov 2013 – 100 Top New Release Wines
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012
- This is at the pungent, passionfruity end of the aroma spectrum for Australian Semillon sauvignon blanc. It has clean herbal and gooseberry notes and is restrained and light bodied yet intense. The finish is clean, dry and savoury. \$40.
- (i) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2013
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 – Bronze (46.5 points)
- (j) Margaret River Wine Show 2013
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2012 – Bronze (47.5 points)

### 10.9 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013

- (a) Margaret River Wine Show 2013
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – 43 points
- (b) Vintage Cellars 2014 Margaret River Wine Show
- Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – Bronze
- Class 7, 2013 or older Blends of Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon
- (c) Wine Genius Team – February 2015
- Thompson Estate, SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – Score 95 Drinking Range 2013-2018 [tastingpanel@winegenius.com; winegenius.com]
- Brightly lit straw colour (with a green edge), this SSB is both fruit driven and highly textural. An excellent example of the style, packed with fresh pineapple and passionfruit, with the

additional layers of and exotic spice, solid palate weight and crackling acidity; this is certainly a complete wine.

- (d) Decanter World Wine Awards 2015

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 - Commended

- (e) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – Rating 95 to 2018. \$32

A 60/40% blend, a small portion barrel-fermented in used French barriques. The result is an intense and very well balanced amalgam of cut grass, lemon/citrus and a brush of stone fruit on the finish. Its balance and structure will stand it in good stead for some years yet. Screwcap 12% alc.

- (f) International Wine & Sprit Competition IWSC London 2014

Thompson Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Blended White – Semillon Dominated – Regions of South West Australia – 2013

- (g) The West Australian Wine Guide 2015 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2013 – Score 93/100 Cellar 5 years \$30

This has been a winner for Thompson Estate over the years. They have created a distinctive style with the use of partial barrel fermentation to create a palate of complexity and richness. The fruit has been picked quite early but it carries plenty of intensity with the creamy nutty characters from oak influence adding to the explosion of flavour.

#### **10.10 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2014**

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Best of New Release October 2014

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2014 – 4 stars

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2014 - Rating 95 to 2020 \$35

A 60/40% estate blend, pressed and cold-fermented in tank after brief skin contact; part of the sauvignon blanc barrel-fermented and matured in used French oak. The depth and complexity of the wine emanates from the vineyard, with a parade of tropical fruits grafted onto the citrus and mineral of the semillon and its life-giving acidity. A really nice wine. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Rating 95 to 2020. \$35.

#### **10.11 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2015**

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2017 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2015 –94 points

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2015 – Rating 92 to 2021 \$35

- (c) Wine Companion 2016

Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc SSB 2015 – 92 points

60/40% fermented separately, a portion of the sauvignon blanc fermented and matured for 3-4 weeks in used French oak. Attractive Margaret River blend, oak leaving it to the fruit to supply the flavours; lemon/lemon zest are joined by apple and stone fruit echoes. Balance and length are the keynotes, with more to come over the next 3+ years. Drink to 2021.

- (d) Winestate Magazine – Best of the West Wine Show Results – February 2016

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2015 – 3 and a half stars

### 10.12 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2016

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2016 – 94 points

A 60/40% blend, matured for 2 months in used French oak. This has the power and complexity that other regions can only dream of. It forms a platform for the winemaker to manipulate the texture and balance without any threat to the fruit expression, here ranging through lemongrass, snow pea and cut grass to ripe citrus and finally a mix of stone and tropical fruit.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2018 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2016 – 93 points

A light and fragrant blended white showing a lovely delicacy and fresh palate feel. There is a small amount of barrel fermentation in here to bring further complexity. It does with deft touch. A precise and controlled wine with an impressive intensity of fruit through to the finish.

