

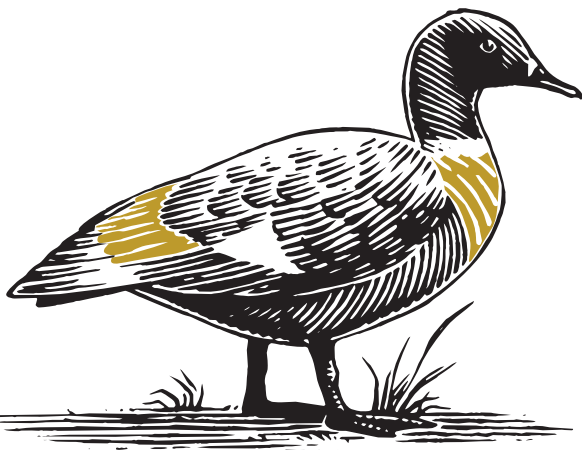
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WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS

Winter Edition 2020



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Single Vineyard Wines represent the ultimate expression of varietal fruit flavour and winemaking excellence from Capel Vale. They are only released in years when the highest quality standards are achieved.



'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Shiraz 2018



Rating: Gold Medal
Gourmet Traveller International Wine Competition 2019



Best in Show and 97 Points
Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019



Rating: Gold Medal
International Wine Challenge London Tranche 1 2020



Top 100 Blue Gold
Sydney International Wine Competition 2019

An outstanding wine from this super vineyard in Mount Barker. In fact, I have to say this is the finest I have seen under this label. Heady floral notes on the nose, with spices, mocha and chocolaty notes. There's even a hint of orange peel and thyme. The palate is generous with gravelly supporting tannins. It's a complete wine with tremendous potential.

Rating: 97 points & "Best of the West Shiraz"
Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2020

Silver Medal
Wine Show of WA Show 2019

Bronze Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2019

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze Medal
Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019

There's an edge of very ripe, dark-plum paste and prunes to the nose here with plenty of spice in behind. The palate has dense, ripe dark berries and plums, in a thickish tannin frame. Drink now Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points
James Suckling WA Wine Tasting 2020

The Mount Barker tradition with Shiraz may not be as well known as others in Australia, but this complex, enticingly scented midweight red stakes a convincing claim to the fine-wine high ground. It's dark but not saturatedly deep in colour; precise and enchanting floral scents and sweet spices rather than sumo-like fruit dominate the aromatic profile. The palate brings those floral and spice notes together once again, and it's just a spoonful or two of tar and earth rather than tannin which bring complexity to the pomegranate and damson fruits. Soft, naturally articulated acidity completes the happy picture.

Rating: 97 Points
Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019

Vivacious and youthful colour, bright purple from centre to rim. Savoury and spicy aromatics of rhubarb, pepper, dried herbs and toasty oak. There's freshness and vitality when sipped - purple berries afford it sweetness and charm. Only just a little more than medium-weight. Cool climate, Rhône pepper, and sapidity. Terrific winemaking.

Rating: 94 Points
The Real Review - Huon Hooke Nick Butler 2019

'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Shiraz 2017



Sweetly fruited and seductively complex, the wine shows dark fruit richness on the nose with nuances of thyme, cocoa, clove and spicy oak. The palate delivers excellent weight and expansive mouthfeel, wonderfully complemented by plush texture and fine-grained tannins. It's opulent and mouthfilling with a persistent velvety finish. At its best: now to 2032

Rating: 95 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



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'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Silver Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2018

Bronze Medal
International Wine Challenge London 2020

Commended
Decanter World Wine Awards London 2019

It doesn't hold back with its cassis, currants, herbs and black olive flavours making a firm statement as to its provenance. There's sweet, cedary oak lingering in the background on this firm yet more medium-bodied red with grip to the emery-board tannins that need more time to mellow out.

Rating: 95 points
James Halliday 2020

Rating: Bronze Medal
International Wine Challenge London Tranche 1 2020

Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter Wine Show 2019



'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Very ripe red-plum paste, redcurrants and dried flowers with dried-leaf notes, too. The palate is mapped out on layers of fine tannin and has an elegant shape with some quite ripe fruit. Sturdy finish. Drink in the next six years. Screw cap.

Rating: 91 points
James Suckling WA Wine Tasting 2020

Bronze Medal
International Wine Challenge London 2019



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'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2018



Silver Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Lemon rind, freshly squeezed nectarines, white pepper and herbs. Medium-bodied and lightly textured with some nice acidity and a zesty finish. Drink now.

Rating: 92 points

Consistently a very good Riesling, but when you get a good year like this it goes into another zone. Has a distinct floral and citrus aroma with a mineral energy. The palate is crunchy and lip-smacking with so much flavour intensity held on a tight fine line to a long finish. Great cellaring potential.

