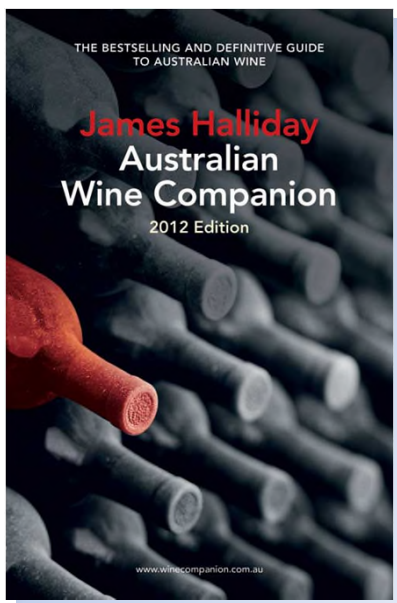




STELLA BELLA

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Five Red Star Rating:

Outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity.

"This enormously successful, privately owned winemaking business produces wines of true regional expression, with fruit sourced from the central and southern parts of Margaret River. The company operates almost 90 ha of vineyard and has its own winery in Karridale. It's hard to imagine the wines getting better, but we shall see."

Top of the pile ...



**Stella Bella Serie Luminosa Chardonnay 2009**  
**96 points**

"Light straw-green; a new level for Stella Bella, magically amplifying all the best features of the standard wine; all the standard top-end techniques are used for these two chardonnays, but it is how they are used that gives the finesse and purity both display."



**Stella Bella Serie Luminosa Merlot 2007**  
**95 points**

"Good colour; a seriously complex bouquet combines dark fruits, black olive and quality French oak and the medium to full-bodied palate simply builds on those components; surely one of the best merlots on the market today."



**Stella Bella Chardonnay 2009**  
**94 points**

"Light straw-green; this is a style that always pushes my button, with the hard to explain, but very real, squeaky acidity bound up with the fruit, so that when I run the wine around my mouth I can both hear and feel the squeak. Yes, while I'm totally sober."



## Skuttlebutt Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2010

**94 points**

"Light straw-green; an immaculately balanced blend of Sauvignon Blanc (50%)/Semillon (43%)/Chardonnay (7%); the bouquet is strikingly fragrant, the palate a seamless blend of citrus, stone fruit and less tropical/passionfruit. Gold medal Margaret River Wine Show 2010."



## Stella Bella Tempranillo 2008

**94 points**

"Has that capacity of tempranillo to draw out and extend the finish in spades; the bouquet and palate share the dark cherry/berry fruit and dusty/savoury/earthy notes that continue into the aftertaste; while only medium-bodied, has great length and palate-feel. "



## Stella Bella Sauvignon Blanc 2010

**93 points**

"Bright, light straw; the bouquet and palate both have plenty of presence, and a range of aromas and flavours that satisfy more than excite; civilised contrast to Marlborough."



## Stella Bella Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2008

**92 points**

"Bright colour; generous levels of ripe red and black fruits combine with tobacco, olive and sea-salt; the palate shows plenty of fruit and depth of structure, with gravely tannin the order of the day; long, chewy and generous. "



## Stella Bella Viognier 2008

**90 points**

"Glowing yellow-green; a powerful viognier with ample texture and structure; has phenolic characters, but they aren't oily. "



## Stella Bella Sangiovese Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

**90 points**

"A heterogeneous rather than homogenous blend, says the back label amongst other things; sangiovese contributes the sour cherry notes that are as prominent as the tannins contributed by both, giving the wine an Italian cast."



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