

Fraser Gallop

From the renowned Fraser Gallop Estate, the Palladian Chardonnay epitomizes precision winemaking with its layered, nuanced flavors and refined structure.

Fraser Gallop ESTATE MARGARET RIVER



Palladian Chardonnay 2021

Margaret River, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Margaret River** region, located in Western Australia, is renowned for its exceptional conditions for viticulture. The region benefits from a **Mediterranean climate**, characterized by mild, wet winters and warm, dry summers. This climatic influence, combined with the proximity to the Indian Ocean, ensures a long, even growing season, allowing the grapes to achieve optimal ripeness while retaining vibrant acidity.

The vineyards of **Fraser Gallop Estate** are situated on gentle, north-facing slopes with well-drained gravelly loam soils, which contribute to the complexity and minerality of the wines. The estate practices sustainable viticulture, ensuring minimal intervention and respect for the natural environment. The careful selection of vineyard sites and meticulous management of the vines result in grapes of exceptional quality, perfectly suited for producing world-class Chardonnay.

Winemaking

The **Fraser Gallop Palladian Chardonnay** is crafted from **100% Chardonnay** grapes, specifically the Gin-Gin clone, known for its low yields and high quality. The grapes are hand-picked in shallow, slotted picking bins to enable the fruit to be cooled effectively overnight to 8 degrees Celsius.

The winemaking process begins with whole bunch pressing directly to shorter, wider fermenters for settling. The juice is not racked but goes directly to 500-liter French oak puncheons with light toasting. This method allows for natural wild yeast fermentation, which enhances the fruit's brightness and complexity. The wine undergoes **9 months of aging** in these puncheons, developing a balanced and elegant profile.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Pale straw with hints of green, indicating freshness and vitality.
- **Aroma**: An inviting bouquet of **lime, green apple, struck match, roasted chestnuts, and citrus blossom**. The toasty oak is present but not overdone.
- **Palate**: The palate is vibrant and lively, with a **razor-sharp lemony focus and a citrus zing**. The flinty quartz-like dryness is offset by a touch of sweetness, leading to great balance and a long, mineral finish.

Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

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Did you know?

The **Fraser Gallop Estate** Chardonnay is now produced using 100% Gin-Gin clone, known for its low yields and high-quality fruit. This clone, combined with meticulous winemaking techniques, has elevated the Palladian Chardonnay to new heights, offering a distinct and complex style that stands apart from the estate's Parterre series.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Sea Bass with Lemon Butter Sauce**: The citrus notes and vibrant acidity of the Chardonnay complement the delicate flavors of the fish, while the creamy texture of the wine enhances the richness of the sauce.
- **Roast Chicken with Herb Stuffing**: The wine's balanced acidity and creamy mouthfeel harmonize beautifully with the savory flavors and crispy skin of the roast chicken.
- **Pasta Primavera**: The fresh, green flavors of the vegetables and the light, creamy sauce are a perfect match for the wine's fruit-forward profile and subtle oak influence.
- **Camembert Cheese**: The creamy texture and mild flavor of Camembert enhance the wine's creamy mouthfeel and delicate fruit flavors.

98 Robert Parker

Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)

The 2021 Palladian Chardonnay is a svelte, sapid iteration of Chardonnay from this region, showing us a peacock-tail splay of acid, fruit and phenolics—each in perfect tension with the others. There are notes of crushed nuts, white peach, layers of brine, sandalwood, saffron curls and orange blossom. What a wine! This is only getting better with age. Superb. The 2021 season was cool, and the Chardonnay wines are precise and focused. Here, so intense! Achingly so. 12.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

96 James Halliday

James Halliday (JH) : 96 Points (2021)

A wine that commands respect, yet it is a wonderful drink. It's complex and detailed with excellent fruit at its heart, a pulse of refreshing acidity, fabulous smoky oak and hints of funky sulphides rendering this savoury. It lingers long, It's persuasive. Classy with a capital C.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2021)

A flinty nose of crushed thyme, sliced white peaches and baked lemons. Medium-bodied with succulent citrus fruit and toasted spice. A bit saline, too. Complex. Persistent and very nicely composed. Vegan. Best after 2024. Screw cap.