

DRIFTWOOD

MARGARET RIVER

the collection
shiraz cabernet sauvignon

2021



BLEND

65% Shiraz, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Tempranillo

COLOUR

Vivid red with purple hues

AROMATICS

A classic Australian blend displaying fresh fruits of the forest and black cherry aromas, with spicy overtones

PALATE

Flavours of vanilla, coffee, and chocolate linger through the palate highlighted by plump rounded tannins, bright acidity, and toasty coconut oak leading to a great finish

AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink over the next five- ten years

OAK MATURATION

Tank and barrel for fourteen months

WINEMAKING

All fruit was selective machine picked in the cool of the early morning between the dates 22 March and 16 April 2021. The fruit was then crushed and destemmed then transferred into 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 tank the wines were transferred to a mixture of older French oak barriques and tank with French oak staves 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, Merlot, and Shiraz. All good, fruit was in and it was perfect. Like clockwork the systems were running beautifully. Then 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.

WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication / Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Harvest Date / 22 March – 16 April 2021

pH / 3.48 Titratable Acidity / 6.5 g/L

Residual Sugar / 0.5 g/L Alcohol / 14.0%

