

2014 XANADU RESERVE CHARDONNAY

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL - Margaret River Wine Show 2015

REVIEWS

97 Points **James Halliday**

Halliday Wine Companion 2017, August 2016

Gingin clone from the oldest estate vineyard, hand-picked. It's possible to suggest that Xanadu has its own style of Margaret River chardonnay, as it has with cabernet. There is an extra degree of precision and length, the Yarra Valley taking the place of Great Southern for the comparison. Pink grapefruit, white peach and striking minerally acidity drive this wine at a furious pace.

96 Points **Tyson Stelzer**

Australia's Wine Business Magazine, July/August 2016

At once pretty and fragrant with lemon blossom aromatics and at the same time beautifully poised and instance with a core of white peach and lemon fruit and a magnificent line of pristine, tense malic acidity, this is a Chardonnay of breathtaking line and length.

96 Points **Ray Jordan**

Ray Jordan's West Australian Wine Guide 2017

This is the best barrel selection from the oldest chardonnay vineyard on the property. All natural fermentation with regular lees stirring and no malolactic fermentation. Tight and focused with a juicy minerally palate. It's crunchy and complex with such a precise focus through to the finish. Palate is deceptively rich and concentrated. A wine of great sophistication.

95 Points **Campbell Mattison**

www.winefront.com.au April 2016

It's from the Lagan Estate Chardonnay block, and it's very bloody good. There are flagship wines and there are flagship wines, and the best ones announce themselves like a shooting star right there in the glass, elaborate packaging or not. This has both (glittering quality and all the packaging trimmings) and it nails intensity, length, minerally acidity and elegance all in one straight-shooting blow. Grapefruit, peach, citrus and a smear of creamy oak. It will improve given time but it's quite brilliant even now.



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Huon Hooke

www.huonhooke.com May 2016

Very light colour. The bouquet is more complex than the Stevens Road '14, while still tight, young and reserved. There are creamy, nutty, almond-like and smoky lees or low-level sulfide notes. The palate is intense and deeply-flavoured with lively acidity which cries out for a fillet of pan-fried fish. It's very young and nascent, and will have more to show in a year or so. Excellent wine. (From the Lagan vineyard; no MLF - Malolactic fermentation)

92 Points

Josh Reynolds

Vinous, October 2017

Light bright gold. Ripe orange, pear, melon and honey aromas are sharpened by a smoky mineral note and a hint of ginger. Gently sweet and penetrating on the palate, offering juicy citrus and orchard fruit flavours along with fennel and buttered toast flourishes. Clings with strong, spicy tenacity on the finish and leaves a suave floral note behind.

91 Points

Lisa Perrotti-Brown

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, September 2016

Coming from the "Home"/Lagan block at Xanadu, planted 1979-1981 to Gin Gin, the 2014 Reserve Chardonnay reveals vibrant apricots and tropical fruit notes with hints of baking bread, marzipan and honeysuckle. Rich, medium to full-bodied and concentrated in the mouth, this is less taut than Stevens Road and more opulent perhaps, just lacking slightly in complexity comparatively.