### 10.13 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2017

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2019

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2017 – 92 points

There's some depth and significant flavour to this blend - white blossom, lemon zest and juice, stone fruit, straw and lots of herbal notes. It's tangy and moreish with a very tight palate linking a mineral thread of acidity that cuts right through the middle and continues long on the finish.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2019 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2017 – 92 points

A delicately balanced blended white. This Semillon has been barrel fermented to introduce complexity and texture, yet retains a lively fragrant freshness that is so appealing about this combo. Crunchy minerality extends easily to a very long finish.

### 10.14 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2018

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2018 – 91 points

This is a classy, stock-standard Bordeaux blend with plenty of freshly mown grass to greengage notes albeit, mercifully, little tropical excess. Guava, sure, but melded nicely. Long finish.

### 10.15 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2019

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2019 – 95 points

This moves up and away from the Estate Sauvignon Blanc, with a 60/40% split, putting semillon in the driver's seat, but we don't know if two wild-fermented barrels were semillon or sauvignon blanc. Whichever, it's a complex assembly of tastes and textures, Thompson Estate suggesting a 10+-year cellaring potential.

- (b) Ray Jordans Top 100 Whites 2020

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2019 – 95 points

### 10.16 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020

- (a) The West Australian Summer Drinking Guide. Top 100 Whites, Sparklings and Rose's. \$25-\$40 blends. 20/11/2021

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020 – 94 points

This has been a super style from Thompson and this vintage has produced another cracking good wine. The feature is the clever use of barrel fermentation which brings a beautiful, augmented aroma and a richness to the palate texture. The intensity of the primary semillon and sauvignon blanc is undiminished but the creamy vanillin oak brings another dimension. Good now but cellaring will see other things happen.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020 – 93 points

81/19% semillon/sauvignon blanc. Both varieties vinified separately. Matured for 3 months in older oak. A concentrated wine with piercing intensity thanks to a generous whack of semillon. The oak has a slightly minty (garden mint, spearmint) sort of freshness to it, working well in concert with the gooseberry, coriander and passionfruit emanating in waves from the fruit. All things in place. Impressive.

### 10.17 Thompson Estate Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2021

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate SSB Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – 90 points

Margaret River rarely sees alcohol levels this low, and it is a factor, one would assume, of the cool year that birthed it. Even more interesting is the way the wine expresses in the mouth: textural, balanced and classy, without the predicted overt grassy/herbaceous characters that can so often arrive hand in hand with a cool year. The barrel ferment has contributed some texture and plump shape here, yet another boon. Lovely, in a word.

## 11 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir

### 11.1 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2003

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2007

Sparkling 2003 Chardonnay/Pinot Noir – Bronze

Class: 38 – Sparkling White or Rose wine, bottle fermented

- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia – Perth Royal Wine Show 2007

Sparkling White 2003 – Class 58, 14.17 points

**11.2 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2005**

- (a) Macquarie 2008 Margaret River Wine Show  
Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2005 – Bronze  
Class: Sparkling Wine: Score 48
- (b) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia 2008  
Thompson Estate Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2005 – Bronze Award  
Pinot Noir/Chardonnay, Class 38 Sparkling White or Rose wine, bottle fermented, score 47.5
- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2010  
Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2005 – Rating 88  
Lemon and green apple bouquet; good flavour and intensity, but just a little coarse on the finish. To 2012 \$38

**11.3 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006**

- (a) Macquarie 2009 Margaret River Wine Show  
Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006 – Bronze  
Class: Sparkling Wine, Score 47.5
- (b) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia 2009 Mt Barker  
Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006 – Bronze Award  
Class 38 – Sparkling White or Rose wine, bottle fermented
- (c) Perth Royal Wine Show 2009  
Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006  
Class 63: Sparkling White Mature – RAS Trophy
- (d) Ray Jordan 2010 Wine Guide  
Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006 – Score 88/100  
One of the best sparkling wines made in WA. Lifted bready, yeasty characters on the nose with a lovely lemon citrus overlay. The palate is tight and crisp with real persistence. The fine acid sustains it beautifully. An impression wine. Cellar 3 years
- (e) James Halliday 2011 Wine Companion  
Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2006 – Score 91/100  
A blend of Chardonnay (80%)/Pinot Noir (20%) early picked specifically for this wine and taken through mlf prior to triaging in this bottle, then spending a minimum of 18 months on yeast lees; is a fraction green, and needs more time or higher dosage for complete balance. Drink 2014.

