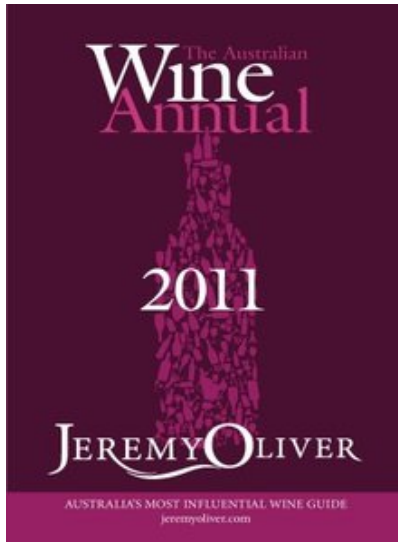




MARGARET RIVER

Jeremy Oliver Australian Wine Annual 2011



*"Clairault has added back to its two tiers of wine a Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, of which the 2007 release rates 90/100 drink 2015–2019. Typical of many Clairault reds, its fruit overlies a thread of herbaceous influence. The Estate wines are sourced from its own mature vineyard, while the "Margaret River" range of wines is blended from various sites throughout the region. If you can, seek out the pure, bright, complex and very tightly focused Estate Chardonnay from 2006." Jeremy Oliver*

**88/100 ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

"Supple, fine and elegant, but rather too green-edged for the longer term. Light aromas of redcurrants, mulberries, plums and cedar/vanilla oak are underpinned by nuances of capsicum and dried herbs. It's sweetly fruited, supported by fine-grained, dusty tannins, but is underpinned by a thread of herbaceousness. Cellar 2012-2015+ "

**88/100 ESTATE Chardonnay 2008**

"Forward and exaggerated, but essentially fruit-driven. Ripe, rather candid aromas of tropical fruit, quince and ruby grapefruit with creamy leesy notes and toasty vanilla oak are backed by a hint of hazelnut. It's ripe and unctuous, delivering a sweetly oaked and syrupy presence of juicy fruit wrapped by fresh, lemony acids. Cellar 2010—2013."

**86/100 Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**

"Greenish and early-drinking with a sweet aroma of violets, cassis and cedar/vanilla oak backed by capsicum and suggestions of dark plum. It's elegant and fine grained, maturing quite quickly, with cassis and plum-like fruit retaining a greenish shape and texture, finishing sappy and rather metallic. Cellar 2009—2012+."

**92/100 Sauvignon Blanc 2009**

"Elegant and restrained, with bright, lightly grassy aromas of gooseberries, passionfruit and cassis lifted by a penetrative whiff of tropical fruit. It's long and measured, with a vibrant presence of pristine fruit and lightly herbaceous influences underpinned by a fine, dusty texture, finishing with clean, lemony acids. Pure and stylish. Cellar 2010-2011+."

**90/100 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2009**

"Generous and stylish, with genuine quality, balance and regionality. Its pristine fresh and slightly pungent aromas of passionfruit, lychees and gooseberries reveal grassy nuances and a lift of tropical fruit. Juicy and generous, it's round a flavoursome, with an underlying chalkiness that aids its shape and direction. It finishes fresh and fruity, with a persistent core of flavour, a vegetal aspect and lively acidity. Cellar 2010—2011+."