

Howard Park

Compelling Wines of Margaret River and Great Southern



Thirty years is not a significant time period in the history of Australian winemaking. Yet Howard Park, founded in 1986 and owned by the Burch family, has gained a reputation as one of the finest names in Australia producing consistently excellent, sophisticated and engaging wines.


Howard Park's rieslings, sourced from Mount Barker and Porongurup in the Great Southern at the southern tip of Western Australia, are fine and built to last while offering generosity and plenty of appeal from early in their lives. At three-years-old, Howard Park's Great Southern rieslings are charming and delightfully drinkable, even though they can be cellared for twenty years quite comfortably.

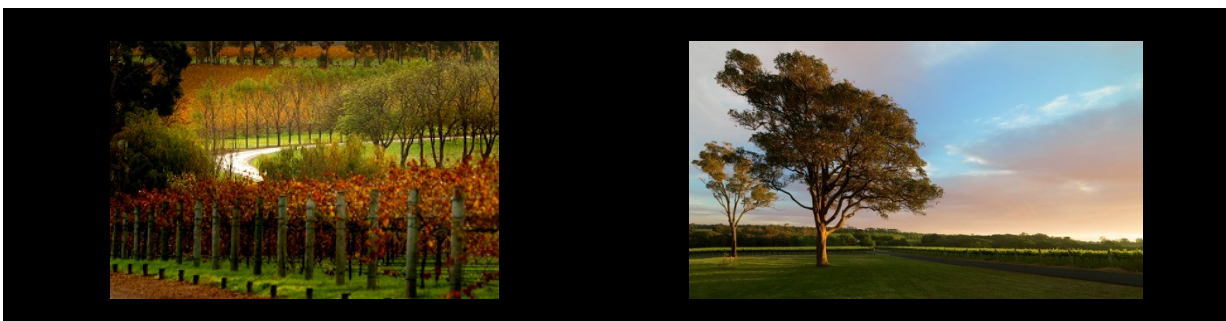
Chardonnay grapes come from several regions: Mount Barker, Margaret River, Porongurup and Denmark, and the portion from each region varies from vintage to vintage. One thing that remains constant is the exquisite style and refinement. No wonder it is one of the most sought-after chardonnay labels in the country.

Leston Shiraz, from Margaret River, offers warm-climate fruit richness with cool-climate elegance and spice complexity. With age, the wine develops wonderful savoury flavours while retaining succulent fruit intensity and velvety mouthfeel. A brilliant wine to partner slow-cooked meat dishes.

The perfectly positioned reef five hundred metres off shore creates some of the most consistent, world-class surf breaks at Margaret River Main Break. Also perfectly positioned is the wine region of Margaret River for growing concentrated, refined and classically expressed cabernet sauvignon. The region enjoys the radiation from the hot continent but is moderated by cooling ocean breezes. Grapes ripen without trouble while retaining the balance between flavour, sugar, acid and tannins. Indeed, many Margaret River cabernets are considered some of the finest in the world, and have become very collectable. Howard Park is among the premier league producers fashioning this noble grape into powerful, yet completely seductive wines that mature gracefully.

Notes are from a recent media tasting held in Auckland, New Zealand.

| Winery | Wine | Region | Points |
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|  | Mount Barker Riesling 2014 The use of free-run juice provides purity and delicacy to this stunning riesling. It is beautifully fragrant on the nose displaying white nectarine, lemon peel and floral characters. The palate is juicy and vibrant and shows outstanding focus, leading to a linear, exceptionally long and mouth-watering finish. For a wine destined for the long haul, this is remarkably approachable. At its best: 2017 to 2032. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015. | Mount Barker | 95 |
| | Great Southern Riesling 2013 An exquisitely styled riesling, the wine offers lemon/lime zest, white floral and stone fruit aromas with finely textured mouthfeel. It is taut and racy, and generous and flavoursome at the same time. Superbly structured by firm acidity, the wine is flowing and linear, and very attractive. At its best: 2016 to 2032. \$34.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015. | Great Southern | 96 |
| | Great Southern Riesling 2008 A gorgeous riesling; the complex bouquet shows lemon cured, lime and floral characters with a touch of toasty notes. The palate is succulent and beautifully weighted, and delivers a seamless, tremendously long finish. At its best: now to 2025. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015. | Great Southern | 96 |
| | Great Southern Riesling 2005 A wonderfully matured Riesling: the inviting bouquet shows baked apple and lemon curd with nuances of honey and oilskin. The palate delivers terrific fruit richness and roundness, together with beautifully pitched acidity, making the wine immensely delicious with a lingering crisp finish. At its best: now to 2020. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015. | Great Southern | 94 |



Howard Park**Flint Rock Chardonnay 2012**Mount Barker **93**

Delectable and delightful, this is elegant yet abundant in rich flavours. Stone fruit, mandarin, cream and almond notes on the nose, followed by a rounded palate with lush texture and smooth mouthfeel. The finish is long and mouthfilling. At its best: now to 2020. \$33.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Howard Park**Chardonnay 2013**Western Australia **96**

