

Heydon Estate ★★☆☆☆

Margaret River dentist George Heydon (and wife Mary) have been involved in the region's wine industry since 1995. They became 50% partners in Arlewood, and when that partnership was dissolved in '04 the Heydons relinquished their interest in the Arlewood brand but retained the property and the precious 2 ha of cabernet sauvignon and 2.5 ha of Gin Gin clone chardonnay planted in '88. Additional plantings in '95 include Dijon chardonnay clones, sauvignon blanc, semillon, shiraz and petit verdot. The first cabernet made under the Heydon ownership, the '04 WG Grace Cabernet Sauvignon, won the trophy for Best Cabernet Sauvignon at the Margaret River Wine Show '06 and the '05 The Willow Chardonnay received a gold medal at the Perth Royal Wine Show '08. The estate is now biodynamic, near-neighbour Vanya Cullen having no doubt inspired the decision. And if it wasn't already very obvious, George is a cricket tragic. Exports to the UK.

JAMES HALLIDAY TASTING NOTES



The Urn Single Vineyard Margaret River Botrytis Semillon 2006

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Bright green-yellow, unusual for an Australian botrytis semillon of this age; a moderate botrytis infection has largely preserved semillon varietal character, while adding the expected racy edge and lingering acidity. Screwcap.

13.5% alc. **Rating 91 Drink 2015 \$25 Date Tasted Dec 09**



The Willow Single Vineyard Margaret River Chardonnay 2005

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Still extraordinarily pale, bright straw-green; the bouquet and light- to medium-bodied palate are similarly fresh and zesty, oak playing a straight bat against the grapefruit, melon and nectarine flavours. Screwcap.

13.8% alc. **Rating 93 Drink 2015 \$35 Date Tasted Dec 09**



The Willow Single Vineyard Margaret River Chardonnay 2006

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A complex and inviting array of aromas, with charcuterie, toasty oak, grapefruit and wet river stone; the palate is full-flavoured, full-throttle and full of toasty oak and ripe fruit, with the finish providing plenty of depth and interest to conclude. Screwcap.

13.8% alc. **Rating 95 Drink 2017 \$45 Date Tasted Dec 10**



W.G. Grace Single Vineyard Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

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Good hue, although not deep; an elegant medium-bodied wine with every component precisely where it should be; blackcurrant, cassis, plum, cedar and tannins on the long palate. Screwcap.

13.8% alc. **Rating 94 Drink 2019 \$45 Date Tasted Dec 09**