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CAPEL VALE WINES

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

SEPTEMBER 2019

Capel Vale Wines has been awarded Top 5 Red Star Winery for the **10th** consecutive year in James Halliday's 2020 Australian Wine Companion. Top 101 (3.6%) wineries in Australia.



2019 Royal Perth
Wine Show



GOLD MEDAL
2018 Black Label
Margaret River Chardonnay

2019 Gourmet Traveller
International Wine Competition



GOLD MEDAL
2018 Single Vineyard Whispering Hill
Mount Barker Shiraz

2019 Royal Hobart
Wine Show



GOLD MEDAL
2018 Regional Series & Black Label
Margaret River Chardonnay

CAPEL VALE WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS



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'The Scholar' Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Such a rich and opulent vintage which has been expertly captured in this full-bodied and so generous cabernet from Margaret River. Loads of sweet sappy fruit with a liberal hit of French oak has harnessed an immensely powerful statement of the region. Ripe firm tannins and that oak hold toasty blackcurrant and dark chocolate fruit flavours with ease.

Rating: 96/100
Ray Jordan's 2017 Wine Guide

The colour doesn't have the depth expected at this price; in all other respects it does what is expected of it, with cassis, leaf and herb fruit, a decent amount of French oak and disciplined tannins.

Rating: 94/100
James Halliday Wine Companion 2017

Bronze Medal
International Wine & Spirits London 2017

Bronze Medal
Decanter Wine Show London May 2017

Bronze Medal
International Wine Challenge London May 2017



'The Scholar' Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Silver Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Bronze Medal
International Wine Challenge London May 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 Australian Wine Companion



Whispering Hill Mount Barker Shiraz 2015

Has remarkable intensity, freshness and drive given its medium-bodied weight. Every component of this highly detailed wine has been given assured consideration in the vinification and maturation phases. Red and black cherry/berry fruits sparkle in the mouth, the finish with the clarity of a high quality wine.

Rating: 95/100
James Halliday Wine Companion 2019



Whispering Hill Mount Barker Shiraz 2018



Rating: Gold Medal
Gourmet Traveller International Wine Competition 2019

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Show 2019

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Whispering Hill Mount Barker Riesling 2018

Silver Medal

Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018



Silver Medal

*International Wine & Spirit
Competition 2018*

Bronze Medal

Royal Queensland Wine Show 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

James Suckling May 2019

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 minerally 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*

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



Whispering Hill Mount Barker Riesling 2019



Silver Medal

*Gourmet Traveller
International Wine
Competition 2019*



Silver Medal

*Royal Hobart
Wine Show 2019*

Bronze Medal

Royal Queensland Wine Show 2019



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Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2018



TROPHY
*Best Chardonnay Wine of Show
Royal Queensland
Wine Show 2019*



TROPHY
*Best White Table Wine of Show
Royal Queensland
Wine Show 2019*



Gold Medal
*Royal Hobart
Wine Show 2019*



Gold Medal
*Perth Royal
Wine Show 2019*



Silver Medal
*92/100
Decanter World Wine
Awards London 2019*



Silver Medal
*Sydney Royal
Wine Show 2019*

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

Commended
International Wine Challenge London 2019

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*

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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

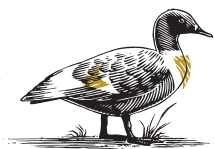
Silver Medal
Margaret River
Wine Show 2018

Black Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018



Bronze Medal
Melbourne
International
Wine Competition
2019

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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 Margaret River Chardonnay 2017

Beautifully ripe and elegantly expressed, the inviting bouquet shows stone fruit, rockmelon, nougat and vanilla aromas, followed by a succulent palate that is pristine and finely textured. The wine offers elegant fruit intensity backed by creamy mouthfeel and bright acidity, leading to a persistent fine finish. At its best: now to 2021.

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim October 2018



Cellar Exclusive Mount Barker Riesling 2018



Rating: 92/100
Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018

Gold Medal
Wine Show
of Western
Australia 2018

Bronze Medal
Canberra
International
Riesling
Challenge 2018



Gold Medal
93/100
Wine Showcase
New Release
Tasting 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, minerally finish.

Bronze Medal
National Wine Show
of Australia 2018

Rating: 93 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion



Cellar Exclusive Rosé 2017

The inviting bouquet shows red apple, watermelon, citrus and floral notes, leading to a juicy palate that is elegantly fruited and finely textured. A delightful rose offering vibrant fruit flavours with crisp acidity, finishing persistent and juicy. At its best: now to 2019.

