

# 2014 CHARDONNAY

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The Wine Front  
Campbell Mattinson

**93 points**

Margaret River chardonnay that would impress and please all-comers. It is what it is. It steps out into the day and takes on the world with breezy indifference. Sunny but elegant, oaked but harmoniously so, fleshy with fruit but boasting more than an ounce of finesse. No queries or qualms, just pure quality.

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The West Australian Wine Guide 2016  
Ray Jordan

**95 points**

This is one of those wines that just seems so right from whichever way you tackle it. The bouquet is interesting, appealing and immediately complex with its subtle white peach and grapefruit nuances plus a little roasted cashew. The palate has such a vibrancy with its lively acid and crisp fruit characters. The delicate minerally acid focused the finish which is long.

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Halliday Magazine  
James Halliday

**95 points**

Hand-picked, chilled and whole bunch-pressed; cloud juice to 50% new French barriques for 9 months maturation. This is more about complexity than single-minded energy, and suggests some accidental mlf may form a part of the blend assembled at the end of maturation. It is rich with cashew, fig and white peach fruit seamlessly flowing through the palate. (Drink to 2025).

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Jancis Robinson MW  
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**16.5**

Some broad, winning ripe-fruit character on the nose and then this is marshalled into a tight-knit bundle on the palate. Excellent acidity that is well integrated. I suspect this will be even better in a years time but it is already broachable. 13% Drink 2016-2021

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JamesSuckling.com  
Nick Stock

**94 points**

Here is a dense and harmonious chardonnay with so much clarity and complexity. It's full body with fantastic depth and layers of fruit and character. Lasts for minutes on the finish. Drink now or hold. Screw cap.

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Matthew Jukes - Top 100 Best Australian Wines

Matthew Jukes

**most reliably excellent**

It is becoming a groundhog day scenario each year when I taste the Vasse Felix Chardonnays. Each of the three cuvees has raised its game in 2014 and the wines form a perfect ladder of excitement and complexity which wine lovers seem more than happy to climb. At every step from 2014 Filius Chardonnay to my featured 'Estate' wine and then on to the magnificent elegance of 2014 Heytesbury Chardonnay, your palate is rewarded with increasing gravitas and splendour. This is fast-becoming one of the most reliably excellent names in the world for the celestial Chardonnay variety.

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**96 points**

This is really fantastic with a deep and dense palate of dried lemon, apple and white peach. Fruity yet so structured. Great finish. Need time still to show it all but what a white. Screw cap.

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Vinous - Josh Raynolds

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**91 points**

Limpid yellow. Intensely perfumed, mineral-accented aromas of Meyer lemon, pear skin, fig and toasted brioche, lifted by a spicy gingery element. Sappy, penetrating citrus and orchard fruit flavors pick up iodine and fennel notes with air. Chewy, gripping and minerally on the lingering, sharply focused finish, which leaves a sappy pear nectar note behind.

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