



THREE HILLS

CHARLES ANDREAS

Background:

The Three Hills vineyard is located in the southern extremity of the Margaret River appellation.

In the far south western corner of Western Australia climatic circumstances are driven by the almost unchanging temperatures of the oceans that make up more than two thirds of the surface area of the southern hemisphere. The air masses move from the Indian ocean onto the land and it is these conditions that drive fruit maturation at Three Hills. Moderate temperatures during ripening are the key to flavour retention in the grape.

Our vines are grown on an innovative trellis that offers an efficient solar array, and an umbrella for the fruit allowing the passage of dappled light. A split canopy with a high degree of shoot dispersion aids in keeping the fruit dry. The environment is humid, mists are common in the morning and rain can interrupt vintage. There is barely enough warmth to mature late varieties in a cool year. In such circumstances crops must be restrained and photosynthesis encouraged if the fruit is to mature. Irrigation is antagonistic to a quality outcome and is therefore forgone.

Charles Andreas is a blend that can contain the best of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. The blend varies each year with the aim of producing the best wine possible from these classic Bordeaux varieties.



Current Release: 2018 Vintage

Viticultural & vinification notes

VINTAGE CONDITIONS	An outstanding Margaret River vintage that may rate as the best of the decade. A long cool dry season produced optimal ripening conditions
VINEYARD	Three Hills Karridale Margaret River Hand Pruned to rods Hand Picked
GRAPE VARIETY	47% Cabernet sauvignon, 28% Petit Verdot and 25% Malbec
MATURATION	15 months in new (33%), 1 yr old (33%) and 2yr old (33%) French oak puncheons
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.8% Acidity: 6.5 g/l pH: 3.63 Residual Sugar: 0.1 g/l

Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

COLOUR	Red with a vibrant red hue.
NOSE	A complex aroma of red fruits, blue fruits, truffle, and lilac with hints of tomato leaf, choc mint, cranberry, tapenade, bay leaf and new leather.
PALATE	This full bodied wine displays a lovely balance between fruit and tannin with both vying for dominance yet neither succeeding. The flavours are distinctly red and blue fruits with black currant and hints of green plum, dark chocolate and cedar. The tannins are fine grained, slightly velvety and provide a classic structure with some attractive grip to the long, sweet fruit finish. A wine that will reward those who go to the effort of decanting.

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