**11.4 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2007**

- (a) The West Australian Wine Guide 2012 by Ray Jordan  
Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2007 – 93/100

These sparkling wines from Thompson Estate seem to get better and more interesting over the years. This 80 per cent chardonnay dominant wine shows a beautiful floral lift on the nose with nutty yeasty influences. On the finely crafted palate the elegance of chardonnay is perfectly complemented by the meaty richness and power of pinot noir. There is some real autolysis character on that palate which sets it apart from the run of the mill fizz. Cellar 3 years \$45

### 11.5 Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2008

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2008 - Silver

- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

Thompson Estate Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2008. Class 82, 13 points

- (c) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

Chardonnay Pinot Noir 2008 – Rating 93

Every step possible was taken to maximise the quality of the wine, with the 80% chardonnay and 20% pinot noir picked at 19 brix to ensure freshness; the whole bunch-pressed juice was barrel-fermented and matured for eight months in used French oak, then transferred to this bottle for secondary fermentation, and kept for 38 months on yeast lees. If the same procedure had been taken with Tasmanian fruit, the wine would be significantly better again, but Thompson Estate has taken all possible steps to avoid the wine faltering on the finish – which it does. To 2014. \$45.

## 12 Thompson Estate Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay Zero Dosage

### 12.1 Thompson Estate Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay Zero Dosage 2010

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay Zero Dosage 2010 – 94 points

An 80/20% blend made in the traditional method, 9 years on tirage with no sugar added with the dosage wine. There's a trade off, but I think it's a winner.

## 13 Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon

### 13.1 Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

- (a) Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines in the World (#74)

Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 91 points

Aromatic, with dried fennel, cedar, tomato leaf and white pepper notes that add complexity, with cedar-laced cassis and stewed plum flavors at the core and polished tannins. Very harmonious on the long finish. Drink now through 2036.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022

Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 93 points

85% cabernet sauvignon, with 8/6/1% cabernet franc/merlot/malbec. Matured for 10 months in French oak. Excellent colour and flavour intensity show this wine to be pure and a brilliant example of why we so love Margaret River cabernet. The delivery of complexity, at the price, is seriously impressive.



- (c) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2021  
Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – Silver (90 pts)
- (d) The West Australian Wine Guide 2022 by Ray Jordan  
Four Chambers Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 – 90 points

This is a mighty impressive entry level cabernet into the wines of Thompson Estate. Bright and aromatic opening with leafy red fruits dominant on the nose. The palate is medium bodied with a balanced combination of tannin and oak. Has a dry slightly chalky feel.

## 14 Four Chambers Shiraz

### 14.1 Four Chambers Shiraz 2012

- (a) Winestate Magazine – Top 40 Best Value Buys! – July August 2014 issue  
Thompson Estate Four Chambers Margaret River Shiraz 2012 \$20

### 14.2 Four Chambers Shiraz 2013

- (a) Ray Jordan Top 100 – “The West Australian” 23 July 2015  
Four Chambers Shiraz 2013 (\$20) - 91/100

This opulent shiraz from quite a warm Margaret River vineyard is a real fruit bomb of riches. There’s a nice savoury edge to it. Deep and penetrating dusty, dark plum and blackberry with a hint of mulberry. The oak is nearly weighted and the fine grainy tannins bring some structure into the mix. Quality wine for this price. 91/100.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016  
Four Chambers Shiraz 2013- Rating 93 to 2025 \$22

Machine-harvested, includes 7% cabernet, open-fermented with, matured for 11 months in French and American oak. A well balanced, medium-bodied shiraz that fills the mouth with generous fruit flavours; a gently spicy/savoury lift fits like a glove. Screwcap. 14% alc. Rating 93 to 2025. \$22

