



**FERMOY
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— MARGARET RIVER —

Fermoy Estate 2012 Vintage Report

Another warmer than average start to summer brought vintage forward by about 2 weeks ahead of the regional average for both whites and reds. An abundance of Marri blossom kept the birds at bay, whilst an absence of rain until the end of March, ensured disease pressure was minimised.

A perfect red ripening period of warm and dry days followed by cool nights meant 2012 was a particular highlight for red wines, and Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon in particular. Fruit was allowed to ripen to an optimum level with little pressure, while the milder conditions ensured vibrant fruit characters were retained throughout.

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon blends showed good weight and depth of flavour in 2012, with classical varietal aromatics of guava, gooseberry and passionfruit all present in abundance. Chardonnay was typified by great intensity of flavour – showing yellow peach and nectarine fruits with a predominant citrus line providing wonderful line and length.

Reds are strong across the board, with Cabernet Sauvignon in particular showing great concentration of colour and a full spectrum of ripe fruit flavours – mulberry, blueberry and redcurrant all to the fore. Intensity and concentration are the hallmarks of vintage 2012, allowing for wines of great depth, texture and complexity. A real highlight vintage amongst a series of strong contenders!

Winemakers Vintage Rating: ★★★★★

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