



# Halliday's Tasting Notes 2012

## **Redgate OFS Margaret River Semillon**

**2010**

Rating 94

A very good example of Margaret River semillon, combining freshness and crispness with a range of flavours running from zesty lemon to herb and mineral; crisp, crunchy acidity lengthens the finish.

## **Redgate Margaret River Chardonnay**

**2009**

Rating 94

Bright green-yellow; right in the mainstream of the elegant side of Margaret River chardonnay, with white peach and grapefruit to the fore; subtle cashew and oak nuances run through the precisely framed and balanced palate.

## **Redgate Margaret River Cabernet Franc**

**2008**

Rating 94

Time and again, cabernet franc performs better in Margaret River than anywhere else in Australia, and this is no exception. Both the bouquet and palate are full of plum and raspberry fruit, the gently spicy, warm tannins a feather bed for the fruit to rest on.

Outstanding example.

## **Redgate Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon**

**2010**

Rating 92

Bright, light straw-green; the expressive bouquet ranges through grass, lemon and green apple, characters amplified on the long palate, there joined by a touch of tropical fruit.

## **Redgate Margaret River Cabernet Franc**

**2009**

Rating 92

Bright purple-red; in common with other Margaret River cabernet francs, delivers a more complete wine than do the eastern states; a mix of cassis, blackcurrant and plum fruit stapled to firm tannins still needing to soften somewhat. Bright purple-red; in common with other Margaret River cabernet francs, delivers a more complete wine than do the eastern states; a mix of cassis, blackcurrant and plum fruit stapled to firm tannins still needing to soften somewhat.

## **Redgate Reserve Oak Matured Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc**

**2009**

Rating 90

Light straw-green; the complex bouquet signals the inclusion of 30% barrel fermentation and the palate follows suit, with some trade-off of varietal intensity against enhanced complexity, with elements of Old World style. Won't be confused with Marlborough sauvignon blanc.

## **Redgate Bin 588 Margaret River Cabernet Merlot**

**2009**

Rating 88

Good colour; a distinctly savoury blend with blackcurrant and redcurrant fruit giving way to notes of olive, leaf and earth on the light- to medium-bodied, although quite long, palate.