### 14.3 Four Chambers Shiraz 2014

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2016, IWSC London  
Thompson Estate Four Chambers Shiraz 2014 – SILVER
- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017  
Four Chambers Shiraz 2014 – Rating 91 to 2024 \$20
- (c) Decanter 2016  
Four Chambers Shiraz 2014 – Bronze

### 14.4 Four Chambers Shiraz 2016

- (a) Sam Kim / Wine Orbit - [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz)  
Thompson Estate Four Chambers Shiraz 2016 – 5 stars (93 points)

The wine is gorgeously expressed on the nose showing sweet plum, raspberry, mixed spice, vanilla and subtle savoury notes. The palate delivers excellent weight and roundness, wonderfully complemented by ripe fruit intensity and polished tannins, finishing long and attractive. At its best: now to 2024.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Four Chambers Shiraz 2016 –90 points

Mid-weighted, highly savoury and very dry, with a sweep of the gristly pepper-doused tannins that define regional shiraz in these parts.

#### 14.5 Four Chambers Shiraz 2018

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Four Chambers Shiraz 2018 – 94 points

Includes 2% each of malbec and cabernet franc. The minimal extract during vinification fully justified given the full-bodied, powerful wine that emerged. As it is, will develop slowly and with certainty. 11 months in used oak also a plus factor.

#### 14.6 Four Chambers Shiraz 2020

- (a) James Suckling. Online Media Reviews October 2021

Four Chambers Shiraz 2020 – 92 points

Mulberries, blackcurrants, blueberries, smoke, violets and baking spices on the nose. Some tar, too. Medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins and bright acidity. Fresh and fruity with spicy character and a juicy, lively finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

### 15 Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz

#### 15.1 Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2013

- (a) Winestate Wine Show – New Releases December 2016

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Shiraz 2013 – Recommended – very good

#### 15.2 Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2014

- (a) The West Australian “Top 100 Red Wines” 21 July 2016

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2014 – 92/100

The best yet from his second label of Perth cardiologist Peter Thompson. Textured and fruity, with deep and concentrated fruit characters. Lots of blackcurrant integrated with fine oak and firm tannins. Controlled and long in the mouth. 92/100

#### 15.3 Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2015

- (a) Winestate Best of the West

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2015 – 5 stars. Gold medal (Top in Category)

Young but approachable. Subtle lifted red berry bouquet with a hint of oak. Light plum fruit flavours and firm tannins and interesting custard powder like notes.

#### 15.4 Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2016

- (a) Sam Kim / Wine Orbit - [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz)

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2016 – 4.5 stars. 92 points

It is attractively fruited and complex on the nose showing blackcurrant, blueberry, dried herb, anise and mixed nut characters. The palate is succulent and elegantly weighted, delivering bright fruit intensity together with fine texture and chalky tannins, finishing long and sturdy. At its best: now to 2022.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Cabernet Shiraz 2016 – 91 points

A chunky, earlier drinking wine driven by vanilla pod to coffee grind and mocha oak tones, curtailing dark fruit allusions all, with a whiff of herb and graphite across the finish. Eminently drinkable.

### 16 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé

#### 16.1 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2016

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Four Pinot Noir Rosé 2016 – 90 points

Looks good in the glass; pale salmony pink, bright and glowing. Very much in the strawberries-and-cream mould on the bouquet, with a touch of cherry-like pinot character finding its way into the mix. Seems perfectly dry on the palate, lightly flavoured but attractive, and about the right texture to support the almost delicate red-berried fruit. Most agreeable.

#### 16.2 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2018

- (a) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2018

Thompson Estate Four Pinot Noir Rosé 2018 – Gold medal

#### 16.3 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2019

- (a) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2019

Thompson Estate Four Pinot Noir Rosé 2019 – Gold medal

#### 16.4 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2021

- (a) WA Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2021

Thompson Estate Four Pinot Noir Rosé 2021 – Silver medal

#### 16.5 Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2022

- (a) Margaret River Regional Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Four Pinot Noir Rosé 2022 – Gold medal (95pts)

“A delicately deployed fruit intensity... macerated berries and wild florals. Lovely acid drive”.

