

# CAPEL VALE WINES

## WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS

### *Spring Edition 2023*

2022 Debut Malbec

Perth Royal Wine Show



2021 Black Label  
Margaret River  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Rich aromas on the nose, notes of violets, seaweeds, very ripe dark fruits and hints of sea spray. Elegant on the palate, medium body.

**Rating: 95 points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards 2023*



### Wine show of WA

*2021 Whispering Hill Riesling*

- Best Riesling trophy
  - Best Great Southern White wine trophy
  - Gladstones trophy;
- best & most distinctive regional character*



2021 Capel Vale Black Label  
Margaret River  
Chardonnay



2020 Capel Vale Single Vineyard  
Scholar Cabernet Sauvignon

Briny aromas on the nose, with bright red fruits, and nuances of sea breeze. Silky and fine tannins, with a mineral finish.





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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 2020

Earthy, herbal and savoury aromas with hints of dry spice. The palate is broad and rich, again earthy, featuring flavours of wild raspberry, perfumed blueberries, violets, herbs and spices. The abundant oak is polished and ripe, the tannins firm, and there is good freshness and potential for aging.

### 96 points

*Decanter World Wine Awards 2022*



Gracefully opulent with dark fruit richness, violet, warm spice and cedar characters, it's concentrated and plush in the mouth delivering terrific power backed by seamlessly woven tannins. Mouthfilling and substantial with a wonderfully long harmonious finish.



### Rating: 96 points

*Wine Orbit 2022 - Sam Kim*

A savory nose of grilled meat, crushed plums, black cherries, cracked pepper and leather. Full-bodied with silky tannins. Linear and vibrant on the palate. Bright acidity helps bring definition to the spicy flavors. Generous finish.

### Rating: 93 points

*James Suckling  
October 2022*







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## CAPEL VALE SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES



Comes from a mighty good patch of dirt on Miamup Road in Margaret River. Engaging fragrances of floral red berry with a smattering of violet. This is delightfully lively with tremendous energy throughout. Medium bodied with firmish but fine chalky tannins. Extends to a very long finish.

**Rating: 95 points**

*Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021*  
*Australian Wine Companion*

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*

### 'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018



**Silver Medal**  
**92 Points**  
*International Wine*  
*Challenge Tranche 2*  
*2020*

Deep red colour with a good rim of purple and a sweet cassis, raspberry aroma, violets and blueberries, a lacing of crushed-leaf, very fruit-driven and bright, the palate very intense and tightly focused, firm and highly structured, with formidable tension and length. Very regional and brightly fruited: a wine that would richly reward cellaring. The finish has quite a grip at this juncture.

**Rating: 94 points**

*Huon Hooke - The Real Review*

### 'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2020



Medium-deep crimson. Lovely blackcurrant, roasted chestnut, tobacco leaf aromas. Inky deep blackcurrant, blackberry fruits, fine grainy leafy textures and integrated roasted chestnut/vanilla notes. Finishes claret firm with ample dark fruits. Lovely density, volume and vinosity. Should develop well.

**Rating: 95 points**

*Andrew Caillard Journal 2022*

Perfumed aromas of sweet berries, fresh herbs such as lemongrass and citrus peel follow through to a medium body, with firm and medium velvety tannins that have a lemon rind texture. Drink or hold.

**Rating: 92 points**

*James Suckling*  
*October 2022*

Vibrant, with bright red fruits, tamarillo, chocolate and mint, and oaky notes. A firm wine with ageability.

**Silver Medal**

**Rating: 90 points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards*  
*London 2022*

Ripe, opulent and aromatic, with cherry liqueur, cassis and nutmeg ably supported by fine-grained tannins and a wet earth finish.

**Silver Medal**

**Rating: 90 points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards*  
*London 2021*





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### 'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2021

Pale straw colour, bright and very youthful. Aromas of lemon rind, white flowers, nettles, talc and wet stone. Fine, delicate and focused, lemon, lime, minerally and racy, linear acidity. Very pure and precise

**Silver - 93 points**

*The Real Review - Aaron Brasher*

Very youthful with an enchanting nose of orange blossom. Succulent and elegant with a hint of unfermented grape sweetness that only adds to the excitement on the mid-weight palate.

