

Clairault

MARGARET RIVER

SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2008

BLEND - Semillon 57% Sauvignon Blanc 43%

TASTING NOTES

Pale straw in colour. The aromas exhibits some tropical fruit aromas melon and passionfruit along with more herbal aromas of fresh cut grass and basil. Some citrus and pith aromas also come through, lemon rind and almond. A clean and pure aroma. The palate is delicate and refined. Clean melon and citrus fruit flavours. Quite dry with a gentle and well balanced acidity. A very natural palate with great purity.

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. Due to the low yields, our crop was supplemented by Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc sourced from south of Margaret River, so this year's SSB has a more herbal and grassy edge than previous years. Fine and mild conditions during ripening meant clean fruit throughout and good natural acidity. 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 July 2008.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar level at picking: 11.1 to 12.1 Baume

Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.7g/l

Alcohol: 12.0 %

Wine pH: 3.15

Residual Sugar: 2.2

WINEMAKER: Will Shields

ACCOLADES

- Top 100** Sydney International Wine Competition 2009
- Blue Gold** Sydney International Wine Competition 2009 (3rd consecutive year)
- Silver Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show 2008
- Silver Qantas Wine Show of WA 2008
- Bronze The Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008
- Bronze Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show 2009

91/100 Ray Jordan's WA Wine Guide 2009

Top 100 The West Australian Summer Whites, Ray Jordan - Nov 2008
"Oodles of lip-smacking goodies in here; lively fresh aromas of tropical fruits, lifted herbal gooseberry and a dusting of herbaceousness. Levely finely textured palate with a zippy lingering finish. Just as the style should be made."

Review Wine Diva, Wine of the Month, Toni Patterson MW, March 2009
"Clairault is a small producer in Margaret River that produces distinctive, flavoursome wines. I have recently been charmed by their 2008 Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc which is both herbaceous and fruity. Alongside the snow pea and grassy aromas are some delightful passionfruit and tropical fruit characters. There is good acidity and it is very well balanced. It is a great example of the SSB style that Western Australia is so renowned for."