- (b) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Pinot Noir Rosé 2022 - Silver

## 17 Four Chambers Chardonnay

### 17.1 Four Chambers Chardonnay 2015

- (a) Winestate Wine Show – New Releases December 2016

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2015 – Recommended – very good

### 17.2 Four Chambers Chardonnay 2018

- (a) Sam Kim / Wine Orbit - [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz)

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2018 – 93 points. 5 stars

"This is beautifully composed and elegantly expressed on the nose showing nectarine, lemon peel, apple and nougat characters, followed by a concentrated palate that is focused and refined. The wine offers poise and flowing mouthfeel, finishing persistent and engaging. At its best: 2020 to 2026".

### 17.3 Four Chambers Chardonnay 2019

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2019 – 93 points

A chardonnay that reinforces the understanding that Margaret River has four or five districts running from the warm north down to the cool southern area of Karridale. And then there's the centre of Wilyabrup with so many long-established wineries. It's a great address for a \$25 chardonnay with the sotto voce class of this wine.

### 17.4 Four Chambers Chardonnay 2020

- (a) Halliday Top White Selections – Aug/Sept 21

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2020 – 92 points

Pure and pretty, this has very little barrel influence, but the length of flavour is good, hinting at the quality of fruit that has been used. There is a vein of steely minerality, elevating it and adding interest. Delicate and light on its feet.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2020 – 92 points

Fruit is a mixture of clones from the Thompson Estate vineyard, fermented in primarily stainless steel with a component in older oak for 2–4 months. Pure and pretty, this has very little barrel influence, but the length of flavour is good, hinting at the quality of fruit that has been used. There is a vein of steely minerality, elevating it and adding interest. Delicate and light on its feet.

### 17.5 Four Chambers Chardonnay 2021

- (a) The West Australian Summer Drinking Guide. Top 100 Whites, Sparklings and Rose's - Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2021 – 91 points

A lightly fragrant, fresh young chardonnay designed for drinking in the short term. Citrus notes on the nose with a slightly nutty creamy palate that is boosted with a nice fine acidity.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Chardonnay 2021 – 90 points

2021 was a cool vintage in Margaret River, and that is evident in the fruit here which is littered with white peach over yellow, green apples, little hints of sugar snap peas and even mango. Uncomplicated, pure and very fine.

## **18 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc**

### **18.1 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2019**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2021

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2019 – 93 points

The wine is in fact 87% sauvignon blanc/13% semillon. It would seem the semillon is contract-grown, but it's not important one way or the other. It's a pretty wine with immediate appeal, partly from the 3-month maturation of a small portion adding texture and structure.

### **18.2 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2020**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2022

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2020 – 90 points

Zesty and bright with a slight funk on the nose. Refreshing, juicy acid on the palate pulls the fruit together. Quite lovely.

### **18.3 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2021**

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2023

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2021 – 90 points

This is lovely. Classic gooseberry, green apple and brine dance across the palate. The wine is uncomplicated and bright. A classy affair.

### **18.4 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2022**

- (a) Western Australia Boutique and Single Vineyard Wine Show 2022

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc 2022 - Bronze

## **19 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon**

### **19.1 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013**

- (a) Perth Royal Wine Show 2014

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013 – Bronze (15.7)

### **19.2 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon SBS 2014**

- (a) Langton's Margaret River Wine Show 2015

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014 – Gold Medal

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2016

Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013- Rating 94

A 63/37% blend given a few hours skin contact, then cold-fermented in tank, a small amount barrel-fermented. A very good example of a Margaret River specialty, with both depth and length to its array of juicy gooseberry, stone fruit and lemon flavours. Hard to expect more at this price. Screwcap. 12% alc. Rating 94 to 2017. \$22

- (c) Winestate Magazine. Best of the West Tasting Results for May/June 2015 issue

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014 – 3 stars

- (d) Winewise Championship 2016

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014

Ready to drink, with intense lemon and tropical fruit flavours.