Very racy, elegant and long finish

**94 points**

*James Suckling  
October 2022*



Subtle, Turkish delight and floral, talcum powder, subdued, softer palate, citrus notes, moorish

95 Points

*Wine Show of WA 2021*



Best  
Great Southern  
White wine



Best Riesling



Gladstones Trophy  
Best & most distinctive  
regional character

### 'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2022

Pale lemon-yellow hue. Lime curd, white florals and seaspray aromas lift from the glass. Tension and drive really stand out but there's ample plush citrus fruit weight that brings balance. A wine of precision that flows long and lingers with a crisp salty mineral note at the finish

**Silver - 93 points**

*The Real Review - Aaron Brasher*



**Silver Medal**

*WA Wine Show 2022*



**Silver Medal**

*Decanter World Wine Awards  
2022*



**Premium**

*Canberra International  
Wine Challenge 2022*



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The outstanding Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay our from the  
family owned Capel Vale Margaret River Scholar Vineyard .



## Black Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018



The best parcel of fruit ex the Scholar Vineyard,  
then a best barrel selection. An attractive,  
medium-bodied wine; juicy blackcurrant/cassis  
fruit, supple tannins, very good length and  
balance. From the great '18 vintage.

**Rating: 95 points**

*James Halliday*

*Wine Companion 2021*

Generous mint and eucalyptus, tobacco aromas,  
juicy cassis and blueberry flavour.  
Almost oily in texture, fine tannins,  
great texture.

**Silver Medal**

**Rating: 93 points**

*International Wine Challenge  
2021*



Opulent, perfumed nose of sumptuous black-  
currant, dried herb and dark chocolate, while  
the softly spiced palate is laced with fine tannins.

**Silver Medal**

**Rating: 93 points**

*Decanter World Wine Awards  
London 2020*



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*



## Black Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

This is a stunning rendition showing cassis,  
dark cherry, cedary oak, cigar and rich floral  
aromas on the nose.

The impressively weighted palate delivers  
awesome persistency and fine flow, superbly  
structured by loads of fine-grained tannins.  
Sturdy yet silky with layers of delicious  
flavours.

At its best: now to 2038

**Rating: 95 points**

*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2022*

Blackcurrants, tar, asphalt, and  
blackcurrant aromas and flavors.  
Medium- to full-bodied with creamy  
tannins and a juicy finish. Juicy.  
Drink now

**Rating: 93 points**

*James Suckling - 2022*

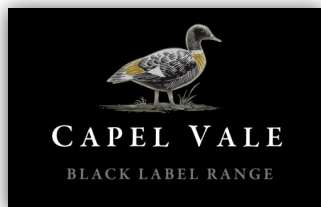






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### Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2020

Pale lemon, olive brine nose with a flinty, limey palate, crisp acidity and a rich but delicate palate. Has length and balance.

**Silver Medal - 92 Points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards*



Flinty nose with aromas of ripe limes, blood orange and notes of smoke and milk. Lemony on the palate.

**Silver Medal - 92 Points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards*



Pale colour. Classical nectarine, peach aromas with complex lanolin/minerally notes. Well balanced wine with nectarine, white peach, green apple flavours, fine supple textures and indelible fresh acidity

**Rating: 95 points**  
*Andrew Caillard Journal 2022*

Elegant, stylish and complex, the wine shows white flesh stone fruit, lemon peel, nougat and roasted cashew characters on the nose, leading to a concentrated palate displaying fine texture and focused mouthfeel. Brilliantly structured by bright acidity, finishing impressively long and engaging. At its best: now to 2032

**Rating: 95 points**  
*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2022*



### Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2021

A vibrant, saline and fresh chardonnay with aromas of mango stones, jasmine, lemons, biscuits and sea shells. Medium-bodied with bright acidity and refreshing saline minerality to the biscuity layers. Textured finish. Drink now or hold.

**Rating: 92 points**  
*James Suckling - 2022*



Floral perfume, honeysuckle, white peach and touches of oyster shell and creamy lees. Light in body, very refreshing.

