

## 2014 Palladian

### Tasting Notes

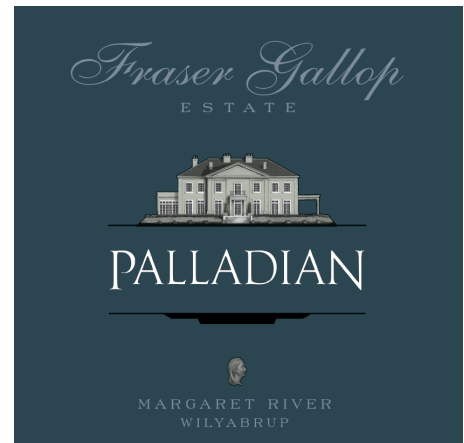
Palladian is our flagship wine. It is medium bodied with scents of dark and red berries, a suggestion of gum leaf, notes of pencil shaving, tobacco and cedary oak. It is characterised by wonderful texture that provides a graceful expression of pure, refined Cabernet fruit. The tannins are gentle and unobtrusive; oak is boldly integrated and the fruit is expressive and vibrant. The finish has a persistent fruit core and lingering structural feel, which will allow the wine to open early and age well.

### Winemaker Comments

In order to get a fully integrated wine that is seamless with the fruit and the oak across the palate it is necessary to start the winemaking process entirely in barrel. This is a winemaking technique called 'Integral'. We de-stem the fruit, then transfer whole berries into 500 litre new oak barrels when it is fermented and aged for 24 months.

### Vintage

A solid winter of rain laid the foundation for good sub-soil moisture, which continued until late December. Below average rainfall continued through Summer and into Autumn, bringing very dry conditions and not too many hot days. Chardonnay yields were quite low, due to flowering conditions in early spring. However this was the opposite with Semillon and Cabernet Sauvignon resulting in some of the more generous yields we've seen.



<b>Varieties</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Harvested</b>	March 2014
<b>Oak</b>	22 months in 100% new French oak puncheons.
<b>TA</b>	5.8g/l
<b>PH</b>	3.56
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	0.2g/l
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Bottled</b>	January 2016
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drinks beautifully on release and will develop further complexity for up to 12 years.

