

CAPEL VALE WINES

WINE AWARDS & REVIEWS

Summer Edition 2021



Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2020
“Best Margaret River
Chardonnay”



“A classic and brilliant
Mount Barker
Riesling”
96/100

2020 Single Vineyard Whispering Hill
Mount Barker Riesling
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021



“Delightfully lively with
tremendous energy
throughout. Beautiful wine”
95/100

2018 Single Vineyard Scholar Margaret River
Cabernet Sauvignon
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021



2018 Capel Vale Black Label
Margaret River
Chardonnay



2018 Capel Vale Single Vineyard
Whispering Hill
Mount Barker Shiraz





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CAPEL VALE SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES



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'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Shiraz 2018



**Best in Show and
97 Points**
*Decanter Asia Wine
Awards 2019*



An outstanding wine from this super vineyard in Mount Barker. In fact, I have to say this is the finest I have seen under this label. Heady floral notes on the nose, with spices, mocha and chocolaty notes. There's even a hint of orange peel and thyme. The palate is generous with gravelly supporting tannins. It's a complete wine with tremendous potential.

**Rating: 97 points &
"Best of the West Shiraz"**

*Ray Jordan's
Wine Guide 2020*

There's an edge of very ripe, dark-plum paste and prunes to the nose here with plenty of spice in behind. The palate has dense, ripe dark berries and plums, in a thickish tannin frame. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points

*James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020*

Bronze Medal

*International Wine & Spirit
Competition London 2019*

Bronze Medal

Perth Royal Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal

Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2019

Bronze Medal

Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020

Silver Medal

*Decanter World Wine Awards
2020*

Silver Medal

*Wine Show of WA
Show 2019*

The Mount Barker tradition with Shiraz may not be as well known as others in Australia, but this complex, enticingly scented midweight red stakes a convincing claim to the fine-wine high ground. It's dark but not saturatedly deep in colour; precise and enchanting floral scents and sweet spices rather than sumo-like fruit dominate the aromatic profile. The palate brings those floral and spice notes together once again, and it's just a spoonful or two of tar and earth rather than tannin which bring complexity to the pomegranate and damson fruits. Soft, naturally articulated acidity completes the happy picture.

Rating: 97 Points

Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019

Vivacious and youthful colour, bright purple from centre to rim. Savoury and spicy aromatics of rhubarb, pepper, dried herbs and toasty oak. There's freshness and vitality when sipped - purple berries afford it sweetness and charm. Only just a little more than medium-weight. Cool climate, Rhône pepper, and sapidity. Terrific winemaking.

Rating: 94 Points

*The Real Review - Huon Hooke
Nick Butler 2019*

'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Shiraz 2017

Sweetly fruited and seductively complex, the wine shows dark fruit richness on the nose with nuances of thyme, cocoa, clove and spicy oak. The palate delivers excellent weight and expansive mouthfeel, wonderfully complemented by plush texture and fine-grained tannins. It's opulent and mouthfilling with a persistent velvety finish. At its best: now to 2032

Rating: 95 points

Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



The best fruit from Whispering Hill, nearly all from the smallest block at the top of the hill, matured in French oak. High quality plum/black cherry fruit clasped by French oak.

Rating: 94 points

*James Halliday
Wine Companion 2021*

**Silver Medal
93 Points**

*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*



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'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Silver Medal
*International
Wine & Spirit
Competition London
2018*

Bronze Medal
*International Wine Challenge London
2020*

Commended
*Decanter World Wine Awards
London 2019*

It doesn't hold back with its cassis, currants, herbs and black olive flavours making a firm statement as to its provenance. There's sweet, cedary oak lingering in the background on this firm yet more medium-bodied red with grip to the emery-board tannins that need more time to mellow out.

