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## SAUVIGNON BLANC 2009

### BLEND

100% Sauvignon Blanc

### TASTING NOTES

Pale straw in colour with green hues. The aroma is smell of honeydew melon, passionfruit, lychee, green pear, and sugar snap peas. A very clean aroma, with no winemaking influences clouding the purity of fruit. The palate also allows the natural fruit flavours to come to the fore. It has a delicate mouth feel with a moderate acidity and sweetness. The wine finishes cleanly allowing the fruit flavours to linger.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The 2009 vintage was marked by strong vegetative growth during spring followed by a warm dry summer period which saw rapid sugar development and then a period of cool overcast conditions leading up to harvest. Yields were moderately low, acid levels high and flavour development was slow.

This 2009 Sauvignon Blanc comes exclusively from the Clairault vineyard from 4 different blocks ranging in age from 5 to 30 years. The winemaking is simple but very careful in its approach with the aim of highlighting and accentuating the natural fruit flavours of Sauvignon Blanc without any winemaking influences clouding the picture.

### WINEMAKING DATA

Baume at Picking: 11.6 – 13.0

Titrateable Acidity: 6.9

Alcohol: 12.5

pH: 3.20

Residual Sugar: 3.21

WINEMAKER-Will Shields





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### ACCOLADES

Silver International Wine Challenge 2010  
*"Lovely complexity of orange hinged with fruity-floral aromas. White peach and a touch of nuttiness on the palate with a long and elegant finish."*

Silver Decanter World Wine Awards 2010  
Silver Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2009  
Bronze Margaret River Wine Show 2009  
3 stars Winestate Magazine Special Edition 2009

4 stars Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine, June/July 2010 [89/100]  
*"A delicate but pungent sauvignon blanc with a hint of sweatiness to sniff and a very lively, fresh, lightbodied palate. A straight up-and-down style. It has delicate fruit and nice balance. Best to drink young."*

92/100 Jeremy Oliver Australian Wine Annual 2011  
*"Elegant and restrained, with bright, lightly grassy aromas of gooseberries, passionfruit and cassis lifted by a penetrative whiff of tropical fruit. It's long and measured, with a vibrant presence of pristine fruit and lightly herbaceous influences underpinned by a fine, dusty texture, finishing with clean, lemony acids. Pure and stylish. Cellar 2010-2011+."*

Review Peter Forrester—STM Christmas Picks—Dec 09  
*"An outstanding Margaret River producer in recent years surprising with the quality of this sauvignon; ripe, sweet fruit that is refreshingly vibrant."*

Review Jane MacQuitty, The Times Weekend UK, Oct 09  
*"The Clairault Estate is one of Margaret River's best, so lap up the fine, floral, verdant nettle and lime-zest fruit."*

94 / 100 James Halliday Wine Companion 2011  
[5 glass rating & Special Value Star]  
*"A floral blend of passionfruit and citrus rind on the bouquet is followed by a high powered palate that drives through to a lingering conclusion. All about the interaction of variety and region rather than winemaker tricks. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Drink 2012."*

