

Ribbon Vale Chardonnay

2022

5 STARS & 95 POINTS

Aaron Brasher | The Real Review

June 2023

Mid-straw, bright and inviting. Lifted aromas of grapefruit, white flowers, sweet spice, nougat and green melon. Complex, layered, mouth-filling rich and creamy. There's a pure drive of white peach, citrus and nutty, complexing oak. Generous, long and quite delicious. Drink: 2023-2028

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Bob Campbell | The Real Review

May 2023

Taut, high-energy chardonnay with lemon curd, toasty French oak, sizzled butter, white peach and grapefruit marmalade supported by fresh acidity and fine peppery tannins. Aerate to get the best out of this closed and youthful wine. Drink: 2023-2030

94 POINTS

Ray Jordan | Business News

April 2023

This is a decidedly fresh and fragrant chardonnay that provides quite a point of difference to the standard Moss Wood. It; made in exactly the same way yet the Ribbon Vale vineyard speaks its individuality. It's flavoursome with light stone fruit and a more subtle creamy vanilla bean character. The palate is generous and full, yet the nectarine and lime edges provide a tightening and focusing effect to take the wine through to a long finish. A little flick of acid on the finish, and there you have it, a mighty good wine for now or medium-term cellaring. Cellar: 10 years

4.5 STARS

Fergal Gleeson | Great Wine Blog

April 2023

Ribbon Vale Chardonnay 2022 is a rich and complex wine. No skinny Chardonnay here or attempt to emulate saline Chablis. This is Wilyabrup, Margaret River. A full bodied white showing rich honey notes, peach, melon, nuts. 50% new oak adds to the layers. Despite the fruit power, it is balanced and all pulled into line by a crisp finish. Hedonistic and pure pleasure.

93 POINTS

Andrew Caillard | Winepilot.com - The Vintage Journal

April 2023

Pale medium colour. Fresh grapefruit, marzipan hint nougat aromas with herb notes. Generous and creamy with ample grapefruit, tropical fruit flavours, crème brûlée/ butterscotch marzipan notes and fine slinky textures. Al dente crisp finish. Delicious early drinking style with lovely mineral length. Drink now – 2027

94 POINTS

Ken Gargett | Wine Pilot

April 2023

This vineyard ripens two weeks after the Moss Wood vineyard, despite their proximity (one kilometre between them). Whole bunch pressing, fermentation first in stainless steel and then transferred to barrel – 228-litre French oak. For this vintage, this wine saw 50% new oak. This is a higher percentage than usual, due to the intensity of the fruit from 2022. An appealing deep lemony colour. This is a fine Chardonnay, good concentration of flavours, and offering finesse. Spices and lemon curd notes. Stonefruit and gentle oak. There is a gorgeous texture here, a little reminiscent of crème brûlée in some ways. Seamless and seductive and supple. Fine balance, good acidity and decent length, this has everything in place for the next five to six years. Love it.

94 POINTS

Gary Walsh | The Wine Front

March 2023

Pretty rich and slick style here. Pineapple, peach, aniseed, toasted cashew, white chocolate and vanilla. It's creamy and viscous, but has some lively limey acidity and flavour, powdery texture, cashew and apricot on a gently spicy finish of good length. It's quite a lot of wine, but very pleasing in a more opulent style.
2023 – 2027+

93 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camerondouglasms.com

June 2023

Bright, fresh, fruity with layers of barrel spices, citrus and peach, some apple and moments of yoghurt and creamed vanilla. A lovely weight and mouthfeel as the wine touches the palate, acidity, oak and wood tannins along with a warming alcohol set a decent foundation and structure for both fruit and ageing. The wine comes together nicely on day two showcasing its proclivity for ageing. Will also be very good with food. Best drinking from 2024 through 2029.