Rating: 95 points
James Halliday 2020

Rating: Bronze Medal

*International Wine Challenge
London Tranche 1 2020*

Bronze Medal

Asia Decanter Wine Show 2019



'The Scholar' Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Very ripe red-plum paste, redcurrants and dried flowers with dried-leaf notes, too. The palate is mapped out on layers of fine tannin and has an elegant shape with some quite ripe fruit. Sturdy finish. Drink in the next six years. Screw cap.

Rating: 91 points
*James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020*



**Silver Medal
92 Points**
*International Wine
Challenge Tranche 2
2020*

Comes from a mighty good patch of dirt on Miamup Road in Margaret River. Engaging fragrances of floral red berry with a smattering of violet. This is delightfully lively with tremendous energy throughout. Medium bodied with firmish but fine chalky tannins. Extends to a very long finish.

Rating: 95 points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021

Bronze Medal

Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020

Bronze Medal

*International Wine Challenge
London 2019*

Bronze Medal

*International Wine &
Spirit Challenge London
2020*



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'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2018



Silver Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018

Lemon rind, freshly squeezed nectarines, white pepper and herbs. Medium-bodied and lightly textured with some nice acidity and a zesty finish. Drink now.

Rating: 92 points
James Suckling May 2019

Silver Medal
91/100
Decanter World Wine Awards London 2019

Silver Medal
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2018

Bronze Medal
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2018
Tangy Meyer lemon, green apple, honeysuckle and cantaloupe melon all sing from the same page, still as fresh as a daisy.

Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter Wine Awards 2019

Pristine. Pure. And oh-so elegant. Nothing out of place with its white blossom and flutter of citrus on the palate. It's moreish as it glides to a convincing finish, and dry but finely so. JF 12.5% alc.

Rating: 96 points
James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion

Consistently a very good Riesling, but when you get a good year like this it goes into another zone. Has a distinct floral and citrus aroma with a mineral energy. The palate is crunchy and lip-smacking with so much flavour intensity held on a tight fine line to a long finish. Great cellaring potential.

Rating: 94/100
Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2019



'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2019



Silver Medal
Gourmet Traveller International Wine Competition 2019

The best fruit from Whispering Hill, nearly all from the smallest block at the top of the hill, matured in French oak. High quality plum/black cherry fruit clasped by French oak.

Rating: 96 points
James Halliday



Silver Medal
Royal Hobart Wine Show 2019

This offers some exotic, spicy aromas, as well as dried stone fruit, candied lime and hints of fresh herbs. The palate has quite elegant and supple texture with fresh, spicy lime and apple flavors. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 92 points
James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020

Bronze Medal
Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019

Bronze Medal
Royal Queensland Wine Show 2019

Light straw hue, with dried floral and passionfruit aromas, tropical and fragrant, if not that strong on classic riesling character. Flowery lavender notes later, the palate lean and delicate and built to age, while the acidity is admirably seamless.

Rating: 90 points
Huon Hooke The Real Review 2019

Bronze Medal
Wine Show of WA 2019

Bronze Medal
Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2019

This is a terrific vineyard that punches out some mighty impressive Rieslings. This is a crunchy and juicy thirst slaker with so much spicy lime juiciness. Has some nice floral notes, and the fine, delicate acid sustains the palate through to a very long finish. Has some cellaring potential too.

Rating: 94 points
Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020

Bronze Medal
Decanter World Wine Awards 2020

Bronze Medal
International Wine & Spirit Competition London 2019

Bronze Medal
Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2019



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'Whispering Hill' Mount Barker Riesling 2020

A classic and brilliant Mount barker riesling from this excellent vineyard. Notes of Citrus with lime zest dominance, a little spice and a lingering minerality underpin this outstanding wine. The acid is fine and delicate, but provides the key to focusing and sustaining the finish. Super wine for cellaring.

