



STELLA BELLA

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Stella Bella Serie Luminosa Cab Sauvignon 2007

95 points

"This is a less extreme expression than the Suckfizzle wine, showing more tempered Margaret River herbs and leaves amid some very handsomely ripened cabernet sauvignon berry fruits and classy oak complexity. The palate's thick and ripe, with a generous serve of sturdy tannin and a long berry and cedar finish. Holds the line beautifully and will age like a trooper."



Suckfizzle Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2007

94 points

"This is one of the most consistent wines at the high end of Margaret River sauvignon blanc/semillon blends. It shows plenty of new wood, which is deeply woven into powerful and - in the case of the '07 - ripe and weighty toasted hazelnuts, cashew, lemon peel, green apple, grapefruit and fresh green leaves on the nose. The palate's sturdy and carries ample flesh amid punchy acid structure; handy balance and a fresh, dry finish. Very complex and probably not for everyone - more savoury and less about fruit."



Suckfizzle Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

94 points

"Whoa! The ripeness of the '07 vintage has delivered one VERY impressive wine here. Dark berries intermingled with roasting herbs and ripe leaves, some nice cedary and spiced oak, hints of chocolate, some gravelly edges too. The palate drizzles dark-berry flavour across beautifully textured tannins, long and majestic, and finishing bright. Reminds me of St Estephe in a good year!"





Stella Bella Sauvignon Blanc 2011

92 points

"The maritime climate of Margaret River makes for a crisp, cool and tangy style of sauvignon, also seen here with a solid dose of the region's roasting-herb aromas, plenty of blackcurrant leaf, stone fruits and, of course, passionfruit. With good intensity and balance on the palate, it's a tangy, tropical mouthful of bright fruit - really juicy and fresh."



Stella Bella Chardonnay 2009

92 points

"A composed and bright young chardonnay that marries some toasty oak and winemaking complexity with bright citrus and stone fruits - really swanky stuff. The palate's juicy and full of flavour, with plenty of flesh and juicy acid holding it fresh; just the right amount of textural flow and crisp crunchy snap. This has it all!"



Stella Bella Cabernet Merlot 2008

92 points

"Looking very, very regional, this southern Margaret River blend has plenty of cool cabernet herbs and leaves, made more prominent in this vintage, some dark chocolate, cheery and cassis. The palate's juicy and elegant, with a really smooth, mid-weight structure, attractive plum-fruit flesh and a neat, balanced finish."



Stella Bella Sangiovese Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

91 points

"This looks like a happy marriage between these two well-travelled grapes. There's plenty of cassis and cherry fruit on the nose, some ripe, dark herbs and leafy nuances too. The palate's mid-weight and tangy, showing bright red- and dark-cherry flavours. Supple, juicy finish."



Skuttlebutt Shiraz Merlot Sangiovese Rosé 2011

90 points

"This is a blend of three varieties, all adding up to a rich, bright and juicy red-fruit style of rose, with plenty of brambly red fruits, raspberries and redcurrants on the nose. The palate's almost into light red wine but carries an interesting mix of red fruit and ripe nectarine flavour. Juicy finish."



Stella Bella Shiraz 2008

90 points

"This Margaret River shiraz has mid-weight appeal, with bright red fruits and some meaty, toasty oak, which are well matched on the nose. The palate follows suit, with tangy boysenberry flavours and fine, soft tannins that hold bright throughout. Good balance. Drink fresh and lively."



Stella Bella Tempranillo 2008

90 points

"There's a real sense of ripeness and concentration on the nose here, and plenty of chocolate and ultra-ripe cherries - really dense and concentrated. The palate's deeply ripe, as the nose suggests, with plums and dark cherries throughout; cherry-pip finish."