



HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

HAY SHED HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2016

The Hay Shed Hill Vineyard Series highlights the character of the fruit grown on this classic vineyard site with distinctive and expressive wines.

This wine showcases the strength of Margaret River for this, the noblest of red wine varieties. This is classic, intense, ripe and elegantly structured Cabernet Sauvignon from one of the great Margaret River vineyards.

VINTAGE: 2016, what a sweet vintage for Margaret River grape growers.

Following a good winter was a mild and calm spring with generally good weather during the crucial flowering period, that is the stage at which the flowers are fertilized and begin to form individual grape berries. This stage can often be quite wild and stormy leading to significant loss of fruit. The beginning of summer was mild, almost perfect growing conditions. There was a small rain event in January which may have caused consternation had it continued but it was mercifully brief leading to several months of virtually rain free weather.

March was mild, with perhaps only three days of intense heat, ideal conditions for the development of the red grapes, with harvesting beginning middle of March through to the middle of April. The weather broke in late April but by then the vast majority of reds had been harvested. Good colours, ripe aromas and flavours and good structural tannins across all red varieties.

WINEMAKING: Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from the Hay Shed Hill vineyard were harvested at optimum ripeness. The grapes were de-stemmed into open topped vessels for fermentation on skins with traditional pump over cap management. At the completion of fermentation the wine was left on skins for a further 10 days to maximize the development of the mature tannin. Maturation in French oak barrels for 13 months added further complexity and structure without dominating the fruit.

COLOUR: Dense dark red to black colour of great intensity.

NOSE: An intense and rich bouquet led by the ripest cassis and berry fruits, rich and opulent but brooding in its youth. Behind the primary fruits are distinctive vineyard characteristics of dark chocolate and mint. The oak is background cedar which will recede further as the fruits emerge with some bottle age.

PALATE: This vineyard consistently produces intense fleshy and full mid palate Cabernet with massive fruit weight with dark cherry and blackcurrant flavours. At the time of writing the wine is very youthful and tight but it still has ample fruit sweetness that will only become more accessible as the wine matures in bottle. This is a big full wine with ample flavour and concentration in the classic Margaret River tradition.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2016

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc. Vol.

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Growing Region: Margaret River



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