

XANADU

MARGARET RIVER

2012 XANADU STEVENS ROAD CHARDONNAY

AWARDS

Trophy for Single Vineyard Dry White Wine, National Wine Show of Australia 2014

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REVIEWS

A remarkable Chardonnay, not because it is overt or showy but, more profoundly, because of its intricacy and precision, without a molecule out of place. One of the finest Xanadu white wines yet, and one of the Australian Chardonnays of the year.

97 Points, Tyson Stelzer, Wine Business Monthly October 2014

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96 Points, James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2015

Bright, light to medium yellow colour. The nose is restrained and reserved, with some tightness, malty oak and herby early-picked hints. There's a trace of earthiness and some waxy notes. It's fairly tight but soft, rounded and clean in the mouth. The finish cuts off a little soon. A wine that is slightly closed and seems to need more time. To get your money's worth, cellar it a while. (Footnote: a day later, the wine had opened up considerably and was showing very good richness and length. An excellent chardonnay.)

93 Points, Huon Hooke, HuonHooke.com, July 2014

This is a chardonnay of texture, elegance and length. It's at the leaner end of the Margaret River chardonnay spectrum but lengthier and juicier as a result. It tastes of sweet pear, pineapple, creamy oak, grapefruit, steel and spice. It's pleasant and enjoyment now but should be better yet given a couple of years in a cool, dark, stable place.

91+ points, Campbell Mattinson, Wine Front/Wineosphere July 2014

