



Willow Bridge Estate has been quickly recognised as one of the bright lights on the WA wine scene since being set up in 1996 on a spectacular hillside site in the Ferguson Valley, less than 2 hours from Perth. Its wines are consistent and top class, and during the past couple of years have moved up a gear in consistency and quality. One of the best.



2016 G1-10 Chardonnay (\$30)

A powerful statement of chardonnay. Textured with layers of creamy roasted cashew characters, a touch of cereal and grapefruit with a lick of char on the finish. This about 60 per cent new oak. It's a very rich wine with a touch of the oyster shell influence that the winemaker is seeking. The barrels aren't stirred. Willow Bridge wants to retain the freshness and cleanness in the wine. This is a real step up in style.

Score: 96/100 Cellar: 7 years



2013 Black Dog Shiraz (\$60)

This has been cut back significantly from the previous examples. It started life some years ago as a highly alcoholic brooding monster, but has been progressively refined. There is more liquorice character with an almost liqueur fruit character here. The balance is very good. Has a touch of Irish moss. Nice tannin influence and good oak balance.

Score: 94/100 Cellar: 10 years



2016 Dragonfly Shiraz (\$16)

Ripe and fleshy with lifted sweet fruit character. Dense core in the middle with a slightly spicy savoury finish. Like the fruit that takes it into another zone that says it's over-delivering. Chalky tannins. This is a terrific wine that is way better than you would normally get from this under- \$20 bracket. There is vibrant purity.

Score: 93/100 Cellar: 5 years



2015 Solana Tempranillo (\$25)

Ripe and fleshy just as you want tempranillo to be. Big fleshy juicy number. Has a nice earthy savoury edge to it with plenty of dry tannins to balance the sweet fruit. It is made from a clone that is almost exclusive to WA. This is a cracking good wine for food. Nice tannin focus. Excellent wine for food.

Score: 92/100 Cellar: 3 years



2017 Dragonfly Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (\$16)

Made into a clean and pristine blended wine. It has none of the sweaty characters. Fresh and dusty with subtle snow pea. The wine reflects the long ripening period. Real mouthful of flavour. Nice fine acidity. It has intensity and length on the palate.

Score: 91/100 Cellar: 2 years

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