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MARGARET RIVER

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Winsor Dobbin has been a journalist for over 30 years, during which he has been based in cities as diverse as London, Paris, Johannesburg and Sydney – in all of which he has usually had a glass of wine in his hand. He writes about his greatest passions; food, wine and travel and is most likely to be found where there's a cellar door and good restaurant. Winsor writes for The Sun-Herald and a wide range of magazines and websites.

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Clairault ESTATE Chardonnay 2008

The 2007 edition of this classy Margaret River Chardonnay went on a medal rampage and quickly sold out. Hence the 2008 is in the marketplace a little earlier than usual - and in reduced quantities following a difficult vintage that saw yields dramatically down. It's quite a big, bold wine in a chardonnay spectrum that has swung dramatically towards tight, minerally styles but it has more than enough panache to hold its own against more elegant rivals with its assertive stone-fruit characters, nutty and toasty nuances and a tight acid finish. A wine of structure and complexity that's a bit of a throwback but no less worthy for that. \$35.

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