



# DEEP WOODS

## ESTATE

### REVIEWS AND PRESS

#### **WINE 100, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2011**

##### **2007 Deep Woods Estate Block 7 Shiraz**

Deep Woods has done well with this 08 Margaret River Shiraz – it smells of spicy dark berries and carries a meaty edge with toasty oak too. It rolls through on fine, even tannins delivering supple and dark berry flavours – a mid-weight take.

#### **JOHN JENS, WESTERN SUBURBS WEEKLY, JANUARY 2011**

##### *Delicious white out of the woods*

The Deep Woods 2010 Sauvignon Blanc is the most exciting and delicious Australian sauvignon blanc that I have tried in years and it easily holds its own with virtually any of New Zealand's equivalents at any price, let alone one that sells at well under \$25, as this one does. Zesty citrus, passionfruit and herbal aromas are combined with hints of toast and gunflint. The palate exhibits clean passionfruit and citrus flavours. Textural elements contributed by less stirring and barrel fermentation give rise to a multi-dimensional wine. There is a core of cleansing natural acidity that provides freshness and poise with a persistent and flavoursome finish.

The Deep Woods Sauvignon Blanc 2010 was the wine that won a gold medal and then the trophy at Adelaide this year and then followed up later in the year with a gold and again the trophy for best sauvignon blanc at the 2010 Margaret River Wine Show. It deserves them. **18.1 points**  
**RRP \$22-\$25**

#### **SCOOP, SUMMER 2010**

##### *Food + Wine top drops*

##### **2010 Deep Woods Estate Sauvignon Blanc – Silver (17.5)**

Beautiful ripe sauvignon blanc fruit made to a lovely elegant style which would suit any type of seafood you could think to match with it. This wine is all about the palate. Loads of fresh, typically varietal fruit flavour and a terrific balance that makes it so easy to drink.

#### **RAY JORDAN, FRESH THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, NOVEMBER 2010**

##### *Fresh Summer Wine Guide*

##### *Under \$15*

##### **2010 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc (\$14.95)**

Fresh crunchy vibrant blend with abundant lively tropical flavours balanced by an appealing herbaceousness. It's balanced and flavoursome with a crisp finishing acid. Just a little squeeze of lime juice livens up the palate.



\$25 to \$40

**2010 Deep Woods Estate Sauvignon Blanc (\$25)**

Terrific wine from this Margaret River producer which goes from strength to strength. Plenty of tropical gooseberry and melon fruit with a light dusting of herbs. Fills the mouth with lovely generous flavours but the splash of lemon juice and lively acid sustains it to a long finish.

**JOHN JENS, WESTERN SUBURBS WEEKLY, NOVEMBER 2010**

*Wines of the Week*

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

Long and dry, placid and intriguing fruit of great quality. Lightly structured compared to some, but it has appealing dense, fine and lively characters in species. Very young, but also one of the best in this price range. Gold medal at Perth in September. **18.5pts**

**WINESTATE, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010**

*Varietal tasting*

**2008 Deep Woods Block 7 Margaret River Shiraz ★★★★★½**

One for the lovers of cooler-climate shiraz. Excellent fruit cake-like aromas. Interesting palate showing a lovely spicy edge and fabulous flavour length.

**JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION 2011**

**Deep Woods Estate ★★★★★☆**

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★ Rating 94**

**2008 Deep Woods Estate Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★☆ Rating 93**

**2009 Deep Woods Estate Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★☆ Rating 93**

**2009 Deep Woods Harmony Rosé ★★★★★ Rating 89**

**2009 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc ★★★★★ Rating 88**

**RAY JORDAN & VIC CROSSLAND, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, CELLAR NOTES, SEPTEMBER 2010**

*Local winemakers distinguish themselves against some impressive Eastern States vintages of recent times*

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

Another cracking good reserve cabernet from Deep Woods. Not as in-your-face as the sensational 2007 but delivers its stuff with real style and panache. The palate is beautifully crafted, with silky fine tannins adding perfect oak weight. The fruit is concentrated with nice sweetness. Has great potential. **96/100**

**RAY JORDAN, THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, CELLAR NOTES, AUGUST 2010**

**2009 Deep Woods Ebony Cabernet Shiraz**

Pretty hard to top the sensational value 2008, and yet this one runs it ever so close. It's slightly softer and more supple but with the same excellent structure and fine long lines that set this wine apart from almost every other red in the price bracket. **93/100**



**RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN*, CELLAR NOTES, AUGUST 2010**

**2010 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

Fresh crunchy vibrant blend with abundant, lively tropical flavours balanced by an appealing herbaceousness. It's balanced and flavoursome with a crisp finishing acid. Just a little squeeze of lime juice livens up the palate. **90/100**

**RALPH KYTE-POWELL, *THE AGE EPICURE*, AUGUST 2010**

**2008 Deep Woods Estate Block 7 Shiraz ★★★★★☆**

Shiraz does well at Margaret River. This is an aromatic example with a rich nose of liqueur cherry, dark chocolate and spice. Well-concentrated fruit flavours flow seamlessly across the medium-bodied palate; a deft touch of cedary oak supports it well, and soft, fine tannins give balance and structure.

