

2012 CHARDONNAY



Vasse Felix Chardonnay is typified by its bright, elegant fruit, subtle wild complexities and a tight acid structure, reflecting the vibrance and purity of this variety in Margaret River.

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE Brilliant pale lemon yellow, with a green tinge.

NOSE The fruit and savoury elements from natural, in-barrel fermentation entwine together in a spell of intricate fragrances with light notes of pineapple skin, green apples, tinned apricots, fresh lime and lemon glaze, weaved with granita biscuit, lightly toasted almond and a hint of clove oak spice.

PALATE Succulent and juicy, it lands with a soft overall palate sensation. It is fresh and vibrant with delicate fruit flavours of fresh pineapple and green apple and a hint of lemon cheesecake. The fine, juicy palate has a dry, lemon biscuit and citrus pith finish.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The fruit was picked based upon freshness and acidity to preserve its vibrant, primary fruit flavours and structure. All parcels were treated in respect of the unique qualities coming from our vineyard sites through natural fermentation with varying solids levels, the astute selection of French oak and battonage programs tailored to the individual barrique. Following 9 months of maturation in oak the parcels most characteristic of the vintage were combined to create a unique varietal Chardonnay from Margaret River.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Good finishing winter rains with moderate spring conditions resulted in excellent canopy health. The summer ripening period was dry and warm with some above average heat in late January prompting an early start to harvest. The weather tempered in early February and the fruit ripening slowed to a more typical pattern resulting in a long and steady vintage. Continuous fine weather remained through to mid-April when harvest completed for reds.

VARIETIES 100% Chardonnay

HARVESTED Feb-12

OAK 100% French oak, 9 months
(26% new, 74% 1-2 year old)

TA 6.6g/L **PH** 3.2

RESIDUAL SUGAR 3.2

ALCOHOL 12.5

BOTTLED Feb-13

CELLARING Up to 5 years