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PALADIN HILL

SHIRAZ

MARGARET RIVER | 2019

COLOUR Deep brick red, subtle purple.

NOSE Complex aromas of liquorice spice violets and dark fruits.

PALATE The palate is savoury, generous rich round and soft, with Rhone like flavours of blueberry clove and pepper on the mid palate. A wine with abundant rich flavours and powerful persistent tannins which are soft and supple.

WINEMAKING The fruit was harvested from our Wills Domain Block 5 Shiraz. Small berries and bunches a feature of the 2020 harvest were harvested by select harvester in the cool of the early morning and destemmed prior to being inoculated with a selected dried yeast strain. We managed to achieve many whole berries in the fermenter which resulted in some "whole berry" type flavours in the resultant wine. Pump overs were done using a Turbo Piquer, which pumps volumes of juice gently over the cap to achieve gentle extraction. The wine was pressed after 4 days of maceration, directly to barrels. Following Malo lactic fermentation in barrels, the wine was sulphured, and matured in barrel for 17 months prior to being stabilized filtered and bottled

FOOD PAIRING Lamb cassoulet.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2019 growing season was characterized by a warmish winter, followed by an un-seasonally cool spring. This resulted in a delayed bud burst for most varieties, but actually earlier for Chardonnay. Flowering for other varieties was later and had no impact. Throughout the region there was very little Mauri blossom (Eucalyptus species) a food source for Silver eyes, which meant bird netting was essential to minimize bird damage. The summer was mild, resulting in a prolonged veraison a good 2 weeks later than normal. Overall most varieties were picked 1-2 weeks later than normal, and whilst there were a number of rain events throughout the ripening period the magnitude of these only impacted on those varieties where picking was imminent. We experienced 60mm of rain over the Easter weekend, and were pleased that all our blocks had been picked at this point.

There were reports of Botrytis outbreaks in some blocks throughout the region, but there were no disease issues in any of the Wills Domain blocks, and all varieties were picked at optimum.

QUICK NOTES:

VINTAGE: 2019

WINEMAKERS: Richard Rowe

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Shiraz.

BOTTLED: September 2020

GROWING AREA: Margaret River Western Australia.

ALC %/VOL: 14.0 % v/v

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.86g/l

PH: 3.42

CELLAR POTENTIAL: Best before 2030

OAK: French Oak: 30% new, 40% 1 year old, 30% 2-year-old & older.

MATURATION: 17 months.

