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Margaret River

2017 'A' Collection Cabernet Merlot

REGION: Margaret River
VARIETY: Cabernet 77% - Merlot 18% - Malbec 5%
CLOSURE: Screwcap

WINEMAKING NOTES: The 2017 growing season was a stressful one as a grapegrower. Persistent strong winds in October affected flower development and meant we saw some reduced yields in early flowering varieties such as Malbec and Merlot. The benefit of this was that with lower yields we amassed amazing fruit concentration and weight allowing us to produce red of both power and refinement. All 3 components were fermented in open top vessels, plunged 3 times daily and allowed to sit on skins post the completion of primary ferment for 1 week. The individual wines were then pressed to older French oak, with only the Cabernet seeing any new French oak to take the overall oak influence to 18% new. After 12 months elevage in barrel the blend was put together with the addition of Malbec giving the wine immense weight and volume and the merlot helping keep the wine tight and balanced. Both the Cabernet and Malbec components were the first harvest from our new plantings undertaken in 2013.

Cellaring: Enjoy now or cellar for up to 15 years

Appearance: Deep plum red with bright garnet hues

Nose: Lifted and highly aromatic. Bright currants, plum skin and a subtle spice lift.

Palate: A plush and generous palate with fine tannin and a fresh acid profile, flavors of cherry and chocolate resonate.

Alcohol (%v/v): 14.0%
pH: 3.53
T.A (g/L): 6.4
R.S (g/L): 2.1



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