



DEVIL'S LAIR

Margaret River

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DEVIL'S LAIR AWARDED WA 'WINE OF THE YEAR' IN RAY JORDAN'S 2015 WEST AUSTRALIAN WINE GUIDE

Devil's Lair's top Chardonnay, the **2011 Devil's Lair 9th Chamber Chardonnay**, has received the coveted title of WA's 'Wine of the Year' and 'White Wine of the Year' in Ray Jordan's 'The West Australian Wine Guide 2015.'

Now in its 14th edition, The 2015 West Australian Wine Guide is the definitive guide on West Australian wine, written by leading Australian wine writer, Ray Jordan. First published in 2002, this annual wine guide is includes more than 800 reviews and covers the breadth and beauty of West Australia's finest producers and their wines.

On the 2011 Devil's Lair 9th Chamber Chardonnay, Ray Jordan noted: "What impresses me most is the ability to capture the elegance of the variety while losing nothing of Margaret River's lingering persistence and intensity."

Awarding this wine **98 points**, he described the wine as: "A masterly expression of southern Margaret River Chardonnay here. It's structured with such fine delicate lines yet the flavour extends with relentless drive to a very long finish. Deep in the palate there are layers of subtle complexity delivered with a deft fine touch. This is a testament to quality fruit and exceptional winemaking," Jordan said.

WINE OF THE YEAR: 2011 Devil's Lair 9th Chamber Chardonnay 98/100 RRP: \$99.99

Devil's Lair's new Chief Winemaker, Ben Miller, said it was an honour to receive this award and it reflected the distinctive style of Chardonnay that Devil's Lair champions.

"The Devil's Lair approach to Chardonnay is about capturing the right balance between elegance and fruit," Ben said, "we don't want to go down the path of making linear wines at the expense of beautiful fruit flavour. There is restraint, but there is also flavour and that is fundamentally important across all our Chardonnay wines."

"9th Chamber is only made in the very best vintages – it's the best expression of Devil's Lair in Margaret River and a representation of our best vineyards and vintages," Ben said.

"2011 was a cracker of a vintage – all the right elements came at exactly the right time, we were very fortunate. The fruit was sourced from Vineyard 3 of Devil's Lair's estate vineyards, which are some of the most southerly in Margaret River, with the cooling breezes from the Southern Ocean that are perfect for Chardonnay. Winemaking is not set in stone, but the 2011 Chardonnay has 0% new oak. It's the pinnacle of Devil's Lair Chardonnay."

Devil's Lair 9th Chamber Chardonnay is available from fine wine stores and leading venues.

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