

# 2014 FILIUS CHARDONNAY

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Gourmet Traveller Wine  
Peter Forrestal

The region produces world-class cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay and is generally considered to be at the pinnacle of Australia's production of these varieties.

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The Weekend Australian  
James Halliday

An awesome entry point Margaret River chardonnay from one of the region's great producers...

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Adelaide Advertiser  
Tony Love

Carrying a new name, this replaces the regular Margaret River chardonnay in VF's range that's been made since 1990, a first step in a range of three up to the elite Heytesbury. This has plenty of the same DNA with its ripeness kept in check. Tempting.

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Indaily/ Drinkster Blog  
Philip White

Vasse Felix now shifting gears and focussing on cabernet and chardonnay Icon, Premier and Filius wines are the new strata. Filius, son of Premier. Release the hounds.

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Hooked on Wine Blog  
Huon Hooke

The Filius was, for me, on par with the regular chardonnay in quality, it is that good albeit in a contrasting style.

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The Wine Front  
Campbell Mattinson

**92+ points**

Second release of the son of Vasse Felix Chardonnay. It is third in line in the Vasse Felix chardonnay hierarchy but the quality is still excellent. Malo isn't encouraged here but in 2014 the odd barrel went through of its own volition. Stated alcohol here is slightly lower than it was stated for the 2013 release. It is a cutting style but it is not without flesh. There is a bit of challenge to it though, a bit of dare; it is certainly not a wine to be walked over. Lemon tang, a rage of grapefruit,

toasty oak, spice and slatey/chalky characters. Soft/loud. It really needs another 6-12 months in bottle to get over itself a bit, and then it should drink very well.

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The West Australian Wine Guide 2016

Ray Jordan

**93 points**

You will fall in love with the easy drinkability of this wine from the first sniff. It is a fruit-driven style but one with complex mealy savoury notes in there. The palate is light but intense with excellent pure fruit definition. Lovely complete palate and mouthfeel with a lingering finish.

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**16**

Light nose with some raciness lurking underneath. Slightly salty. Good drive, and good fruit concentration considering the low alcohol. 12.5% Drink 2016-2019

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Nick Stock

**93 points**

A chardonnay with focus and precision. Full body, layers of fruit that are compressed with bright acidity. Persistent and beautiful finish. Screw cap.

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Vinous

Josh Reynolds

**91**

(aged for nine months in French oak barriques, 21% new): Light, green-tinged yellow. Aromas of fresh melon, pear and Meyer lemon, with subtle hints of toasty lees and fennel emerging with air. Juicy and seamless on the palate, with pliant orchard and pit fruit flavors tightened and lifted by zesty acidity. Finishes sappy and quite long, with an echo of citrus fruits adding bite and focus.

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Alberta Beverage Awards

**Best in Class**

This competition was launched in 2013 to help identify the very best wines, beers and spirits available in the dynamic Alberta beverage marketplace. Best in Class refers to "the highest-performing product in its category."

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