



DEVIL'S LAIR 9TH CHAMBER

9th Chamber Chardonnay 2009

Devil's Lair 9th Chamber 2009 Chardonnay is the inaugural release of this single vineyard wine. This wine is made only in exceptional vintages and the cool vintage of 2009 created ideal conditions for this chardonnay.

The fruit was hand-harvested and then whole-bunch pressed into old french oak barriques. This wine will continue to mature gracefully and, whilst not essential, will benefit from decanting prior to enjoying.

Winemaker Comments Oliver Crawford

Vineyard Region

Margaret River

Vintage Conditions

A long mild summer relieved cool spring weather conditions. There is no doubt that 2009 was one of the best vintages seen for many years. The cool summer days with warm dry autumn conditions allowed full development of flavours without compromising natural acidity.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date March 2009

pH 3.28

Acidity 6.6g/L

Alcohol 13%

Residual Sugar 0.8g/L

Bottling Date February 2010

Peak Drinking Now to 2020

Grape Variety

Chardonnay

Maturation

This wine was 100% fermented and matured in 1 year old seasoned french oak. Wine was stirred on lees for 10 months before bottling.

Colour

Pale White

Nose

Aromas of grapefruit, red delicious apples and white stone fruits are complimented by subtle spice and nut characters. A powerfully complex wine that is supported by well integrated oak.

Palate

The depth of fruit on the palate shows orange blossom, pear and lime with beautifully balanced natural acid. A powerfully reserved wine that will benefit, but not necessarily demand decanting.