

MAD FISH

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2015 MadFish Chardonnay

Varieties

Chardonnay

Regions

Margaret River

Geographe

Great Southern



Vintage

The first signs of the approaching vintage began with budburst in the early spring of 2014, as the vines shrugged off their winter dormancy. It is during this early season that weather conditions start to shape the vintage to come.

A warm spring preceded a warm, dry summer that set the stage for a promising outcome. In late January, as the grapes began to soften, the marri blossom, on which the native birds feed, was curiously absent. Another battle to be fought as netting becomes a necessity to protect the valuable crop. The middle autumn period produced intermittent and lingering rains that cooled the season and slowed the red harvest. In summary, the 2015 vintage is a mixed bag with early varieties, such as Chardonnay, producing excellent wines.

Winemaking

The MadFish Unwooded Chardonnay is a blend of several regions across South Western Australia. Each region delivers fruit with different flavour profiles that contribute beautifully to the final blend.

Picked at 12 – 12.2 baume and brought to the nearest of our wineries for crushing and pressing. Each parcel is fermented separately to allow the winemakers the challenge each year of blending each batch to find the right balance of fruit weight and consistent style. All ferments are carried out in stainless steel tanks with a cool, controlled fermentation at 12-14 C to promote the natural fruit flavour and aromatics.

Tasting Notes

This chardonnay displays a pale straw colour with a green hue tint. Melon and peach aromas mingle with tropical fruits, and underlying zesty citrus notes. The palate is generous and lively, boasting a powerful fruit punch and balanced fine acidity. A well rounded, bright, vivacious wine with juicy fruit freshness, a fine texture, and generous length.

Cellaring

This wine can be enjoyed immediately or cellared to develop some more richness over the next year.

Technical Data

Alcohol: 13% v/v

Acidity: 6.5 g/l

pH 3.17

Residual Sugar 3.2 g/l

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