

2015 HEYTESBURY CHARDONNAY



The West Australian Wine Guide - Ray Jordan
Ray Jordan

White Wine of the Year - 98 points

With this exceptional chardonnay Virginia Willcock and the team have taken things to an altogether new plane of excellence. The degree of palate complexity and intensity combined with how it delivers through to a long finish is brilliant. A modern chardonnay with underlying Margaret River power.

Halliday Wine Companion
James Halliday

Top 100 Wine 2016 - 97 points

One of the icons of Margaret River, a chardonnay that has had spectacular success in shows over the past 5+ years, this vintage typical. The mouthfeel and balance are flawless, supple yet focused, all the ingredients - fruit, oak, acidity - in perfect harmony and balance. Screwcap. 13% alc. Rating 97. Drink to 2028.

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98 points

The chardonnays at Vasse Felix have been on the up for a number of years but it is hard to remember a better one. Such intensity, such power and yet such elegance and poise. The fruit is expressed with exquisite precision on the palate, with the pristine nectarine and crunchy, lemony pear and subtle grapefruit a compelling combination. A smidgeon of toasty oak completes a stunning wine. Best drinking Now - 2023

The Australian Financial Review
Tim White

97 points

Beguiling flinty matchstrike stuff among really edgy and pure compressed white stone fruit and kernel characters. There's space between the notes in this. Has juice, tang, peel and creaminess on the tongue - a real sparkle - complemented with meally-pistachio nutiness. Sapid finishing and moreish.

The Wine Front
Gary Walsh

95 points

Huge amount of struck match, lime, nougat, oatmeal and cedar. Fresh, light, glossy feel, but thoroughly flinty and tight, with smoke wafting over pebbles, maybe some white peach and pear, but mainly citrus into the lime spectrum. Finish is very long and precise. Waiting waiting. It's quite light but will gain flesh with a few years cellaring.

Margaret River Wine Show 2016

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Gold

The Vasse Felix 2015 Heytesbury Chardonnay was awarded Gold - 95 points within the 2015 Chardonnay category.

Rob Geddes MW

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96 points

The fine aromas combine barrel ferment lees and oak to create subtle notes of grape fruit, lemon and vanilla pod oak. The palate is fine, firm balanced and yet layered which is a remarkable balancing act and long with citrus flavours and tannin edge that support long fruit flavours that finish with citrus. If you want mouth filling Margaret River this is not your wine but if sophistication restraint and delicacy of great wine appeals, this is your baby.

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97 points

An extraordinary chardonnay that turns up the complexity and excitement factor to the limit. Smells of flinty lemons and grapefruit, hints of peaches and smart oak influence that adds spicy/nutty elements and an oyster-shell-like edge. The palate shape and texture are flawless; it completely fills the mouth with pithy lemon, grapefruit and nectarine flavors. The acidity is pitch-perfect, and the length is superb. Drink now to 2020+.

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Heytesbury Chardonnay

Virginia Willcock selects this wine from the top-performing blocks of the Holmes a Court family vineyards, three sites in Wilyabrup on gravelly loam over clay. She ferments it in barriques without added yeast, and does not encourage malolactic, sustaining enough brisk freshness to handle the richness she's attained through nine months of lees stirring.

Gourmet Traveller Wine

Huon Hooke

97 points

Top 100 New Releases. It's hard to recall a better Vasse chardonnay. Magnificent depth, length and concentration. Pale colour. Aromas of grapefruit and stony mineral notes, chalky and gently funky with a note of struck-flint. Powerful flavour, refreshing and medium bodied.

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95 points

A dense and layered white with a phenolic texture and intensity. Full body, intense flavors. Lots of fruit and intensity. A structured and muscular white. Needs a year or two to come together. Screw cap.

Decanter
Sarah Ahmed
95 points

All three Chardonnays from Vasse Felix are highly commendable, but this strikingly funky, palate-cleaving flagship excites with its texture and savoury back-palate resonance. Smoky flint and oak notes are joined by lamb fat and lanolin layers which build around a backbone of firm, lip-smacking pink grapefruit. Drinking Window 2017 - 2021 (2014 vintage)

Vinous - Josh Raynolds
Josh Raynolds
93

Green-tinged yellow. Honeydew melon, nectarine and pear on the highly perfumed, mineral-accented nose. Shows excellent clarity and picks up floral and citrus zest nuances as the wine opens up. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering an array of concentrated yet nervy orchard and pit fruit flavors and suggestions of gingery spices and toasted grain. Shows superb energy and cut on the mineral-driven finish, which features a sexy floral quality and an exotic touch of iodine.

Decanter Magazine
Peter Forrestal
Number 1 - Top 50 buys from Margaret River

Virginia Willcock has crafted a wine that is complex, edgy and lean, and dances on a razor's edge. Enticing oyster-shell notes on an ultra-fine and tight palate, finishing with schisty minerality that is taut and dry. 97 points
