WOODLANDS

Margaret River - Australia

Background

Woodlands, founded in 1973 by David and Heather Watson in the Wilyabrup Valley, was among the first five estates to plant vines in the Margaret River wine region. Inspired by the great wines of Bordeaux, their 1981 'Andrew' Cabernet Sauvignon gained early acclaim and was the first Margaret River wine to receive a National Red Wine trophy. The Woodlands Estate vineyard, situated on elevated terrain near the Indian Ocean, has well drained gravely loam soils and is the source of their renowned 'Margaret' blend. In 2007, the Watsons expanded with the Woodlands Brook Vineyard just slightly to the northeast of the original vineyard, which provides fruit for 'Clémentine' and their other regional blends. In 2002, David's son Stuart became the winemaker and was joined by his brother Andrew in 2005. Today, Woodlands continues its legacy as a historic, benchmark Margaret River estate. The wines, when compared to those of similar quality from Bordeaux or California, are an absolute steal. For the curious wine drinker, Woodlands is a rare find.

Highlights

1. **Founded in 1973, Woodlands was among the first five vineyards in the Margaret River wine region.**
2. **Today, Woodlands is a benchmark Margaret River estate located in the Wilyabrup Valley with a focus on premium Cab and Chardonnay.**
3. **Woodlands' wines, when compared to those of similar quality from Bordeaux or California, are an absolute steal.**

Wines

Chardonnay SRP $28

This is a ripe, flinty regional Chardonnay blend that sees a small portion of new oak aging.

Regional Red Blends SRP $28

The Cab Franc-Merlot and Cab Sauv-Merlot blends present like affordable Pauillac of the new world (powerful red blends from gravelly soils).

Estate Red Blends SRP $40-130

'Margaret,' 'Matthew,' and 'Clémentine' are powerful, single-vineyard Cab Sauv blends grown on gravelly clay that see some new oak aging.

Ethos

NATURAL ORGANIC VEGAN

Packaging

Experimental Traditional

Press

"It is aromatically beguiling. I absolutely love the bouquet.

95+ points

ERIN LARKIN (WINE ADVOCATE)

'Matthew' Cabernet 2014