



## Tasting notes

### THE HIDDEN CAVE 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.

The philosophy behind The Hidden Cave Margaret River collection encourages devilish thinking to create wines with a twist. The focus is to craft wines that showcase Margaret River and to draw on the winemaker's 'inner devil'.

Introducing The Hidden Cave Margaret River Chardonnay 2011.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS BY OLIVER CRAWFORD

#### VINEYARD REGION

Margaret River, Western Australia.

#### 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 Feb – March 2011

pH 3.40

Acidity 7.4g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.5g/L

Bottling Date June 2011

Peak Drinking Enjoy now to 2014

#### GRAPE VARIETY

Chardonnay.

#### MATURATION

Matured in a combination of French oak barriques and stainless steel.

#### COLOUR

Bright pale white with avocado flesh hues.

#### NOSE

Aromas of freshly cut limes and granny smith apple juice are posed perfectly with spicy nougat oak.

#### PALATE

A controlled explosion of flavour! White peach citrus acidity and rich nutty nougat and spice are seamlessly integrated.

