

When is Reserve not a reserve? When it's a Sub Regional Series. After 15 vintages making wine in Margaret River you get a feel for the sub regions that are best suited to specific grape varieties. Rather than go down the traditional Reserve or Single Vineyard path we decided to pursue something a little different, hence the sub regional theme. Although there are no officially defined subregions in Margaret River, producers have adopted the John Gladstone proposal. In 1999 viticultural scientist Dr John Gladstone presented a paper suggesting there should be six sub regions based on climate and soil differences.

The aim with the Flametree Sub Regional Series is to showcase distinctive wine styles from vineyards renowned for growing ultra premium fruit. We've chosen to lead with Margaret River's strongest varieties, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. The Sub Regional Series represents the very best varietal wines under the Flametree label, these wines will only be made in the best vintages, volumes will be small and availability very limited.

FLAMETREE WINES MARGARET RIVER S.R.S. CHARDONNAY 2010

96 points—James Halliday Wine Companion Magazine [Jan 12]

"From the 'golden triangle' of the Wallcliffe area; light, bright straw-green, the wine has exceptional power, presence and length to its grapefruit, white peach and apple flavours that have eaten the oak in which it was fermented".

96 points—Tyson Stelzer Wine Taste [Sept 11]

"A new star has ascended in the West. Cliff Royle has glowed for every one of the 14 vintages he's been in Margaret River but his latest creation is about to draw the attention of a supernova. It's proof that MR chard doesn't need high alcohol, rich fruit, malolactic fermentation or buckets of new oak to shine. Taut, pure, lively, with sensational texture and a line and length of celestial proportions".

96 points—Tyson Stelzer / Nick Stock WBM [Dec 11]

"New wave of MR Chard may be the most captivating wine style this year and Cliff Royle leads the way in this brand new sub-region series, ticking every box of wild ferment, low alcohol, no malo and solidsy texture. Epic."

96 points—Jeremy Oliver www.jeremyoliver.com

"A finely honed, long and sculpted chardonnay whose bright aromas of ruby grapefruit, melon and faintly smoky, nutty oak overlie nuances of brioche and creamy, leesy notes. It's juicy, round and generous, with luscious fruit underpinned by a tightly knit, crunchy backbone, finishing long and tangy with a taut, brittle acidity".

96 points—Jane Faulkner The Age [17/12/11]

"SOME of the most thrilling chardonnays released this year have been from Margaret River and Flametree's S.R.S. (sub regional series) is one of them. I've long been a fan of Cliff Royle's finely tuned winemaking. This chardonnay is superbly balanced and ethereal with spicy citrus nuances and stone fruit. It is gloriously refined and flinty without being overworked, linear but with generosity on the palate. Moreish, tangy and outstanding value, this wine will match brilliantly to turkey, chicken or seafood."

95 points—Huon Hooke Gourmet Traveller [Feb/Mar 12]

"SRS stands for subregional series - this is from Wallcliffe. A restrained aroma, fresh and fruit-driven and refined. It's tangy and bright with mouth-watering acidity and tautness of structure. Grapefruit flavours dominate. Great line and length."

19 / 20 Tyson Stelzer Decanter Magazine [June 12]

The detail and delicacy of Margaret River Chardonnay find a new expression here, singing with lemon blossom, dried pear, lime and grapefruit, nuanced with marzipan. A stunning pure style, with lively acidity, mouth-filling texture and gentle oak.

5 stars [18.5 points] Huon Hooke. Decanter Magazine [June 12]

"Subtle, restrained, under-developed aromas; fruit driven and fresh, clean and bright. A refined Chardonnay. The palate is tangy with delicious mouthwatering acidity and tautness of structure, but at the same time soft and harmonious. Grapefruit flavours dominate. Excellent line and length. This one should age well." Drink 2012 - 2018

Peter Bourne. Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine. [Jun/Jul 2012]

"Finely structured with tight citrus and stone fruit flavours. A classic Wallcliffe Sub Regional Series [SRS] chardonnay where flavours of dried pear, grapefruit and melon are supported by subtle French oak. Lovely balanced savoury finish."

GOLD 2012 Decanter World Wine Awards

GOLD 2011 Royal Melbourne Wine Show

GOLD 2011 Margaret River Regional Wine Show

