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## DRIFTWOOD ESTATE, AUSTRALIA

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Driftwood Estate was established in 1989 by Tom and Helen Galopoulos on pristine land in the northern part of the Margaret River wine region, 4km from the Indian Ocean. It is a small estate with just 20 hectares of vineyards, 12ha of white varieties and 8ha of red. Having made a significant investment in a new winery, Tom has supplemented wine volumes with grapes from two neighbouring growers. In addition, he has created an award-winning restaurant and a stunning outdoor amphitheatre reflecting his Greek origins.

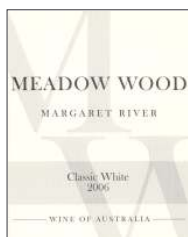
As we have detailed before, Margaret River's benign maritime climate is ideal for the production of fine wines and the small size of the estate enables vineyard manager Paul McGrath to manage operations with meticulous detail. A wide range of varieties are planted, the main ones being Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, and these are vinified separately by winemaker Grant Mitchel, using different processes to enhance each varietal's character. In contrast to many new world producers, the estate specialises in blended wines that reflect the land and its *terroir* rather than the character of a particular grape. The fruit is ripe and generously flavoured but there is also a freshness and complexity that is more European in character. This no doubt reflects Tom Galopoulos' roots but also his aim for the wines to compliment fine cuisine.

As a small and relatively new producer, the wines are sold mostly from the cellar door and in local restaurants. This is their first foray into the export market and we are delighted to offer the wines in this country. Tom has chosen to use the Meadow Wood label outside Australia, which is a bit of a shame as it is rather drab compared with that for Driftwood. However these are early days and the most important factor is the quality of the wine in the bottle, which is uniformly excellent. The wines are all excellent value given their unique character and to further encourage a first try we are offering a £12 discount on our Meadow Wood sampler case including free delivery. Alternatively you can make up your own selection and enjoy free delivery.



### MEADOW WOOD Classic White 2006

MARGARET RIVER 11.5%



This un-oaked white is mainly a blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. These classic Margaret River varieties give the wine a clean, vibrant style with a distinct grassiness similar to the premium Sauvignon Semillon. The remaining 9% is made up of Verdelho and Chenin Blanc and these add body, mouth-feel and a nice, food-friendly layer of complexity.

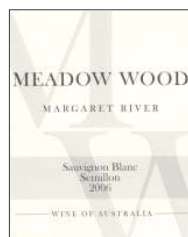
*The Sauvignon character is most evident on the nose with notes of currant leaf, cut grass and fresh asparagus. Good weight on the palate from the Semillon and complexity too with flavours of nectarine, pear, white-currant and gooseberry. The ripe fruit flavours are balanced by a fine seam of acidity that lingers well on the finish.*

At Peak Now - 2011

**AU1576W £6.49**

### MEADOW WOOD Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2006

MARGARET RIVER 12.5%



The beneficial mix of Sauvignon and Semillon is a great example of the whole being more than the sum of the parts. The French have shown this for years with their dry Bordeaux whites, but the style has really come into its own in the wines of Margaret River. This youthful example from Driftwood currently has pure, vibrant flavours, but over time it will develop a rich, intense and slightly nutty character.

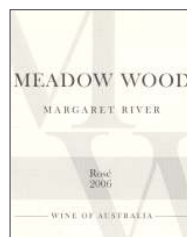
*The relatively cool growing season is readily apparent in the attractive grass, currant leaf and wild herb aromas with a touch of gooseberry in the background. Good weight on the palate with a nice seam of mineral acidity beneath the ripe peach, gooseberry and whitecurrant flavours. Elegant and ageworthy.*

At Peak Now - 2012

**AU1676W £7.99**

### MEADOW WOOD Rosé 2006

MARGARET RIVER 12.5%



It may be because rosé is not considered a serious style, but it is certainly rarely seen in the premium offerings of Margaret River wineries. Judging by the quality of Meadow Wood's Rosé, that is a real shame. Crafted from Shiraz with a little Merlot, it is made by the *saigné* method, where the juice spends a short time in contact with the skins. The result is one of the most impressive rosés we have tasted.

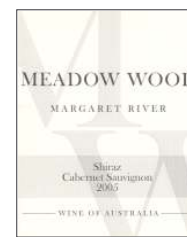
*Light pink colour with attractive aromas of redcurrant, rose petals and a hint of raspberry. Elegant yet flavoursome on the palate with juicy ripe redcurrant, cherry and wild strawberry flavours. Rich, rounded and fruit-filled. Impressively long, dry finish. At peak now but will keep well into next year.*

At Peak Now - 2010

**AU1626P £6.99**

### MEADOW WOOD Shiraz Cabernet 2005

MARGARET RIVER 14%



The unique character of the estate's wines, even amongst those of Margaret River, is perfectly demonstrated by this outstanding red. A blend of 85% Cabernet and 15% Shiraz, it shows remarkable freshness and vitality, even after 20 months in small, French oak barrels. The extended maturation in barrel and bottle has ensured good oak integration and the development of complex secondary flavours.

*Lovely complex aromas of cassia, plum, vanilla spice and chocolate. On the palate there are silky berry fruit flavours, cedary oak and subtle tannins. Smooth and elegant with an attractive freshness and a spicy lift on the finish. Relatively young and vibrant, enjoy this beauty over the next 3 to 4 years.*

At Peak Now - 2013

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