

DEVIL'S LAIR 9TH CHAMBER



Devil's Lair Margaret River 9th Chamber Chardonnay 2011

Forty years ago archaeologists stumbled upon a hidden cave in Margaret River, Western Australia. They came across signs of early human occupation and the remains of a Tasmanian devil, thus giving the Devil's Lair cave its famous name. The winemakers at Devil's Lair have sought out some of the finest vineyards hidden within Margaret River to create this exemplary range of wines.

Devil's Lair 9th Chamber 2011 Chardonnay is the inaugural release of this single vineyard wine. This wine is made only in exceptional vintages and Margaret River was blessed with a stunning 2011 season.

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

It was an early start to the vintage. Winter rains were about average. An unusually dry hot December and January followed; with only a few intermittent showers in late January. This led to a promising start to the vintage. Whites were off early, picked in the cool crisp dawns resulting in some wonderful fresh and vibrant wines.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date

March 2011

pH

3.27

Acidity

7.1

Alcohol

12.52

Bottling Date

February 2012

Peak Drinking

Now to 2025

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

Brilliant White with pale straw hues

Nose

A youthful aura of restraint and elegance. White nectarine and fresh lemon bounce from the glass with wet slate and oyster shell adding to the complexity

Palate

In true Grand Cru style this wine evolves in the glass. Immediately apparent are the youthful fruit flavours, balanced by wonderful natural acidity and fine phenolics giving structure to the wine that will ensure many years of enjoyment.