



MARGARET RIVER

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### 93 points - 2008 Clairault ESTATE Chardonnay

Clairault's 2008 Estate Chardonnay (Black Label) has moderately pronounced aromas of ripe pineapple, guava, ginger, cashew and toast. The palate is rich and silken textured with a body the full side of medium and an abundance of tropical and warm citrus fruit flavors drizzled with cream, lingering long into the finish. Very good now, it has some capacity to evolve beautifully and should cellar to 2017+.



### 90 points - 2010 Clairault Sauvignon Blanc

Revealing a moderate intensity of grapefruit and lemon/lime aromas, the 2010 Sauvignon has an appealing herbaceous and floral undercurrent. The medium bodied palate is a little greener than the nose giving just enough citrus flavors to counter the high acidity. It has a good long finish. Drinking nicely now, it should keep to 2013.

### 88 points - 2010 Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Blended of 53% Semillon and 47% Sauvignon Blanc, the 2010 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc is moderately scented of waxy lemon, lime leaf, fresh hay and grapefruit zest. Crisp and zesty in the mouth, this light to medium bodied wine has very good balance and persistence. Drink it now to 2013.

### 90 points - 2009 Clairault Chardonnay

The 2009 Chardonnay gives golden delicious apple, poached pear, apricot and honeysuckle aromas with a hint of butterscotch. Its palate is full bodied with high, balanced acidity and a pleasantly satiny viscosity, providing a long stone fruit finish. Drink it 2011 to 2015.



### 92+ points - 2007 ESTATE Cabernet Sauvignon

The fruit for the 2007 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon (Black Label) is off a single vineyard encompassing the estate's original 1976 plantings. Matured 18 months in French barriques, 50% new, it reveals a youthful, very deep garnet-purple color. The nose displays restrained scents of black plums, warm black currant, tilled loam, pencil shavings, truffles, cassia, cumin seeds and cardamom plus a whiff of bay leaf. This rich, concentrated, full bodied wine possesses an admirably taut structure of firm, finely grained tannins and crisp acidity, bearing the weight of some seductively fleshy fruit. It has a very long, spicy finish with just a bit of oak poking through. Resist the temptation to drink this blockbuster for another 3-4 years and consider consuming it from 2014-2020.

### 87 points - 2007 Clairault Cabernet Merlot

Deep garnet colored, the 2007 Cabernet Merlot is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Merlot. It gives pronounced warm blackberries, mashed blueberry and mint aromas with supporting notes of cigar boxes and cloves. This mouth-filling, full bodied Bordeaux blend is supported by crisp acid and a medium level of fine tannins, finishing long and a little hot. Drinking now, it should cellar through 2015.



### 90 points - 2007 Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon was matured 18 months in French barriques, 30% new. With a deep garnet-purple color, it is intensely scented of creme de cassis, kirsch, graphite and mocha plus subtle earthy, forest floor notes. The palate leads with a foundation of medium-firm, sandy textured tannins and high acidity supporting ripe, expressive fruit. It has a long finish. Approachable now, it should drink best 2012-2017+.

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