VINTAGE NOTES
The summer of 2017 was atypically cool which ensured that both Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot ripened slowly and picking choices weren’t rushed. Both varieties are planted on free draining soils that allow for naturally low yields and balanced flavours. A dry April ensured maximum flavour and tannin ripeness were achieved. The parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon chosen for this wine were elegant and generous of flavour, gently structured, had fine tannin, great balance and length. Merlot from the 2017 vintage showed lovely fruit richness and spice.

WINEMAKING NOTES
Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot were crushed in static fermenters. Pump-overs and delestage (rack and return) were used to extract fine tannin and colour. After 12 - 16 days, depending on the fruit, parcels were then pressed off before completing primary ferment in a tank. The wine was then racked into tight grain, thin stave Bordelaise French oak barriques, 35% of which were new, for 18-20 months.

ANALYSIS
Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.44, TA 6.7g/L

TASTING NOTES
Colour       Deep crimson with purple hues.
Aroma        Brimming with aromas of dark fruits, chocolate and bay leaf.
Palate       Full and rich with notes of dark chocolate, liquorice and cassis. Ripe tannin abounds the palate and provides both structure and length.

CELLARING
This wine may be enjoyed on release but will find further complexity over three to four years from vintage.
ESTATE RANGE

These multi-award winning wines display individual varietal characteristics and represent unsurpassed excellence from the Margaret River Region. The range receives much praise, with prominent Western Australian journalist Ray Jordan noting, “Quite simply, you don’t expect to get this level of sophistication at this price point.”

Deep Woods Estate was established in 1987 and acquired by the Fogarty family in 2005, making it part of the Fogarty Wine Group. Located in the northern Margaret River sub-region known as the Yallingup Hills, the 32-hectare property is perched high on a ridge overlooking a picturesque, secluded valley surrounded by large jarrah and marri trees and features a large natural spring, dense woodlands and spectacular views.

The estate comprises a modern winery, vineyard, cellar door, bottling line and homestead. Under the Fogarty Wine Group banner, Deep Woods Estate has been transformed into one of Margaret River’s most awarded and highly regarded wineries.