



Flametree
MARGARET RIVER

FLAMETREE WINES MARGARET RIVER CHARDONNAY 2011



95 points—Ray Jordan

West Weekend Magazine [22-23rd September 2012]

“Cracking good chardonnay. Immediately complex and captivating on the nose, with grapefruit and mineral characters infused with a light touch of roasted cashew. The palate is tight and lean, yet with typical Margaret River power and drive through to a very long finish. Excellent balance and poise. A beauty”.

94 points—James Halliday

Wine Companion Magazine [October/November 2012]

“Bright straw-green; in best Margaret River style brings together elegance and depth of flavour; it really shines with the creamy/nutty texture and lifted white peach characters that swell on the finish and aftertaste”.

93 points—Tyson Stelzer

Wine Taste Weekly [21st January 2013]

“Cliff Royle defines intuitive winemaking, tweaking and changing the finer details of production based on the expression of the vintage and its fruit. In the warm 2011 season, he picked early and avoided lees stirring and malolactic fermentation to accentuate the tighter white and pink grapefruit of the Wallcliffe area and the dried peach and fig of Wilyabrup. The result reflects the vintage in its fruit concentration, but its careful handling has made for a persistent finish of honed acidity and well-textured structure”.

93 points—Wine Business Monthly

[March 2013]

92 points—Campbell Mattinson

www.winefront.com.au [2nd August 2012]

4 stars—Gourmet Traveller TOP 100 New Releases

[August / September 2012]

“A delicate, restrained chardonnay in Cliff Royle’s signature style, with **shy melon and herbal aromas**, plus a hint of butterscotch. It’s a little straightforward but harmonious and clean, soft and round in the mouth”.

4 stars—Top 100 Wines. Tony Love

www.taste.com.au Adelaide Advertiser [7th November 2012]

“Cliff Royle has propelled Flametree to ascend to supernova status in Margaret River and here’s proof that the regions chardonnay doesn’t demand high alcohol, malolactic fermentation or buckets of new oak to shine. Its honed tail of tangy acidity and well textured structure are of celestial proportions”.

91 points—Huon Hooke

www.huonhooke.com [30th May 2012]

Silver Medal—Decanter World Wine Awards 2012

Winsor Dobbin

www.ciaomagazine.com.au [17th August 2012]

Rising Star - “The wines from Flametree in Margaret River just keep getting better and better. This is an excellent fruit-driven chardonnay that should have widespread appeal. It has the stone-fruit flavours and complexity, hints of spicy oak that play an impressive support role and zingy white citrus on the finish with impressively steely acid. There is a potential party [or dinner party, if you prefer] in every glass”.