



MARGARET RIVER

SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

BLEND—100% Sauvignon Blanc

TASTING NOTES—The aroma has strong fruit complexity. There are hints of gooseberry, lycee, green apple, cucumber, melon, mango and pungent papaya. The palate is elegant, clean and pure. The fruit flavours are allowed to express themselves through soft acidity and low phenolics. Good length of flavour and great balance.

WINEMAKING NOTES

A cold and wet spring (flowering) following by an extreme hail event in November wasn't a good start to the 2008 season and led to reduced yields, heavy lateral growth and uneven fruit ripeness. The rest of the season however was pretty good with dry conditions that followed through to harvest. After much attention to detail in the fruit picking and pressing stage, this wine is fermented in 100% stainless steel at cool temperatures using select yeasts. Very simple winemaking ensues thereafter to ensure that as much elegance and fruit are retained. Bottled in May 2008.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar level at picking: 11.7 -12.2 baume

Wine pH: 3.31

Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.5g/l

Wine Residual sugar: 0.70g/l

Alcohol: 12.5%

WINEMAKER—Will Shields

ACCOLADES

GOLD The Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008

Silver (Best in class) International Wine & Spirit Competition 2008
"Pale watery lemon colour. Light crisp aromas, lemongrass and passionfruit. Good mouth entry, lively acidity and clean fruit flavours. Medium length. Nice wine."

Highly Commended Sydney International Wine Competition 2009
Silver Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show 2009
Silver IGA Perth Royal Wine Show 2008
Silver Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2008
Bronze The Royal Queensland Wine Show 2008
Bronze Qantas WA Wine Show 2008
Bronze Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show 2008

18.1 points John Jens—Western Suburbs Weekly March 2009
Wow. This is alive and pristine. It shows green pea and herbal characters along with hints of gooseberries that can only be gained from very cool climates.... Mr Shields has done a marvellous job, providing a long, elegant and subdued mouthful of delicious sauvignon blanc flavour. This is yet another very good wine from Clairault and it is clearly one of Australia's very few finest and best value for money.

