

# DRIFTWOOD

MARGARET RIVER

ARTIFACTS

meritage

2021



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## BLEND

72.3% petit verdot, 19.3% cabernet sauvignon, 7.2% malbec, 1.2% shiraz

## COLOUR

Deep violet red

## AROMATICS

A classic blend showcasing petit verdot, cabernet sauvignon and malbec in harmony. Rose petal, mulberry jam, and rich cacao are the predominant aromas and flavours.

## PALATE

These flavours and aromas are balanced on the palate by bright acidity, sweet oak spice, and elegant tannins that complement the finish.

## OAK MATURATION

Fourteen months

## AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink over the next 10 + years.

## WINEMAKING

All fruit was selective machine picked in the cool of the early morning. The malbec fruit was then destemmed without crushing and transferred into a static fermenter. The petit verdot and cabernet sauvignon were crushed and transferred to open fermenters. Colour and phenolics were gently extracted using aerative and closed pump over and punch down 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 fourteen months maturation. The wine was blended in early August 2022 before being filtered in preparation for bottling in late August 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 WA 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, the fruit was in and looking cherry ripe.

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## WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication / Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Harvest Date / 27/3/21 – 8/4/21

Standard Drinks / 8.3

Alcohol / 14.0%

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