Rating: 94/100
Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2019

Silver Medal
91/100
Decanter World Wine Awards London 2019

Silver Medal
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2018

Tangy Meyer lemon, green apple, honeysuckle and cantaloupe melon all sing from the same page, still as fresh as a daisy.

Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter Wine Awards 2019

Pristine. Pure. And oh-so elegant. Nothing out of place with its white blossom and flutter of citrus on the palate. It's moreish as it glides to a convincing finish, and dry but finely so. JF 12.5% alc.

Rating: 96 points
James Halliday 2020 Australian Wine Companion



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'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2019



Silver Medal

Gourmet Traveller International Wine Competition 2019

Rating: Commended

International Wine Challenge London Tranche 1 2020



Silver Medal

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019

This offers some exotic, spicy aromas, as well as dried stone fruit, candied lime and hints of fresh herbs. The palate has quite elegant and supple texture with fresh, spicy lime and apple flavors. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 92 points

James Suckling WA Wine Tasting 2020

Bronze Medal

Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019

Bronze Medal

Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2019

Bronze Medal

International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2019

Bronze Medal

Wine Show of WA 2019

Bronze Medal

Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2019

Bronze Medal

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2019

Light straw hue, with dried floral and passionfruit aromas, tropical and fragrant, if not that strong on classic riesling character. Flowery lavender notes later, the palate lean and delicate and built to age, while the acidity is admirably seamless.

Rating: 90 points

Huon Hooke The Real Review 2019

This is a terrific vineyard that punches out some mighty impressive Rieslings. This is a crunchy and juicy thirst slaker with so much spicy lime juiciness. Has some nice floral notes, and the fine, delicate acid sustains the palate through to a very long finish. Has some cellaring potential too.

Rating: 94 points

Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2020



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Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2018



TROPHY
BEST FULL BODIED WHITE WINE
2020 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL
WINE COMPETITION

Some gently reductive nuances on the nose that lead to a palate with a very composed, mango and nectarine core. Great depth and freshness. Purity of fruit is a highlight, too. Drink or hold.

Rating: 93 points
James Suckling May 2019



TROPHY
BEST CHARDONNAY WINE OF SHOW
2019 ROYAL QUEENSLAND WINE SHOW

Commended
International Wine Challenge London 2019



TROPHY
BEST WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW
2019 ROYAL QUEENSLAND WINE SHOW

Fruit off two sites in Wallcliffe and Karridale, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild fermentation but no malo, in French oak, 50% new, and on lees 7 months. The sweet oak is apparent and needs to calm down to allow the fruit to come to the fore. Hint of peach, pink grapefruit, lots of spicy nuances and flavoursome, with a palate that's not mean but certainly lean from the shot of acidity. Appealing though.

Rating: 93 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion



GOLD MEDAL
2019 ROYAL ADELAIDE
WINE SHOW



GOLD MEDAL
2019 ROYAL HOBART
WINE SHOW

Silver Medal
Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019



GOLD MEDAL
2019 JAMES HALLIDAY
CHARDONNAY CHALLENGE

Bronze Medal
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2019



GOLD MEDAL
2019 PERTH ROYAL
WINE SHOW

Silver Medal
National Wine
Show of Australia 2019



GOLD MEDAL
2019 WINE SHOW OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Sourced from Margaret River. The aromas are all butterscotch and lemon with a peach stone fruit influence. The palate delivers deep rich flavours held with fine-grained oak. Retains a Lively acid and minerality which helps focus and sustain a long palate

Rating: 92 points
Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020



GOLD MEDAL
2019 MARGARET RIVER
WINE SHOW



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Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2017



An exquisitely styled chardonnay; the wine shows white flesh nectarine, lemon peel, vanilla, cedar and subtle oatmeal characters on the nose, leading to a beautifully rounded palate that is silky and flowing. It is refined and complex, promising to evolve gracefully. At its best: 2019 to 2023.

Rating: 94 points
Sam Kim October 2018

Rating: 92 points
James Halliday 2019
Australian Wine Companion

Bronze Medal
National Wine Show of Australia 2018



Top 100 / Blue Gold
Sydney International Wine Challenge 2019



Silver Medal
Wine Show of Western Australia 2018

Bronze Medal
Royal Melbourne Wine Awards 2018



Light, bright yellow colour, appropriately restrained, while the bouquet is complex and has the full complement of chardonnay aromas, including butter and honey. Lovely wine, the palate fruit-driven and fresh, with good acidity and energy, the flavours spanning the gamut of citrus. Mouth-watering finish and aftertaste, which falls away a fraction. Very attractive, and good value.