Rating: 96 points

*Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2021*

Bronze Medal

*International Wine
Challenge London 2020*

Bronze Medal

*Royal Adelaide Wine
Show 2020*

Bronze Medal

WA Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal

*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*



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Black Label Margaret River Chardonnay 2018



TROPHY

BEST FULL BODIED WHITE WINE
2020 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL
WINE COMPETITION

TROPHY

BEST CHARDONNAY WINE OF SHOW
2019 ROYAL QUEENSLAND WINE SHOW

TROPHY

BEST WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW
2019 ROYAL QUEENSLAND WINE SHOW

GOLD MEDAL

2019 ROYAL ADELAIDE
WINE SHOW

GOLD MEDAL

2019 ROYAL HOBART
WINE SHOW

GOLD MEDAL

2019 JAMES HALLIDAY
CHARDONNAY CHALLENGE

GOLD MEDAL

2019 PERTH ROYAL
WINE SHOW

GOLD MEDAL

2019 WINE SHOW OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GOLD MEDAL

2019 MARGARET RIVER
WINE SHOW

Some gently reductive nuances on the nose that lead to a palate with a very composed, mango and nectarine core. Great depth and freshness. Purity of fruit is a highlight, too. Drink or hold.

Rating: 93 points

James Suckling May 2019

Commended

International Wine Challenge London 2019

Fruit off two sites in Wallcliffe and Karridale, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild fermentation but no malo, in French oak, 50% new, and on lees 7 months. The sweet oak is apparent and needs to calm down to allow the fruit to come to the fore. Hint of peach, pink grapefruit, lots of spicy nuances and flavoursome, with a palate that's not mean but certainly lean from the shot of acidity. Appealing though.

Rating: 93 points

James Halliday 2020

Australian Wine Companion

Silver Medal

Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2019

Bronze Medal

Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2019

Silver Medal

National Wine

Show of Australia 2019

Sourced from Margaret River. The aromas are all butterscotch and lemon with a peach stone fruit influence. The palate delivers deep rich flavours held with fine-grained oak. Retains a Lively acid and minerality which helps focus and sustain a long palate

Rating: 92 points

Ray Jordan

Wine Guide 2020



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Black Label Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

The best parcel of fruit ex the Scholar Vineyard, then a best barrel selection. An attractive, medium-bodied wine; juicy blackcurrant/cassis fruit, supple tannins, very good length and balance. From the great '18 vintage.

Rating: 95 points

*James Halliday
Wine Companion 2021*

Sourced from Margaret River in this outstanding cabernet year. Bursting with blackcurrant and juicy satsuma plum. The Scholar Vineyard in Wilyabrup produces great fruit and this has been expertly harnessed into a classy wine. Balanced, combining power and elegance. It also has good cellaring potential.

Rating: 95 points

*Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020*

Offering gorgeous richness within a sturdy frame of classic cabernet structure, the wine shows cassis, dark plum, tobacco and cedar characters on the nose with a lovely violet overtone. It's concentrated and dense on the palate, yet refined and gliding beautifully through to an impressively long, attractively dry finish. At its best: now to 2035.

Rating: 95 points

Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020

Silver Medal

Decanter World Wine Awards London 2020

Bronze Medal

*Melbourne
International
Wine Competition
2019*

Bronze Medal

International Wine & Spirit Challenge London 2020

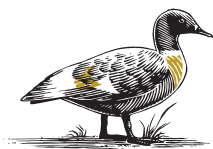
Bronze Medal

*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*



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CAPEL VALE
- Cellar Exclusive -

Capel Vale's Cellar Exclusive wines are limited releases of exceptional varietal wines developed at the "cutting edge" of viticulture in the cool climate vineyards of Western Australia married with modern wine making techniques used to exemplify the unique flavours and aromas from these grapes.



Cellar Exclusive Mount Barker Riesling 2018



Gold Medal
93/100
*Wine Showcase
New Release
Tasting 2018*

Gold Medal
*Wine Show
of Western
Australia 2018*

Rating: 92/100
*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018*

It's in an austere, tight and lean phase with a ramrod of acidity. It's not giving much away, some lemon notes, wet pebbles before it races off to a very dry, minerally finish.

