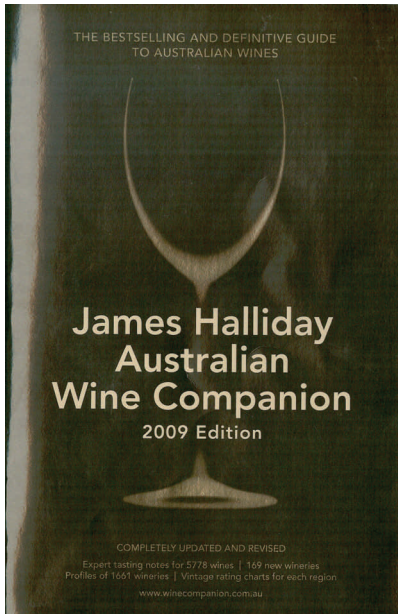




MARGARET RIVER

## PRESS REVIEW

## James Halliday's 2009 Australian Wine Companion



### Clairault



Overall winery rating

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion is the bestselling and definitive guide to wine in Australia.

Keenly anticipated by winemakers, collectors and wine lovers, the Australian Wine Companion is recognised nationally as the industry benchmark.

#### 95/100 Clairault Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (5 glass rating)

"Classic cabernet aroma and flavour, blackcurrant and cassis offset by flecks of black olive and earth; fine cedary oak and tannins on a long finish. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2025."

#### 94/100 Clairault Estate Chardonnay 2006 (5 glass rating)

"A complex bouquet, with strong barrel ferment inputs; an intense and equally complex palate with nectarine and cashew; good minerality. Screwcap. 14% alc. Cellar to 2015."

#### 93/100 Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 (4.5 glass rating)

"Has a sweeter and slightly softer fruit profile than the Estate, but the medium-bodied palate has very good balance, line and length. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2015."

#### 91/100 Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2007 (4.5 glass rating)

"Classic Margaret River style; good focus, intensity and length; marries tropical fruit with a lemon juice dressing. Screwcap. 13% alc. Cellar to 2012."

#### 91/100 Clairault Shiraz 2005 (4.5 glass rating)

"Has well above average weight and depth for Margaret River Shiraz, with ripe berry fruits offset by fine but ripe tannins; good oak use. Screwcap. Cellar to 2017."

#### 90/100 Clairault Sauvignon Blanc 2007 (4.5 glass rating)

"Has more tropical, passionfruit and gooseberry aromas and flavours than many others from the vintage. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Cellar to 2010."

#### 90/100 Clairault Shiraz 2004 (4.5 glass rating)

"Light to medium-bodied; retains good freshness to its bright, red cherry, plum and spice fruit which belie the alcohol; fine tannins. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2014."

#### 90/100 Clairault Cabernet Merlot 2005 (4.5 glass rating)

"Nicely well pitched and weighted, with supple, silky yet distinctly tangy flavours on the line, light-to medium bodied palate; should please all comers. Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Cellar to 2015."

#### 89/100 Clairault Estate Riesling 2008 (4 glass rating)

"A firm, mineraly palate; overall, subdued varietal fruit, a dual function of vineyard and region. Screwcap. 12.5% alc. Cellar to 2012."

#### 89/100 Clairault Chardonnay 2007 (4 glass rating)

"Tangy, lively, light-to medium bodied wine with delicate nectarine and grapefruit flavours, backed by appropriately subtle oak. Screwcap. 13% alc. Cellar to 2012."

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