



JAMES HALLIDAY  
TOP NEW WINERIES



# THE ALCHEMISTS

MARGARET RIVER / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**WINEMAKER** / Dave Johnson

**VARIETIES** / Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Malbec, Shiraz

**FACILITIES** / Accommodation

## WINERY REVIEW 2014

Brad and Sarah Mitchell were metallurgists for 15 and 20 years respectively, working on gold and hydro-metallurgical plants, having studied metallurgy and chemistry at university. Now they see themselves as alchemists, changing grapes into wine. When they purchased the vineyard in 2007 it was already 11 years old, the prior owners having sold the grapes to various well-known Margaret River wineries. Since taking control of the vineyard, they have removed vines on unsuitable soil, and grafted others, moves that have paid dividends, and allowed contract

winemaker Dave Johnson (at Credaro Family Winery) to make a series of wines that have been consistent medal winners at significant wine shows.

### DETAILS /

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## FLAGSHIP WINE

### SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC 2012

In 2011 with some inherited French oak, Sarah and Brad produced their first SSB with partial barrel ferment, the results were exciting. By tasting individual barrels, particular barrels were selected for the following year. The 2012 SSB has been 100% barrel fermented and matured in barrel for 8 months. The result is a well-balanced, finely structured wine that will be enjoyed for many years to come.

