

Wildflower Chardonnay 2021

6x75cl

Winemaker Notes

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Vineyard

The grapes come from selected parcels from sites across the Margaret River region, from Karridale in the south through to Wilyabrup in the north.

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Vintage

The Oatley family are pleased to report that 2021 has proved to be a very satisfactory vintage, with highlights including outstanding cabernet sauvignon from Margaret River and Frankland River, and good crops across all varieties in McLaren Vale. Western Australia delivered a tricky season to navigate through with some major February rain in both Margaret River and Great Southern. For Margaret River it meant that harvest was earlier, and we had to wait for the reds to dry out in warmer weather, prior to harvest. There were some high quality parcels including some sensational reds but it took some work to get them there. The Great Southern delivered higher than normal potential crops due to the rain and otherwise warm dry growing season. Riesling is soft and approachable, particularly floral. The reds are universally outstanding. Some rain in early May saw us scramble to get the last of the reds in but they were super ripe and full of flavour. A very strong vintage across all varieties. 2021 was sensational in McLaren Vale – a good farmers and winemakers vintage. Very good crops of vibrant high quality fruit. Excellent rain in spring and early summer lead up to harvest meant the vines started off in a really good place. We're very pleased with all the reds. Mudgee too fared well after a disastrous smoke-affected 2020.

Food match

Grilled and Roasted White Meats

Paired perfectly with a meaty white fish with a creamy sauce.



Grapes

91% Chardonnay
9% Other

Region/Appellation

Margaret River and
Pemberton

Alcohol by volume

12.50%

Residual Sugar

1.8 g/l

pH

3.42

Total Acidity

6.6 g/l

Drinking Window

2024 - 2028

Tasting Guide



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