**PETER FORRESTAL, *STM*, *THE SUNDAY TIMES*, JUNE 2010**

**2010 Deep Woods Ivory Semillon Sauvignon Blanc**

Delightfully floral, fresh and lively, with nectarine and passionfruit flavours and zippy, cleansing acidity to finish.

**RAY JORDAN, *THE WEST AUSTRALIAN FRESH*, JUNE 2010**

*Best of the Best*

**2008 Deep Woods Block 7 Shiraz**

Margaret River Shiraz. Succulent rich fruit flavours with a savoury character that carries to a long finish. The oak is well weighted with just 30 per cent new. The fine ripe tannin structure is a feature of the wine which is controlled and long. Good balance completes a very good wine.

*Best Value*

**2008 Deep Woods Ebony Cabernet Shiraz (\$14.95)**

This is a cut above anything in this price point and a wine that clearly should be selling for perhaps more. Nice perfumed notes of mint and red berry with a light touch of cedar. The medium weight palate is precisely balanced with the oak, tannins and fruit knitting together just perfectly. Impressive.

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot**

This is a cracker. A classically structured cabernet with all that angular tight control of the best examples of the blend. Dusty and slightly leafy with ripe intense flavours. It's well structured and has a lovely texture. Love the red berry characters. As good as any yet released from Deep Woods.

**WINESTATE, REGIONAL TASTING, MAY/JUNE 2010**

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★½**

Wonderfully funky/complex aromas – quite savoury. Delicate yet complex palate with a core of varietal fruit carried by some gorgeous oak and complex ferment notes.

**WINESTATE ANNUAL 2010**

*Best Wines of 2009*

**2007 Deep Woods Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot ★★★★★**



“A cracker of a wine,” said one judge. Dense, super-ripe aromas and beautifully silky-smooth palate rich with sweet dark berry fruit flavours. Very young.

**RALPH KYTE-POWELL, *THE AGE EPICURE*, JANUARY 2010**

**2007 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★**

A balanced chardonnay of the sort that champions Margaret River’s suitability for this white wine grape. It has a nose of white peach, citrus and honey, with a light veneer of nutty oak. The medium-weight palate is finely textured with intense grapefruit flavour, a smooth thread of barrel ferment complexity and a long, bone-dry finish.

***GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE*, DEC/JAN 2009/2010**

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay ★★★★★**

A complex, slightly feral and somewhat exotic style of chardonnay, with meaty, nutty, honeyed aromas and plenty of toasty oak. In the mouth it’s minerally and again honeyed with taut mineral acidity. **94/100**

**HUON HOOKE, *THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD*, DECEMBER 2009**

*Best rosé*

**2009 Deep Woods Estate Harmony Rosé**

A very moreish rosé made from shiraz and cabernet sauvignon for glugging well-chilled in the hot weather. Fresh red-fruit aromas, simple, clean and bold. Light, fruity, soft taste which finishes clean and dry. Easy to drink. **88/100**

**RAY JORDAN, *WEST WEEKEND MAGAZINE*, DECEMBER 2009**

**2009 Deep Woods Estate Sauvignon Blanc**

A new wine from this most improved Margaret River producer. Uses extended skin contact, barrel fermentation, wild yeast lees stirring and partial malolactic fermentation. Aromas of citrus and light, dried herbs. The palate is rich with lush stone fruits supported by a fine acid and a light flinty minerality. Terrific stuff. **94/100**

**HUON HOOKE, *THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD*, NOVEMBER 2009**

*Indulge yourself*

**2008 Deep Woods Reserve Chardonnay**

A very taut, restrained precise chardonnay with Chablis-like structure and honey, nut toast and mineral aromas. Very fine intense, lean and lively. Modest oak and alcohol (13.5 per cent). This could improve further with age. Drink now to six years. **94/100**

***GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE*, OCT/NOV 2009**

*100 Top New Releases Australian Reds*

**2007 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon ★★★★★**

Quite a big, solid cabernet. Rich, perfectly ripe blackberry, cassis and olive/tapenade-like regional nuances. It’s rich, full-bodied and tannic in the mouth with ample fresh and density. Lots of grip but enough flavour to balance. **94/100**



**HUON HOOKE, *THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD*, SEPTEMBER 2009**

*For the cellar*

**2007 Deep Woods Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon**

An impressive Margaret River cabernet from a top vintage. It's rich, full-bodied and tannic with ample flesh and density. Perfectly ripened blackberry, cassis and olive/tapenade-like regional nuances. Best 2011 to 2024. **94/100**

**PADDY KENDLER, *HERALD SUN*, SEPTEMBER 2009**

**2008 Deep Woods Ebony Shiraz ★★ ★ ½**

A handy Margaret River red from a winery that deserves a higher profile. Ebony holds plenty of sweet berry fruit flavour and, unlike so many young cabernets and blends, it's spot-on for drinking now. It's open and inviting with plush, soft tannins and a gentle dry finish. Given the more-than-reasonable price, this is definitely worth tracking down, as are all the wines under the Deep Woods label.