

2015 XANADU CHARDONNAY

AWARDS

TROPHY for Best White Wine - WINE SHOW OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2016

TROPHY for Best Chardonnay - WINE SHOW OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2016

GOLD MEDAL - WINE SHOW OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 2016

GOLD MEDAL - SYDNEY ROYAL WINE SHOW 2016

GOLD MEDAL - ROYAL QUEENSLAND WINE SHOW 2016

GOLD [92 points] - MARGARET RIVER WINE SHOW 2016

REVIEWS

95 Points

Tyson Stelzer

Wine Business Magazine, March/April 2017

Top 20 Wines of the Year under \$40

A wonderfully enticing contrast between the tension of malic acidity and all the complexity of wild fermentation in French Oak barrels, rippling with layers of grapefruit and white peach, carrying all the body and presence of gin gin clone chardonnay.

95 Points

Huon Hooke, *Gourmet Traveller Wine, 100 Top New Releases, June/July 2017*

A brilliant, bell-clear iteration of Chardonnay, typical of Xanadu, gloriously fresh and intense. Lemon, grapefruit, nut and nougat aromas; clean and refreshing. The wine finishes tight, frisky, intense and long. A wine of superb purity.

95 Points

James Halliday

Halliday Wine Companion, August 2016

In the 'house style' for Xanadu chardonnay. Poised and elegant, the aromas and flavours are in the citrus and stone fruit spectrum, the oak beautifully integrated and providing texture as much as anything. Grapefruit-like acidity runs evenly through the palate, gathering and lingering on the finish.

93 Points

Ray Jordan, *West Australian Wine Guide 2017*

This is stunning for a quality chardonnay selling for less than \$40. Stone fruit with hints of almonds and cashew with that leesy nougat character. Has such a bright and taut crunchy acidity bringing a little minerality into the palate. Finishes with a slightly juicy feel in the mouth.



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MARGARET RIVER

REVIEWS

90 Points

Josh Reynolds

Vinous, October 2017

Green-tinged yellow. Intense lemon zest, white peach and jasmine scents are underscored by smoky mineral and anise nuances. Taut citrus and pit fruit flavours show very good energy, and a gingery note adds spicy bite. Turns fleshier and smoother on the focused finish, which features subtle smokiness and lingering florality. There's a Burgundian restraint and texture to this wine, especially after it gets a bit of air.

Matthew Jukes

100 Best Australian Wines 2017

Basically, the 2015 Chardonnay adds more swagger and attitude as well as some fabulous pineapple notes and a generous layer of oak and this makes it outdo virtually every Cote Maconnais and Chalonaise wine I can think of.

Sarah Ahmed

thewinedetective.co.uk July, 2017

I selected this for a Decanter Expert's Choice on Australian Chardonnay earlier this year and I'm still very taken with it. The 2015 Xanadu Chardonnay – 100% Gin Gin clone – is predominantly Estate grown in the Wallcliffe sub-region, with 80% of the blend being made with fruit sourced from Xanadu's Stevens Road and Lagan Estate vineyards. It reveals icing sugar dusted green apple, dried pear and vibrant breakfast grapefruit, with well-integrated sweet vanillin and oak spice nuances. Dancing acidity makes for a vibrant finish with great levity and persistence. It was whole bunch pressed followed by 100% barrel fermentation (primary only, so no malo) and 9 months' ageing in French oak (25% new).