### 19.3 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon SBS 2016

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2018

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2016 – 90 points

Snow pea and generally herbal aromas are the initial impression on the bouquet, but nectarine and Meyer lemon come through with a good swirl to add some interest. Sweet fruited on the palate, a little simple perhaps, but the bright, juicy flavours have a lightness of touch and easy appeal. The finish is good; lively and refreshing with just-right tangy acidity. - James Halliday

### 19.4 Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon SBS 2018

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2020

Thompson Estate Four Chambers Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2018 – 93 points

Despite all of the attention plied to chardonnay and cab, there is a great deal of classy blends across these two stalwarts. Inspired, surely, by the best wines of Graves. Some oak creaminess and cedar edges mitigate excess, corralling the nettle, sugar snap pea, melon and guava notes into a choir rather a multitude of jarring solos.

## 20 Locum Cabernet Merlot

### 20.1 Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2005

- (a) Lavan Legal 2009 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2005 – Silver

Class: 2006 & 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Predominant Blends – Score 53

- (b) Winestate's Best Wines of 2010, Western Australia

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2005 ★★★★★

Lovely soft, flavoursome wine that's ageing beautifully and yet still displays fruit, silky tannins and long, lingering finish. Plenty of life left in it yet. \$22.

**20.2 Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2009**

- (a) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2011

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2009 – Bronze

Tasting Category: Blended Red – Cabernet Sauvignon Dominated – Margaret River – 2009 – 2008

- (b) RobertParker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – August 2011

Composed of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc, the 2009 Locum Cabernet Merlot has a deep garnet-purple colour and notes of ripe black currant, crushed blackberries, pencil lead, mace and a touch of bay leaf. The medium bodied palate is well balanced with medium-high acid, a medium level of finely grained tannins and just enough fruit, finishing long and plummy. Drinking nicely now, it should keep to 2016.

**20.3 Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2010**

- (a) Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2010 – Silver

Class 53: Dry Red Blends, Cabernet Sauvignon Dominant. 17 points

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

Locum Cabernet Merlot 2010 – Rating 94

Bright crimson-purple; the wine surges with juice redcurrant, blackcurrant and plum fruit flavours, adding balanced tannins and an airbrush of oak. Delicious Margaret River example of the blend to be enjoyed whenever the mood takes you. To 2010. \$25.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2013 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2010 – 90/100

Beautifully perfumed cab merlot with hints of minty blackcurrant and light fruit cake. The palate is juicy and lavish with a plush mouth feel. Soft tannin influence and fine grained oak in support. Nicely balanced and poised on the finish. Excellent in the shorter term. Cellar 5 years \$22

**20.4 Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2011**

- (a) Wine Showcase Magazine – August 2013

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2011 – 93 points

Elegant earthy chocolaty nose followed by a delicious long, rich complex cabernet palate.

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2014

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2011 – Rating 92

To 2020. \$25.

- (c) The West Australian Wine Guide 2013 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Locum cabernet merlot 2011 - Score 90/100

An elegant medium-bodied cabernet merlot blend offering a delicious current drinking wine. Plummy blackberry with a leafy cedar character on the nose. The palate while juicy and

supple has excellent definition and focus thanks to those fine tannins and fine grained oak. Nice sappy finish completes an excellent value wine. (\$25). SCORE 90/100 CELLAR 6 years

## 20.5 Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2012

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2012. Rating 94 to 2027. \$25.

Good colour; abounds with cassis, redcurrant and bay leaf coursing across the palate in an unbroken and delicious stream. Screwcap 14% alc.

- (b) The West Australian Wine Guide 2015 by Ray Jordan

Thompson Estate Locum Cabernet Merlot 2012 – Score 91/100 Cellar 5 years (\$25)

An elegantly-framed cabernet merlot blend which works the fleshy fruitcake mix of merlot into the firmer cabernet with a clever use of oak. It is balanced and seamless with fine oak and grainy tannins adding understated support to the fruit. Ideal for drinking in the next few years.

