

Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2002/2003 Extract



The Top-quality Wines

“Of over 1000 wines we include in this Guide there are some that leave a special impression on us. They are the greats, the wines that we reckon to be at the pinnacle of Aussie wine quality. ... but they are all worthy of serving on any occasion.”

Huon Hooke & Ralph Kyte-Powell

Margan House of Certain Views Merlot 2000

CURRENT RELEASE 2000

The grapes came from five-year-old vines at Mt Kaputar, a totally new, isolated region in central New South Wales, which makes this remarkable wine even more of a discovery. It is lovely merlot: rich and ripe, full and plump as merlot should be, but so rarely is. Fleshy, succulent sweet fruit and supple tannins. A deserving trophy winner at the Sydney Wine Show.

Quality

Value ★★★★★

Margan Cabernet Sauvignon 2001

CURRENT RELEASE 2001

Those sceptics who think the Hunter Valley can't produce good cabernet should try this... A succulent cabernet, crammed with blackberry and cassis flavours that are sweetly ripe and varietal. Oak plays a purely supportive role, allowing the fruit free expression. The tannins are supple and smooth, but still evident. A beautifully made wine that would go well with roast beef and all the trimmings.

Quality

Value ★★★★★

Margan Botrytis Semillon 2001

CURRENT RELEASE 2001

Botrytis wine from the Hunter is not a common sight, although the conditions there are often suitable... The nose reveals strong apricot, mixed-peel and vanilla botrytis characters, and the palate is intense and quite sweet... Try it with a fruit flan and cream.

Quality

Value ★★★★★

Margan Chardonnay 2001

CURRENT RELEASE 2001

Andrew Margan is a former Tyrrells winemaker who has his own vineyards and winery out at Broke. He is one of the new wave of inspired winemakers in the Hunter... Peach and cashew-nut flavours are true to the grape, oak is in the background and it tastes soft and fruit-sweet. It would go well with scallops en brochette.

Quality

Value ★★★★★