

FEET FIRST

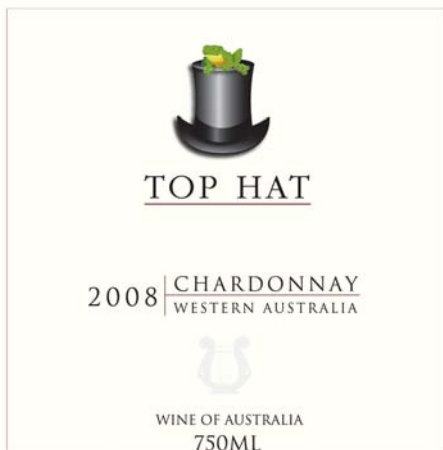


TOP HAT

The Premium Tier
Top Hat Chardonnay 2008

The label depicts the Magnificent Tree Frog *Litoria splendida*, locally known as the “Splendid Frog”. It is native only to the north of Western Australia, found in the Bungle Bungle Ranges in the Kimberley region. Its small area of habitat and the fact that it shelters from the tropical day time temperatures in caves and between boulders make it a rare find indeed.

The aim of Feet First is to produce a range of wines from fruit grown in Western Australia that are value for money. To this end, vintage variations are reduced by sourcing quality fruit from growers in a diverse range of regions, including Margaret River, Swan Valley, Mount Barker, Frankland River and Geographe. Our aim is to maintain a level of quality that over delivers for the price asked and to be available in key markets in Australia and overseas.



Margaret River has long been acclaimed as the region for Chardonnay in Western Australia but there are many fine examples now from the Pemberton and Manjimup regions.

For our first Chardonnay, we chose the majority of fruit from Pemberton, 67% - and from two vineyards. Koolama vineyard and Merum vineyard. The Margaret River component came from Lills vineyard in Marybrook near Dunsborough.

All the fruit was harvested at optimal ripeness, transported to the winery and fermented in stainless steel tanks with the addition of French oak staves to impart smoky and vanillan aromas and a toasty, spicy flavour on the palate. The fruit itself imparted citrus and peach aromas and nashi pear and stone fruit flavours. The wine is medium bodied though elegant with a textural mouthfeel, balanced acid and long finish.

It will be best drinking in the first twelve months to three years.

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