

2016 XANADU RESERVE CHARDONNAY

AWARDS

GOLD - Margaret River Wine Show 2018

REVIEWS

98 Points **Ray Jordan**

The West Australian, The Weekend West, May 2018

Now well and truly among the Margaret River elite for chardonnay. Powerful bouquet of nectarine, vanilla bean and a cut of citrusy pear in combo. On the palate the richer stone fruit emerges with grapefruit edginess, yet maintains a creamy controlled richness. Sustained precise finish. Outstanding wine.

97 Points **James Halliday**

Halliday Wine Companion Magazine, Wow Factor 2018

Gin Gin clone from 20 rows of Block 2 on Stevens Road Vineyard, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented in French barriques (25% new), no mlf, 9 months. The Reserve Chardonnay has the complexity that is this adroitly sidesteps. This wine contests its own ground with feline grace, every part of its body is precisely shaped and weighted, leaving the palate with an airy freshness that will never tire you.

97 Points **James Halliday**

Halliday Wine Companion 2019

It's not hard to see why Xanadu has had such show success and critical praise for its Chardonnays. This is resplendent in its generosity, yet also maintains perfect balance, its grapefruit wrapped in thin gauge beeswax and honey, acidity and oak precisely where they should be.

96 Points **Tyson Stelzer**

Wine Business Magazine, September 2018

All the personality and power of the best parcels of Gin Gin clone on Xanadu's original Lagan vineyard are energised by the tension and energy of carefully timed picking and malic acidity. The result is a Margaret River Chardonnay of the most exacting lime and lemon juice focus, propelling great intensity with effortless energy. Patience.



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Huon Hooke

The Real Review, May 2018

Light yellow hue, youthful, with a nougat and almond meal bouquet. The palate is intense and dry, savoury and long, with abundant elegance and style. There are lemon and grapefruit flavours on the palate: it has a citrusy style of fruit. Oak is very background, almost invisible. Delicious and very appetising.

95 Points

Toni Paterson

The Real Review, July 2018

Oatmeal and roasted nuts on the nose followed by a juicy palate brimming with sweet-lemon, grapefruit and just-ripe pineapple flavours. The palate is succulent, intense and flavoursome. Youthful and assertive. Needs time in bottle to grow and transform

95 Points

Campbell Mattinson

The Wine Front, August 2018

It smells beautiful. It tastes as zesty and refreshing as it does creamy and impressive, and it sails long through the finish. Elite territory here. Preserved lemons, white peach, oak spice and zesty tropical fruit characters. It's not a lean chardonnay by any stretch but it's lean-is by Margaret River standards; it makes up for it in length and style, and will build more flesh as it matures.