Rating: 91 points
Huon Hooke 2018

Silver Medal
Margaret River Wine Show 2018

Black Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018



Bronze Medal
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2019

Sourced from Margaret River in this outstanding cabernet year. Bursting with blackcurrant and juicy satsuma plum. The Scholar Vineyard in Wilyabrup produces great fruit and this has been expertly harnessed into a classy wine. Balanced, combining power and elegance. It also has good cellaring potential.

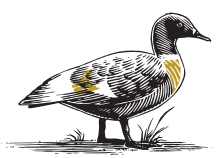
Rating: 95 points
Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020

Offering gorgeous richness within a sturdy frame of classic cabernet structure, the wine shows cassis, dark plum, tobacco and cedar characters on the nose with a lovely violet overtone. It's concentrated and dense on the palate, yet refined and gliding beautifully through to an impressively long, attractively dry finish. At its best: now to 2035.

Rating: 95 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



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CAPEL VALE - Cellar Exclusive -

Capel Vale's Cellar Exclusive wines are limited releases of exceptional varietal wines developed at the "cutting edge" of viticulture in the cool climate vineyards of Western Australia married with modern wine making techniques used to exemplify the unique flavours and aromas from these grapes.



Cellar Exclusive Mount Barker Riesling 2018



Gold Medal
93/100
*Wine Showcase
New Release
Tasting 2018*

Gold Medal
*Wine Show
of Western
Australia 2018*

Rating: 92/100
*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018*

It's in an austere, tight and lean phase with a ramrod of acidity. It's not giving much away, some lemon notes, wet pebbles before it races off to a very dry, mineral finish.

Rating: 93 points
*James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion*



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc 2020

It's fabulously fruited and lifted on the nose showing green apple, apricot, lime zest and floral notes, leading to a lively palate that's pristine and lingering. The wine displays excellent purity and intensity, making it instantly appealing. At its best: now to 2024

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Bright and fragrant, the wine shows jalapeno, kaffir lime, nectarine and green tea aromas on the nose, followed by a juicy palate that's intensely flavoured and lingering. It's punchy and tasty with a lengthy mouth-watering finish. At its best: now to 2026

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

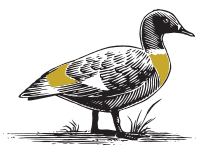


Gold Medal
94/100
*Wine Showcase New Release
Tasting 2018*

Rating: 93/100
*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018*



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CAPEL VALE
Regional Series

Regional wines are elegant and graceful wines. They are high quality wines that reflect varietal and regional characteristics. Perfectly approachable upon release, they will however, reveal their strength and pedigree with further appropriate cellaring.



Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2018



Gold Medal:
94/100
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2018



Silver Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Bronze Medal
Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2018

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018

Spot on rizza with its waft of florals, cinnamon and wet-concrete fragrance. And the lime-lemon and stone fruit juiciness and fresh acidity across the palate is almost thirst-quenching.

Rating: 93 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion

Bronze Medal
National Wine Show of Australia 2018



Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2019



Double Gold Medal
96/100
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2019

Bronze Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2019



Silver Medal
Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2019

Rating: Commended
International Wine Challenge London Tranche 1 2020

A delicate and restrained Riesling displaying most attractive subtle characters. Floral and spicy intra on the nose with a lemon crunchy apple character on the palate. Fine acid sustains the finish. Nice wine in the medium term, and especially as a young drink.

Rating: 91 points
Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020



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Margaret River Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc 2018

Fresh, vibrant and fabulously expressed, the bouquet shows grapefruit, Gala apple, sweet basil and lime zest characters. The palate is juicy and lively, displaying lovely fruit purity and intensity, brilliantly structured by mouth-watering acidity. Delightfully attractive and tasty. At its best: now to 2021.

Rating: 92 points
Sam Kim October 2018

Bronze Medal
*Royal Melbourne
Wine Awards 2018*

Bronze Medal
*Perth Royal
Wine Show 2018*

Excellent intensity and freshness. Sourced from a vineyard to the south of the Margaret River region. The barrel ferment influence is clear but the pungent enthusiasm of the fruit has it holding the floor. Can't go wrong here.

Rating: 93 points
*James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion*

Bronze Medal
*Wine Show
of Western Australia 2018*

Bronze Medal
*Sydney Royal
Wine Show 2019*



Margaret River Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc 2019



Silver Medal
*National Wine
Show of Australia 2019*

Bronze Medal
*Perth Royal
Wine Show 2019*



Silver Medal
*Wine Show of Western
Australia 2019*

Intense, green-tinged aromas of green beans and snow peas with dried flowers and light citrus fruit. The palate has a crisp core of apples and pears with a fresh serving of bracing acidity to light up the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points
*James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020*



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Margaret River Regional Series Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2018

This is instantly appealing on the nose showing ripe stone fruit, kaffir lime and fresh green herb characters with a touch of beeswax complexity. The palate delivers excellent fruit intensity and vibrant mouthfeel, brilliantly structured by crisp acidity, making it highly enjoyable. At its best: now to 2023.

