

Cowaramup Wines

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This new venture in the upper reaches of the Ellens Brook, in the heart of the Margaret River area, was started by former Claremont and St Kilda footballer Russell Reynolds a few years ago.

The aim from the outset has been on establishing a state-of-the-art vineyard, where Reynolds has adapted a strong biodynamic practice, dispensing with herbicides, insecticides, chemical fertilisers or systemic fungicides.

The first wine released was under the Clownfish label and already the results of his attention to detail in producing quality fruit appears to be paying dividends.

A promising small venture and I love the labels.

The wines

Chardonnay 2005 (\$16.50)

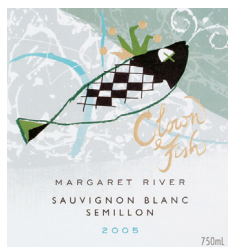
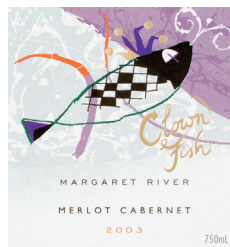
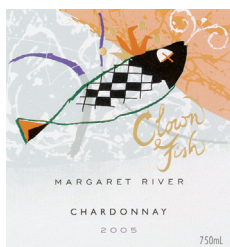
This is an attractive, lighter-style chardonnay with a pleasing mix of light pear and grapefruit, along with a little subtle melon. It has a creamy texture with a fine acidity to tidy the finish. Not bad for the summer. 85/100

Sauvignon blanc semillon 2005 (\$16.50)

Nice classic style with a light dusting of herbaceousness and a little melon and herbal gooseberry flavour. The acid is beautifully clean and precise, while the finishing is satisfying and long. Great value. 86/100

Merlot cabernet 2003 (\$16.50)

Opens with a big ripe plum pudding-driven aroma merged with some meaty gaminess. The palate is deliciously fruity with fine acid and tannins and a lingering fleshiness. Easy drinking medium-bodied wine. 84/100



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Established

1996

Vineyard location

Cowaramup

Hectares

17

Annual crush

165 tonnes

Varieties

Cabernet sauvignon, merlot, shiraz, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, semillon

Wine prices

\$16.50-\$19