



2008 PLANTAGENET CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



91+ pts “It gives a complex, meaty / savory nose with notes of oatmeal, toast, cashew, ripe apricots and pineapple. The medium bodied palate offers great texture at a moderate level of alcohol (around 13.5%) and very crisp acidity cuts through the concentrated flavors lingering well into the long, layered finish. Approachable now, this Chardonnay has the capacity to develop and drink to 2016+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
October 2010

91 pts “Plantagenet has been a serious player in Western Australia since the late 1960s. The original plantings in the remote Great Southern included Chardonnay, a varietal not that well known in WA in those days. Aged for nine months in French oak, this Chardonnay has a brilliant light gold color, lovely peach and citrus aromatics, dry full-fruit flavors, subtle oak notes, 13.8% alcohol and good length. Crisp and clean with balanced oak and fruit, this is a very nice Chardonnay at an affordable price.”

Gerald D. Boyd
WineReviewOnline.com
Aug 9, 2011

90 pts “Wines from Western Australia typically show more restraint compared to those from other parts of the country because the cooling influences of the Indian and Southern Oceans mean the grapes achieve slower, more balanced ripeness. This delectable Chardonnay supports that generalization with a lovely combination of toastiness and subtle creamy notes that sit atop a haunting flintiness. Citrus notes in the finish add to its liveliness. A terrific buy.”

Michael Apstein
WineReviewOnline.com
September 13, 2011

90 pts “Light, bright yellow. Pungent herbs complement fresh quince and pear on the nose. Juicy orchard fruit flavors are braced by zesty minerality, turning riper and fleshier on the close. I really like this wine’s uncompromising, sharply focused personality.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009



90 pts “Loaded with sweet nectarine fruit and a slight pine element; toasty and rich with a strong mineral component coming to the fore.”

James Halliday
2010 Australian Wine Companion

90 pts “Bright and juicy, a lively mouthful of grapefruit, apple and spice aromas and flavors that lilt through the finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 4, 2010

89 pts “Medium straw-colored, it reveals a nose of spicy oak, biscuit, apple, poached pear, and toasted nuts. Medium-bodied and vibrant on the palate, it has plenty of savory fruit, excellent balance, and a lengthy finish.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

87 pts “The vanilla scents of oak don't mask earthier, saline flavors in this rustic chardonnay, finishing clean.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009

91 pts “Bright yellow and a lot of aromas on the nose like pineapple, apricot, pear and gravel. The flavors of grapefruit, apple, baking spices, and apricot mesh together perfectly to provide a crisp and memorable finish with a medium bodied feel. This wine is very good and should drink well for 5 more years without issue.”

www.midwestwineguy.com
March 29, 2011

86 pts “Plantagenet’s 2008 Chardonnay is an ambitiously worked effort filled with toasty, nutty notes and hints of vanilla, sweet corn and tropical fruit. Drink this medium-bodied yet round wine over the next year or two.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
July 2011