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2019

This has gelled and morphed into an harmonious wine with the right amount of spice, zesty citrusy flavours, fresh herbs and hay. Its ultra-refreshing acidity keeping it buoyant and satisfying.

Rating: 93 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion



Margaret River Regional Series Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2019

Bronze Medal
Margaret River Wine Show 2019



Margaret River Regional Series Chardonnay 2018

A beautifully expressed chardonnay; the complex bouquet shows golden peach, rockmelon, grapefruit and roasted hazelnut characters with a touch of gun smoke. It is focused and concentrated on the palate, displaying excellent focus and mid-palate weight, wonderfully enhanced by succulent fruit flavours and bright acidity. At its best: now to 2023.

Rating: 94 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2019

A straight-up chardonnay with cooked-apple and lemon character, medium body and a crushed-stone and light peach finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 91 points
James Suckling May 2019

Rich yellow in hue from centre to rim. Aromatics are equally rich - powerful, peach-driven chardonnay fruit, honeysuckle, toasty oak also obvious. A lovely sweetness to this - purely from ripe fruit. Citrus acidity cleans the finish. A lovely expression that represents excellent value.

Rating: 90 points
Nick Butler The Real Review 2019



Gold Medal
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019



Winestate Chardonnay Wine Show Tasting 2019

An unpretentious fruit-driven wine with an appealing savoury overlay. Ready to pour and satisfy.

Rating: 91 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion

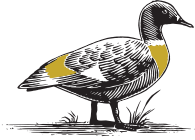
Bronze Medal
Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019



Gold Medal 95/100
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2019



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CAPEL VALE *Regional Series*

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Margaret River Regional Series Chardonnay 2019

Restrained and elegant, the wine shows white flesh nectarine, lemon, apple and nougat characters on the nose with a whiff of gun smoke. The palate offers lovely weight and delicate fruit intensity combined with bright acidity, finishing crisp and linear. At its best: now to 2024

Rating: 92 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020

Sweetly fragrant aromas of marzipan and savory oatmeal sit atop of dried-pear and chamomile notes. The palate has a fresh-pear and tinned-peach core with sweetly spiced pastry to close. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points
James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020



Margaret River Regional Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter
Wine Show 2019



Mount Barker Regional Series Shiraz 2018



Gold Medal
94/100
Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2019



Winestate World's Greatest Shiraz
Tasting 2019

Commended
International Wine Challenge
London 2019

Plenty of sweet-tobacco, dark-chocolate, cedar and berry character throughout. Hints of kimchi. Medium body, soft tannins and a fresh finish. Drink now.

Rating: 92 points
James Suckling May 2019



Silver Medal
90/100
Decanter World Wine Awards
London 2019

Smells of wine gums, anise and rosemary wood. Medium-weight with fresh blue fruit carrying the length. Ample integrated tannins provide framework, it opens up to show more white pepper spice and wet stone complexity

Rating: 89 points
Stuart Knox The Real Review



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Debut



Debut wines are fresh, fruity, exuberant wines which remain true at all times to their varietal origin.



Debut Sparkling Brut NV

It's delightfully expressed on the nose showing golden apple, oatmeal, citrus peel and dried flower characters, followed by a beautifully rounded palate that's creamy and flavoursome. It's well supported by juicy acidity, finishing long and refreshing.

Rating 90/100
Sam, Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



Debut Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2019

Palest straw colour, fresh and youthful. Green notes of asparagus and canned peas - herbaceous rather than fruited. A subtle dose of sugar on the palate affords it charm. A well-made, commercial style. Good value.

Rating 88/100
The Real Review
Nick Butler



Debut Shiraz 2017

Gold Medal
91/100
Wine Showcase
New Release Tasting 2018



Debut Cabernet Merlot 2017

One of the best wines under this range within Capel Vale. Ripe fleshy fruit with stacks of blackberry and mulberry flavours augmented with a little oak and supported by chalky tannins. Fits the 'drink now' category perfectly.

Rating 89/100
Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2019



Gold Medal
94/100
Wine Showcase
New Release Tasting 2018

Berry and mushroomy scents with touch of black cherries. Very pleasant flavours with distinctive taste, abundant yet not exaggerated. Excellent silky-smooth tannins.