



THREE HILLS

SHIRAZ

Background:

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

There are no absolute standards of grape varietal expression. Each of the 10,000 varieties that we have at our disposal will reflect the environmental circumstances that are responsible for the growth of the plant and, more especially, the maturation of the fruit. 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 for Shiraz in late April in the far south west corner of Western Australia. The vineyard is 10 Km from both the Southern and the Indian Oceans. Consequently, the expression of the variety that we see in Three Hills is different to anything else in Australia.

On the vine the expression of the fruit is akin to raspberry jam and in the wine it is liquorice and anise. In the mouth it is voluminous, friendly and long. The elements are savoury rather than floral. This is a wine subtle in character and friendly in constitution with great depth and length of flavour.



Current Release: 2011 Vintage

Viticultural & vinification notes

VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A slightly warmer than usual vintage with a very dry spring and harvest starting a week early.
VINEYARD	Three Hills Karridale Margaret River Hand pruned Hand picked
GRAPE VARIETY	100% Shiraz
MATURATION	12 months in one to three year old French oak barriques.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5 % Acidity: 6.6 pH: 3.74 Residual Sugar: < 0.1 g/l

Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

COLOUR	Deep red with a brick red hue.
NOSE	An attractive aroma displaying both fruit and complexity from bottle age which combined is quite seductive. The aromatics are blueberry, plum, rhubarb and truffle with notes of stewed fruit, charcuterie and white pepper.
PALATE	A medium to full bodied wine with elegance, intensity and complexity. The palate has an abundance of flavour and displays raspberry, beetroot, cherry and dark fruits with hints of earth, new leather, dark chocolate and rosemary. The palate has great persistence and finishes with silky soft tannin.

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