

DRIFTWOOD

MARGARET RIVER

ARTIFACTS

cabernet sauvignon

2021



BLEND

95.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.5% Petit Verdot

COLOUR

Deep purple red

AROMATICS

Blackberry, blackcurrant, smoky cedar, mint, bay leaf, and black olives are the primary aromatic and flavour expressions.

PALATE

The flavours and aromas are balanced on the palate with well-structured tannins, subtly spiced French oak and bright acidity resulting in a wonderfully flavourful finish.

OAK MATURATION

Approximately 23% new French oak barrels with the balance in second and third year French oak barrels

AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink over the next ten plus years

WINEMAKING

All fruit was selective machine picked in the cool of the early morning between 8 and 16 April 2021. Batches were gently crushed and transferred to static fermenters. Colour and phenolics were gently extracted using aerative and closed pump over techniques. The batches were co-inoculated for MLF and pressed off skins at or around 0°Be. Once primary fermentation and MLF were completed in tanks the wines were transferred to a mixture of new and old French oak barriques for eighteen months maturation. The wine was blended in late October 2022 before being filtered in preparation for bottling in early November 2022.

VINTAGE 2021

Things were going smoothly until bamm... Another tropical downpour through early-March and we were racing to pick the softer skin red varieties like Malbec and Shiraz. All good, fruit was in and perfect. Like clockwork the systems were running beautifully. Just to make things interesting an unprecedented cyclone, Seroja made its way down the west coast of Western Australia during mid-April. This pushed a mass of tropical moisture across the southwest making the decision of harvesting all the remaining Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot easy. So that was it, fruit was in and looking cherry ripe.

WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication / Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Winemaker / Kane Grove

pH / 3.66 Titratable Acidity / 5.8 g/L

Residual Sugar / 0.1 g/L Alcohol / 14.0 %

