



XANADU

MARGARETRIVER

RESERVE CHARDONNAY 2009

Variety	Chardonnay 100%
Region	Margaret River
Technical Details	Alc:14% Residual Sugar: 3.3 g/L Titratable Acidity: 7.9 g/L pH: 3.08 Free SO2: 38ppm Total SO2: 140ppm VA: 0.38 g/L

Tasting Notes

Colour	Pale straw
Bouquet	Displays fresh pear, citrus and white fleshed stone fruits with underlying hints of beeswax, nougat and toasty oak
Palate	Full bodied offering pear, white fleshed nectarines and zesty lemony/grapefruit flavours. Crystalline in its purity of fruit, the wine also offers layers of complexity with a creamy texture derived from lees stirring and mealy, lanolin-like characters in the background. The taught mineral structure, intense fruit and bright acidity combine to focus the wine perfectly with a lovely lingering fruit finish
Cellaring Potential	A refined yet powerful Chardonnay, displaying classic Margaret River hallmarks – the 2009 Reserve is a wine which while drinking well in its youth will certainly reward with careful cellaring
Vintage Conditions	100% of the fruit for this Reserve Chardonnay is from our oldest Chardonnay vineyard, the Lagan Estate. The vineyard produces bunches with characteristic ‘hen and chicken’ architecture typical of the Gin Gin clone. The small berries and tiny bunches from these mature, low yielding vines no doubt contributes to the intensity of the wine. We encourage natural fermentation on fruit from this vineyard to further emphasize the personality of this wonderful site, which is directly adjacent to the winery
Winemaking	All of the fruit was hand picked and whole bunch pressed followed by 100% barrel fermentation in select French oak (approx. 40% new oak). Fermentation was allowed to occur naturally, with the ‘wild yeasts’ responsible for the fermentation introducing more complexity and personality into the wine. Barrels were lees stirred throughout a nine-month oak maturation period, without any malolactic fermentation. Only the best barrels were selected for the final blend which was put together in November 2009.

