## 2015 CHARDONNAY



The Weekend Australian - James Halliday James Haliday 96 points

From the premier Wilyabrup vineyards; barrel fermented, matured in French oak (42% new) for 9 months. The bouquet is still developing but the palate guarantees a medium to long-term future. Exceptional length and intensity; pear, white peach and grapefruit make light work of the oak. Restrained like a lion on a leash.

The West Australian Wine Guide - Ray Jordan Ray Jordan 96 points

Thoroughly beautiful expression of Margaret River that shows the continuing evolution for this variety at Vasse Felix. It's restrained and almost delicate, yet there is still all that underlying Margaret River intensity that drives through to the finish. Great texture and mouthfeel with a lively mix of nectarine and subtler stone fruit all perfectly harnessed with an exquisite touch of oak.

Tony Love - The Source SA Tony Love 4.5 Stars

One of the West's top set of chardonnays, this is the core, middle range flanked by the Filius and the famed Heytesbury. There's a good deal more intensity and drive in the palate here than the Filius, and the purity of the fruit spectrum is mesmerising, aided by a suggestion of lime juice that adds energy to the palate while revealing subtle background oak. A mighty fine chardonnay fan's chardonnay.

## Rob Geddes MW Rob Geddes 93 points

Complex positive intensity of fruit and creamy barrel ferment oak notes. The palate is creamy elegant yet generous and silky and very controlled in its complexity with the delicate satin texture yeast lees driving the wine skimming over waves of oak and white nectarine fruits in your mouth to complete finish.

The Wine Front Gary Walsh 93 points

Fair to say that 'felix' is a good word to describe how we find ourselves in Australia when it comes to Chardonnay. Struck match, almond, bran, nectarine and citrus. Glossy and viscous, but green apple acidity keeps it trim. It has flavour -- almost tropical -- but doesn't step over the line. It's very Chardonnay and kind of refined too. Easy to like and enjoy.

A vivid and bright chardonnay with cooked apple, lemon and mineral character. Hints of vanilla and cream. Full body, clean and lively. Screw cap.

Wine Spectator Insider Wine Spectator Insider 92 Points

Intriguing, offering a fragrant mix of toast, saline and lemon curd flavors that are juicy and focused, with good intensity. Bracing acidity opens up the flavors on the finish, showing transparency and energy. Drink now through 2027. - MW