Rating: 93 points
*James Halliday 2020
Australian Wine Companion*



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc 2020

It's fabulously fruited and lifted on the nose showing green apple, apricot, lime zest and floral notes, leading to a lively palate that's pristine and lingering. The wine displays excellent purity and intensity, making it instantly appealing. At its best: now to 2024

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Bright and fragrant, the wine shows jalapeno, kaffir lime, nectarine and green tea aromas on the nose, followed by a juicy palate that's intensely flavoured and lingering. It's punchy and tasty with a lengthy mouth-watering finish. At its best: now to 2026

Rating: 93 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal
Margaret River Wine Show 2020



Cellar Exclusive Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2017



Gold Medal
94/100
*Wine Showcase New Release
Tasting 2018*

Rating: 93/100
*Sam Kim, Wine Orbit
New Zealand
August 2018*



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Regional Series

Regional wines are elegant and graceful wines. They are high quality wines that reflect varietal and regional characteristics. Perfectly approachable upon release, they will however, reveal their strength and pedigree with further appropriate cellaring.



Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2019



Double Gold Medal
96/100
*Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2019*



Silver Medal
*Canberra International
Riesling Challenge 2019*

This will undoubtedly gain character/richness/complexity over the next 5-10 years, but it's a wine with plenty of varietal character and juicy attraction right now.

Rating: 92 points
*James Halliday
Wine Companion 2021*

A delicate and restrained Riesling displaying most attractive subtle characters. Floral and spicy intra on the nose with a lemon crunchy apple character on the palate. Fine acid sustains the finish. Nice wine in the medium term, and especially as a young drink.

Bronze Medal
*International Wine & Spirit
Competition London 2019*

Rating: Commended
*International Wine Challenge
London Tranche 1 2020*

Rating: 91 points
*Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2020*



Mount Barker Regional Series Riesling 2020



Gold Medal
*Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2020*

Bronze Medal
*International Wine & Spirit
Competition London 2020*

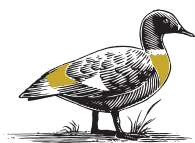
Bronze Medal
Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal
WA Wine Show 2020



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Margaret River Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc 2019



Silver Medal
*Wine Show of
Western
Australia 2019*



Silver Medal
*National Wine
Show of Australia
2019*

Bronze Medal
*Decanter World Wine
Awards 2020*

Rating: 89 points
*James Halliday
Wine Companion 2021*

Bronze Medal
*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*

Rating: 88 points
*Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2021*

Bronze Medal
*Perth Royal
Wine Show 2019*

Intense, green-tinged aromas of green beans and snow peas with dried flowers and light citrus fruit. The palate has a crisp core of apples and pears with a fresh serving of bracing acidity to light up the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points
*James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020*



Margaret River Regional Series Sauvignon Blanc 2020



Gold Medal
*Melbourne International
Wine Competition 2020*

Bronze Ribbon
*The Real Review - Huon
Hooke 2020*

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020

Bronze Medal
WA Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal
*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*



Margaret River Regional Series Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2018



Gold Medal
95 Points
*International Wine
Challenge Tranche 2
2020*



Margaret River Regional Series Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2019



Gold Medal
*Melbourne
International Wine
Competition 2020*

Bronze Medal
*Margaret River Wine Show
2019*

Rating: 90 points
*Ray Jordan
Wine Guide 2021*

Bronze Medal
*International Wine Challenge
Tranche 2, 2020*



Margaret River Regional Series Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2020

Bronze Ribbon
*The Real Review - Huon
Hooke 2020*

Bronze Medal
WA Wine Show 2020



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Geographe Regional Series Malbec Rosé 2020

Bronze Medal
Perth Royal Wine Awards 2020

Bronze Medal
Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2020

The delightful fruit fragrances of malbec are perfectly suited to this style. This one gets it right from the outset. Perfumed with red currant and other floral rose petal notes. The palate is light but beautifully flavoursome, with a crisp, dry acid contributing the long finish.

