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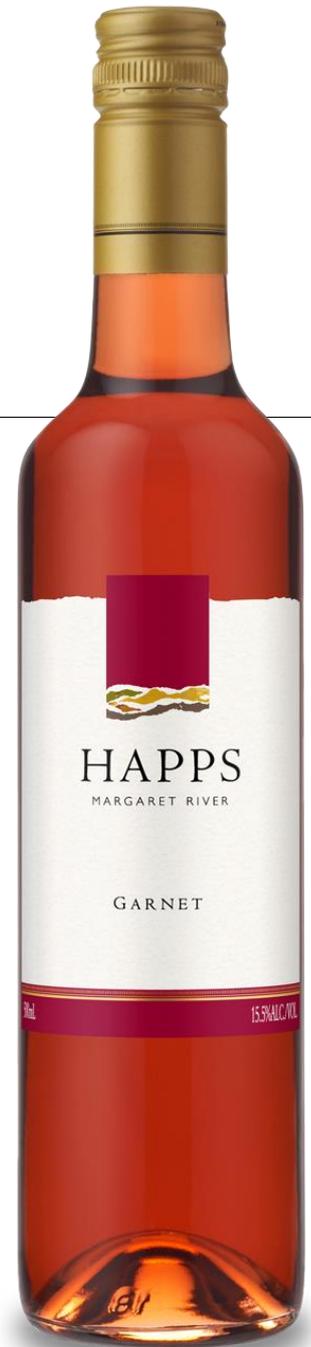
# GARNET

## Background:

The variety 'Muscat a petit grains', or simply 'Brown Muscat' as it is known in Australia, is quite different to the 'Muscat of Alexandria' or 'Gordo' that is grown in many a back garden across the country. The latter requires a very long season to reach maturity and produces wines of rather less distinction. Muscat a Petit Grains ripens early and, if left to hang on the vine, produces grapes of unsurpassed concentration, flavour and aroma. Dr. John Gladstones suggested that Brown Muscat should be tried in the country around Busselton and on his advice we planted the variety in Dunsborough some 25 years ago. More recently we also planted the variety in our Karridale vineyard and this vintage is a blend of wine from both vineyards.

The Garnet style is a fortified wine, but a new age example with an alcohol of 15.5% rather than the usual 18-20%. The lower alcohol enhances the sweetness and lusciousness of the wine and avoids any late palate alcohol hotness.

A great wine choice to finish any evening particularly when there is a chill in the air.



**Current Release:** 2011 Vintage – 500 ml

## Viticultural & vinification notes

<b>VINTAGE CONDITIONS</b>	Mild ripening temperatures after a moderate summer with vintage in March and April.
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Dunsborough & Karridale Hand pruned to rods Hand picked
<b>GRAPE VARIETY</b>	Brown Muscat (Muscat a Petit Grains rouge)
<b>MATURATION</b>	In Puncheons (500 litre barrels). Bottled after one year in oak and bottled under screw cap to retain its freshness.
<b>WINE ANALYSIS</b>	Alc/Vol: 17.7% Acidity: 4.7 g/l pH: 3.58 Residual Sugar: 170 g/l

## Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

<b>COLOUR</b>	Similar to the garnet stone that has a red shade verging on orange.
<b>NOSE</b>	Intense Muscat character, reminding one of perfume and flowers, particularly roses but also musk stick and a hint of liqueur cherry.
<b>PALATE</b>	A wonderfully luscious sweet desert wine with intense flavours of liqueur cherry, toffee apple and confectionary. Rich, long and satisfying.

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