Rating: 92/100
Wine Orbit
New Zealand
September 2017



Silver Medal
92/100
Wine Showcase
New Releases 2017



Cellar Exclusive Geographe Malbec 2016

Bronze
Geographe Wine
Show 2017



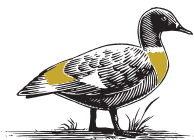
Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Gold Medal
94/100
Wine Showcase New Release
Tasting 2018



Rating: 93/100
Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018

CAPEL VALE WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS



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 2017

A first-class each-way proposition: drink now or in 10 years. Scented lime and tropical fruit aromas and flavours are stitched together by pliable acidity.

Rating: 93/100
James Halliday
Wine Companion 2019



Silver Medal
2018 International
Wine Challenge London

Bronze Medal
2018 Decanter Wine
Show London

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal
Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Canberra
International
Riesling
Challenge 2018



Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2018



Gold Medal:
94/100
Melbourne
International
Wine Competition
2018



Silver Medal
International
Wine & Spirit
Competition 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
Canberra International
Riesling Challenge 2018

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal
Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Royal Hobart
Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
National Wine Show
of Australia 2018

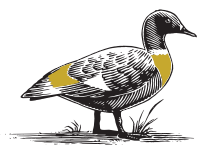


Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2019



Double Gold Medal
96/100
Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2019

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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 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 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*

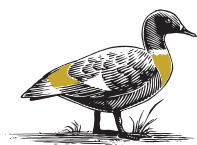
Bronze Medal

*Margaret River
Wine Show 2018*

Bronze Medal

*Margaret River
Wine Show 2018*

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Margaret River Regional Series Chardonnay 2017

Rating: 90 points
James Halliday 2019
Australian Wine Companion

Bronze Medal
Decanter World
Wine Awards
London 2019

Rating: 90 points
Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2018

Bronze Medal
Margaret River
Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal
Wine Show 2018



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 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



Gold Medal
95/100
Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2019

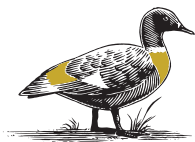


Gold Medal
Royal Hobart
Wine Show 2019

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

Rating: 91 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion

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CAPEL VALE *Regional Series*



Pemberton Regional Series Pinot Rosé 2017

Pale onion skin blush. The aromas of savoury dry pinot is in the modern idiom. The palate has a deliciously subtly sweet fruit middle but the dry savoury finish is classic Provence. Made as a modern drinking food wine and it does it so well.

Rating: 91 points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2018

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Light, bright pink; tangy, fresh and clearly varietal, with crisp strawberry/wild strawberry flavours.

Rating: 90 points
James Halliday 2019
Australian Wine Companion

Bronze Medal
Decanter Asia Wine Show 2017



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*

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Margaret River Regional Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Gold Medal
94/100
Wine Showcase New Release Tasting 2018

Aromas of blackcurrant and plums, with leathery complexity. Lovely savoury flavours on the palate with pleasant varietal lift.

A good fruit source is the basis for this excellent -value cabernet that offers plenty. It comes from the Scholar Vineyard near Cowaramup, which also supplies its top-line cabernet. Firm and controlled wine displaying Margaret River blackcurrant and just a faint touch of black olive. Chalky tannins and well-managed oak. Subtle toasty finish.

Rating: 91/100
Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2019

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Rating: 92 points
James Suckling May 2019



Deep youthful red/purple colour, with a lovely sweet cassis cabernet fruit-driven aroma. Hints of crushed vine leaves. The varietal character is hi-fi and there are violet nuances too. The tannins are tight and firm and robust, and the wine seems to need more time. It will build more complexity as well as softening in time. A very good cabernet.

Rating: 91 points
Huo Hooke 2018



4 Stars
*Winestate Magazine
New Release tasting 2018*

Introspective to the point of reduction, but stays clear (just). It's savoury, and the tannins take hold the moment the wine enters the mouth, and are reluctant to relax their grip. For lovers of old school cabernet.

Rating: 90 points
*James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion*



Bronze Medal
*2018 International
Wine Challenge London*

Smooth, elegant cassis fruit with a savoury forest floor; firm and long tannins.



Bronze Medal
*International
Wine & Spirit
Competition 2018*

Bronze Medal
*Royal Queensland
Wine Show 2018*



Bronze Medal
*2018 Decanter Wine
Show London*

CAPEL VALE WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS

Debut



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



Debut Sparkling Brut NV



Silver Medal
91/100
Wine Showcase Magazine July 2015

This is part of a consistent value range from this impressive WA producer. Lifted aromatics with a surprising intensity and driving palate. Nice creamy, fluffy finish and plenty of persistent flavour.

Rating: 89/100

Ray Jordan Top 100 Sparklings West Australian 2014

Ducks hold a special place in the hearts of Australians, not sure why, but they also hold a special place in our stomachs, as does this.

Rating: 8.5/10

Max Crus - Grape Expectations



Debut Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2018

50% of the wine was fermented in old oak. There's a sweet, candied aspect to the fruit but it's also textural, grassy and fresh.

Rating: 89 points

James Halliday 2020 Australian Wine Companion



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.