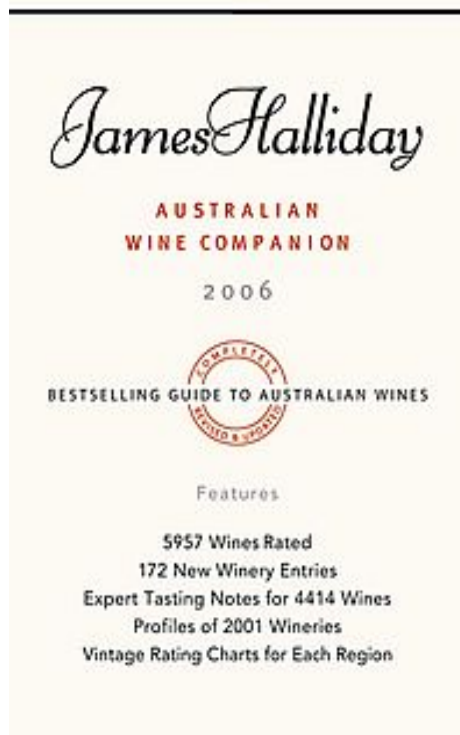




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Clairault Estate Wines
Margaret River WA



Bill and Ena Martin, with sons Conor, Brian and Shane, acquired Clairault several years ago. This has led to a major expansion of the vineyards on the 120h property. The 12 ha of vines established by the Lewises (these are up to 30 years old) are being supplemented by another 70 ha of vines on the property, with an end-point ratio of 70% red varieties to 30% white varieties. The restaurant is open for lunch 7 days. Domestic distribution throughout all states; exports to the UK, the US and other major markets.



Clairault Sauvignon Blanc 2004

Spotlessly clean, highly aromatic and flavoured passion fruit/tropical fruit mix, balanced by lingering acidity. Cork. Rating 93.

Clairault Estate Semillon 2004

A complex wine, highlighted by squeaky acidity balancing the rich fruit and a touch of toasty, spicy oak; works well; long finish. Cork. Rating 92.

Clairault Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2002

Medium to full bodied; clean and intense black current fruit supported by ripe tannins and quality French oak. Cork. Rating 92.

Clairault Chardonnay 2003

Subtly complex amalgam of French barrel ferment and malolactic ferment inputs on melon fruit; understated but satisfying. Quality cork. Rating 91.

Clairault Chardonnay 2004

Light to medium bodied, fresh and lively; tangy citrus and stone fruit; subtle oak, long finish. Cork. Rating 90.

Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon 2002

A mix of ripe and more earthy savoury black current fruit; balanced tannins and oak. Cork. Rating 90.



Clairault Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002

Strong regional notes to the earthy tannins; the black fruits, too, tend to the austere, dry side of the spectrum. Cork. Rating 89.

Swagman's Kiss Cabernet Merlot 2002

Medium bodied, with quite firm, dark berry fruits and integrated tannins, long finish, needs time. Rating 88.