## 21 Locum Chardonnay

### 21.1 Locum Chardonnay 2010

- (a) Decanter World Wine Awards 2011

Locum Chardonnay 2010 – Silver

- (b) RobertParker.com – Lisa Perrotti-Brown – August 2011

Locum Chardonnay 2010 - - 87 points

The 2010 Locum Chardonnay has a moderate intensity of fresh peach, golden delicious apple and poached pear aromas with a touch of melon. Medium bodied, clean and purely fruited, it has a good backbone of crisp acid, a suggestion of silkiness to the texture and a medium-long finish. Drink it now to 2014.

### 21.2 Locum Chardonnay 2011

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

Locum Chardonnay 2011 – Rating 93

Pale, bright quartz-green; the bouquet is complex, with some funky notes, and the palate has both precision and length to its perfectly pitched varietal fruit. To 2019. \$25. The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

- (b) Locum Chardonnay 2011 – Bronze

Class 02 – Chardonnay

- (c) The Royal Agricultural Society of WA – Perth Royal Wine Show 2012

Locum Chardonnay 2011 – Bronze

Class 02, 15.83 points

### 21.3 Locum Chardonnay 2012

- (a) Margaret River Wine Show 2013



Thompson Estate Locum Chardonnay 2012 – Bronze (48 points)

## 21.4 Locum Chardonnay 2013

- (a) Margaret River Wine Show 2013

Thompson Estate Locum Chardonnay 2013 – Bronze (46.5 points)

- (b) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Thompson Estate Locum Chardonnay 2013 – Rating 94 to 2019. \$25

If there was a one-word tasting note for this wine, it would be elegance Expanding that, effortless elegance, then put in balance, then juicy fruit and finally length. All of this equals a totally delicious mouthful. Screwcap 13.5% alc.

## 22 Locum Rose

### 22.1 Locum Rose 2009

- (a) Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide

Locum Rose' 2009 – Score 89/100

A drier alternative to a lot of roses and one with plenty of texture and flavour. Light colour with a beautifully fragrant aroma. Palate is finely balanced with some understated sweet fruit balanced with a crisp fine acid. Good food wine. Drink now. \$20.

## 23 Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon / Locum Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

### 23.1 Locum Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

- (a) Lavan Legal 2010 Margaret River Wine Show

Locum Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – Gold

Class: 2009 & 2008 Blends of Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon

- (b) Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide

Locum Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008 – Score 90/100

The more dominant Semillon in this blend is evident from the first sniff. A lot more complex and layered with a rich textural feel in the mouth. Palate is sustained and long. Terrific value for a wine of this quality. Cellar 4 years.

### 23.2 Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2009

- (a) James Halliday 2011 Wine Companion

Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2009 – 93 points

Light straw-green; with a bit of teasing, some zesty lemon and passionfruit aromas emerge, and build further on the well-balanced and long palate. Drink 2012.

### 23.3 Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011

- (a) James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011 – Rating 93

Pale quartz-green; an intense bouquet, and even more intense palate with citrusy acidity driving through the length of the palate, the flavours ranging from green capsicum and snow pea through to grapefruit pith and lingering citrus flavours. Outstanding value. To 2014. \$20.

- (b) Dan Murphy's 2012 Margaret River Wine Show

Thompson Estate Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011 - Silver

Class 13: 2010/2011 Blends of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon

- (c) International Wine & Spirit Competition Awards 2012

Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2011 - Bronze

Tasting Category: Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon – Western Australia & Regions – 2012-2011.  
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#### **23.4 Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2012**

- (a) Qantas Wine Show of Western Australia Mt Barker 2013

Thompson Estate Locum Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2012 – Bronze (48.5 points)

## **24 Locum Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay**

### **24.1 Locum Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2006**

- (a) Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide

Locum Sparkling Pinot Noir Chardonnay 2006 – 91/100

Introduced as a second sparkling wine to the main label version. This is very good. Rich and creamy with a complex palate and deep texture. Has a minerally citrus finish which is very long in the mouth. Really promising. Cellar 3 years. \$28.