Grapes were sourced from Mount Barker (52%), Margaret River (39%) and Porongurup (9%) for this compelling chardonnay. Magnificent aromas of yellow peach, nougat, vanilla and cedar lead to a concentrated palate that shows excellent weight and rich texture. It is vibrant and elegant at the same time, and offers seamless mouthfeel and an impressively long, very attractive finish. At its best: 2017 to 2027. \$50.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

**Chardonnay 2012**Great Southern **96**

This is superbly rich while remaining poised and refreshing. The bouquet shows stone fruit, ripe citrus, cream and vanilla aromas, followed by an expansive palate that is powerful and weighty. Exceptionally long on the finish, the wine is multi-layered and gratifying throughout. At its best: 2016 to 2025. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Chardonnay 2006Great Southern **95**

Now with some bottle maturity, the wine is in complete harmony, exhibiting delicate notes of stone fruit, almond, oatmeal and citrus, enhanced by a beautifully poised palate that is elegantly textured and seamlessly integrated. A terrific drink. At its best: now to 2020. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Howard Park**Flint Rock Shiraz 2011**Great Southern **93**

A beautifully rounded and approachable shiraz, the wine is filled with red/black plum, floral and clove characters with a hint of white pepper complexity. The palate is delightfully smooth and succulent, backed by plenty of fine-grained tannins. At its best: now to 2021. \$33.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Howard Park**Leston Shiraz 2012**Margaret River **95**

A lovely, perfumed bouquet: aromas of dark plum, blueberry and floral with hints of white pepper and cocoa on the nose. The palate is ripe and silky with an abundance of appealing flavours and polished tannins. It is lingering and smooth to the finish, showing wonderful harmony and balance. At its best: 2016 to 2030. \$44.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage.

**Leston Shiraz 2011**Margaret River **94**

A beautifully composed shiraz; at four-years-old the bouquet remains youthful and pristine with elegant complexity, showing dark plum, floral, mint and subtle spicy oak characters on the nose. It is focused and finely textured on the palate with excellent fruit intensity, leading to a lingering, finely dry finish. At its best: now to 2026. \$44.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Leston Shiraz 2005Margaret River **97**

This is opulent and firmly structured at the same time with sweetly fragrant aromas of dark berry, clove, sage, cedar and dark chocolate. The palate is equally gratifying, offering layers of delicious flavours and velvety texture. At its best: now to 2022. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Leston Shiraz 2004Margaret River **95**

It is instantly appealing on the nose showing dark fruit, roast meat, cedar, mixed spice and coco characters, followed by a beautifully weighted palate that is plump and silky with grainy tannins. Beautifully long and totally attractive. At its best: now to 2020. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Howard Park**Miamup Cabernet Sauvignon 2011**Margaret River **93**

The wine displays classic cigar box aromas with fragrant cassis, plum and spice on the nose. It is succulent and rounded, beautifully supported by its silky texture and fine, delicately drying tannins. The wine shows lovely fruit richness with excellent balance and harmony. At its best: now to 2023. \$33.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Howard Park**Leston Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**Margaret River **96**

Charming and sumptuous, this multifaceted cabernet is packed with blackcurrant and dark plum characters as well as beautifully infused cedary oak and dried sage complexity. It is concentrated and plush on the palate with plenty of grainy tannins, providing excellent structure and finish. Great line and length. At its best: 2020 to 2032. \$44.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

**Leston Cabernet Sauvignon 2011**Margaret River **96**

You could nose this all day. Seductive aromas of cassis, plum, cedar, violet and cigar lead to a plush palate that is concentrated and fleshy. The wine offers richness and opulence while firmly structured by abundance of fine, chalky tannins. Outstanding balance and harmony. At its best: 2020 to 2032. \$44.00. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

Leston Cabernet Sauvignon 2004Margaret River **96**

A beautifully maturing and utterly delicious cabernet; the complex bouquet shows game, dark fruit, cigar box and mixed spice aromas, followed by a sensual palate that delivers plenty of flavours as well as layers of silky texture. Tannins are fine, firm and integrated, providing classic cabernet frame and structure. A wine of sophistication and splendour. At its best: now to 2024. Library stock. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.



Howard Park**Abercrombie Cabernet Sauvignon 2012**Western Australia **98**

From an excellent vintage, this iconic label, representing Howard Park's top 1% of cabernet sauvignon grapes, exhibits glorious richness combined with refinement and exquisite style. Gorgeous aromas of dark fruit, violet, game, cigar and cedar lead to a dense and powerful palate that is silky and harmonious with fine chocolatey tannins. A compelling rendition of cabernet, this offers supreme concentration and structure, and layers of delicious flavours. A blend of Mount Barker (70%) and Margaret River (30%). At its best: 2020 to 2035. NZ Distributor: Eurovintage. April 2015.

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