Rating: 90 points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021



Margaret River Regional Series Chardonnay 2019



Double Gold Medal
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2020

Restrained and elegant, the wine shows white flesh nectarine, lemon, apple and nougat characters on the nose with a whiff of gun smoke. The palate offers lovely weight and delicate fruit intensity combined with bright acidity, finishing crisp and linear. At its best: now to 2024

Rating: 92 points
Sam Kim, Wine Orbit 2020

Sweetly fragrant aromas of marzipan and savory oatmeal sit atop of dried-pear and chamomile notes. The palate has a fresh-pear and tinned-peach core with sweetly spiced pastry to close. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 90 points
James Suckling
WA Wine Tasting 2020



Margaret River Regional Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter Wine Show 2019



Mount Barker Regional Series Shiraz 2019



Silver Medal
Melbourne International Wine Competition 2020

This is a beautifully elegant and stylish shiraz from this rather cool vintage. Perfumed notes of violets and cherry plum. The palate has been so well handled, with spicy chocolate fruit woven with a fine tannin and refined oak mix. Its medium-bodied but loaded with great flavours.

Rating: 90 points
Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021

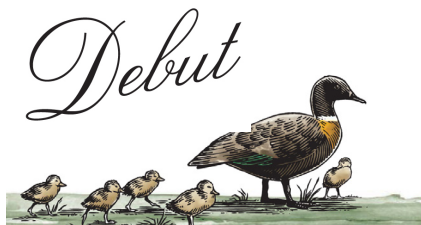
Bronze Medal
Asia Decanter Wine Show 2019

Commended
International Wine Challenge Tranche 2, 2020



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Debut wines are fresh, fruity, exuberant wines which remain true at all times to their varietal origin.



Debut Sparkling Brut NV

It's delightfully expressed on the nose showing golden apple, oatmeal, citrus peel and dried flower characters, followed by a beautifully rounded palate that's creamy and flavoursome. It's well supported by juicy acidity, finishing long and refreshing.

Rating 90/100

Sam, Kim, Wine Orbit 2020



Debut Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2020

Bronze Medal

Perth Royal Wine Show 2020

Bronze Medal

Adelaide Royal Wine Show 2020

Bronze Ribbon

The Real Review Huon Hooke 2020



This is a cracking good blended white. Everything just fits together with a little tropical fruit, a grassy edge, and a crisp lemon acid combo to finish. Great current drinking.

Rating 91/100

Ray Jordan Top 100 Whites 2020



Debut Malbec 2019

Bronze Ribbon

The Real Review - Huon Hooke 2020

Bronze Medal

Geographe Wine Show 2020

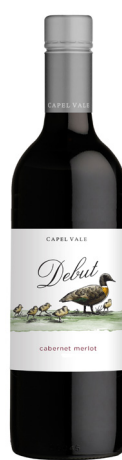
Bronze Medal

WA Wine Show 2020

Now here's some decent value for money with a beautiful medium-bodied fruit-driven malbec. Floral, spicy notes get you started with the first scents. The medium-bodied, plummy, raspberry fruit fills the palate with just a little tannin and refined oak. A spicy finish completes things.

Rating: 89 points

Ray Jordan Wine Guide 2021



Debut Cabernet Merlot 2017

One of the best wines under this range within Capel Vale. Ripe fleshy fruit with stacks of blackberry and mulberry flavours augmented with a little oak and supported by chalky tannins. Fits the 'drink now' category perfectly.

Rating 89/100

Ray Jordan's Wine Guide 2019



Gold Medal

94/100

Wine Showcase

New Release Tasting 2018

Berry and mushroomy scents with touch of black cherries. Very pleasant flavours with distinctive taste, abundant yet not exaggerated. Excellent silky-smooth tannins.