**Silver Medal - 92 Points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards*



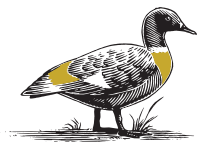
Fragrant, blossomy, youthful, energetic wine with notes of dried pineapple and nectarine. Pristine fruit with a core of pristine acidity.

**International Wine Challenge**  
**Margaret River Chardonnay Trophy**  
**Rating: 95 points**  
*International Wine Challenge 2022*





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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 2021



**Trophy - 96 Points  
Best Riesling**

*Royal Hobart  
Wine Show*



Seductive nose full of blossom, tangerine. Elegant palate of nectarine hints all with a linear finish.

**International Wine Challenge Riesling Trophy  
Silver Medal**

**Rating: 90 points**

*International Wine Challenge 2022*

## Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2022



**Silver Medal**

*Decanter World Wine Awards  
2022*



**Premium**

*Canberra International  
Wine Challenge 2022*

Fruit comes off the Whispering Hill vineyard and while the single-vineyard version gets cherry-picked, this is no slouch. It's steely and fine, long and pure with some lemon-lime and orange drops in the mix. Mouth-wateringly fresh.

**Rating: 93 points**

*Halliday Wine Companion 2023*

*Jane Faulkner*

Refreshing style with racy acidity, lemon and floral notes and lime persistence.

**International Wine Challenge  
Silver Medal**

**Rating: 91 points**

*International Wine Challenge 2022*





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### Margaret River Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc 2023



Pristine and fabulously aromatic, the wine shows green apple, nectarine, jasmine and lemongrass aromas on the nose, followed by an intensely flavoursome palate delivering terrific fruit purity and power. Upfront and delectable.

**Rating: 93 points**  
*Wine Orbit - Sam Kim 2023*



**Silver Medal**  
*Melbourne International  
Wine Competition 2023*



Restrained, with lean lemongrass and minerality. The palate is subtle with green hints and tropical fruit.

*IWSC in situ*  
*Margaret River 2023*

### Geographe Regional Series Malbec Rosé 2023



Splendidly elegant and aromatic, the bouquet shows raspberry, Gala apple, lemon peel and jasmine nuances, leading to a finely textured palate that's linear and persistent. It's light and bright with a lengthy, vibrant finish.

**Rating: 93 points**  
*Wine Orbit - Sam Kim 2023*



### Mount Barker Regional Series Shiraz 2020



Minty, chocolate blackberry nose, with bitter chocolate, bay leaf, fennel, cured meat and plum palate and some smoky notes. Not bad!

**Silver Medal**  
**90 points**  
*Decanter World Wine Awards  
London 2022*



It's wonderfully ripe and fragrant on the nose with blackberry, olive, game and roasted hazelnut aromas. The beautifully weighted palate delivers plump mouthfeel backed by silky tannins, offering fabulous drinking. At its best: now to 2033.

**Rating: 93 points**  
*Wine Orbit - Sam Kim 2022*



### Margaret River Regional Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2021



A gorgeous expression of the variety, showing blackcurrant, bay leaf, clove and roasted nut aromas on the nose, leading to a succulent palate that's supple and persistent. Classically structured by fine chalky tannins, finishing long and attractively dry. At its best: now to 2034.

**Rating: 93 points**  
*Wine Orbit - Sam Kim 2022*







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## Spring 2023

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*



### Debut 2022 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

It's bright and fresh on the nose showing green rockmelon, crunchy apple and lemon zest aromas, leading to a lively palate that's flavoursome and lingering. Crisp-dry and vibrant, offering excellent drinking.

**Rating 91/100**

*Sam Kim  
Wine Orbit*



### Debut Merlot 2021

It's attractively fruited and nicely fragrant on the nose with dark plum, sweet cherry, floral and subtle spice aromas. The palate offers juicy fruit flavours with beautifully rounded mouthfeel, finishing smooth and friendly.

**Rating 88/100**

*Sam Kim  
Wine Orbit*



### Debut Cabernet Merlot 2021

Delightfully ripe and fragrant on the nose with dark berry, dried herb, clove and toasted almond characters, it's silky and supple on the palate delivering fine texture and smooth mouthfeel. Well framed by gentle tannins, offering charming drinking.

**Rating 88/100**

*Sam Kim  
Wine Orbit*

