



DOMAINE NATURALISTE

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Margaret River



Flagship Range 2017 ARTUS Chardonnay

98 pt -Platinum - Decanter - London
Blue Gold, Sydney International Wine Challenge
96 Pts Halliday " ...a wine with attitude and class"
95 Pts Ray Jordan

Artus is an artistic translation of our local Gin Gin clone into wine. It is a provocative, complex and textural wine exuding the seductive spirit of "old world" chardonnay. The vines have been managed to allow only dappled light into the fruiting zone. This promotes flavor development, low tannins and bright levels of natural acidity. The fruit is farmed in the cool southern end of Margaret River. The tiny 100g Gin Gin clusters are hand harvested at first light to preserve freshness of fruit.

Flavours of fresh nectarines and candied pecan nuts are supported by aromas of poached pears and marzipan.

Food matching Roast free range chicken | salmon |
smoked butter on sourdough

Variety Gin Gin clone Chardonnay | Single Vineyard

Maturation 40% new 228 L medium toast French oak
Barriques Vosges and Allier for 10 months.

Winemaking Cloudy juice | hand picked fruit
whole-cluster pressed | wild yeasts
full malo-lactic fermentation | sur lie

Artus creates its own story.

Cellaring Attractive in youth | up to 8 years maturation.

Harvested 22nd March 2017

Growing Season A long and gentle vintage weather pattern,
slightly cooler than the long-term average. The
fruit gained lovely perfumes and textures while
maintaining a magnificent verve.

Alcohol 13.0% by Vol | 7.7 Standard Drinks