



Flametree
MARGARET RIVER

FLAMETREE WINES MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY 2010



96 points—James Halliday

Wine Companion Magazine [February / March 2012]

"The grapes were grown in the central Wilyabrup area, and the cooler southern Wallcliffe area. Light straw green, this is an exceptionally intense wine, with zesty grapefruit, melon skin and white peach flavours threaded around a high tensile chord of acidity running through the palate; oak did the job required of it, but no more. Will live for a very long time. 13.5% alc. Drink 2023."

94 points—Ray Jordan

Ray Jordan's West Australian Wine Guide 2012

"Boy this is an exciting development from Flametree. The nose is a heady mix of pear and spices with typical Margaret River grapefruit nuances. The palate displays an elegance and finesse reserved for the best chardonnays. Tight and parched dry yet with deep underlying fruit intensity. Like to see this in a couple of years. Cellar 6 years."

93 points—Gary Walsh

The Wine Front [Aug 2011]

"Bennie and I had a slap up pizza lunch with Flametree Winemaker Cliff 'The Biff' Royle the other week – a rare outing for me. We didn't taste this wine, but their new S.R.S. (Sub Regional Series) Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, both of which are excellent. More later on those two. 2010 marks the release of the first wines made by Cliff (ex Voyager Estate) for Flametree. He makes them with a light, but sure touch, that's for sure. A subtle wine with light melon, wheat, citrus and subdued vanilla oak. There's a little of the dried pear richness of the region, but it's largely a restrained, non-showy style, with flinty minerally edges, fine acidity and a long clean fresh finish. Classy. Drink : 2012 – 2017."

17/20—Scoop Magazine - Spring 2011

"Balanced and clean with good direction and a crisp finish, an attractive, polished wine that slips down effortlessly. A credit to winemakers Cliff Royle and Julian Scott."

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"Margaret River is acknowledged as one of the great chardonnay regions of the world. Flametree vineyards have firmly established themselves on the top rung of Margaret River's chardonnay producers. The acquisition, a few years ago, of winemaking genius Cliff Royle, from the neighbouring Voyager Estate, was a stroke of genius. The already excellent Flametree chardonnay is being taken to a new level, with the superb 2010 vintage widely acclaimed as its best ever. Brilliantly fresh and vibrant, it magically combines great elegance with complex intensity. Full of delicious stone fruit and citrus, it's blessed with lovely minerality and texture, and also has the capacity to cellar gracefully. Definitely not one to be missed and it's huge value for money".