



# HAY SHED HILL

## MARGARET RIVER

### HAY SHED HILL 'World Series' MALBEC 2016

The Hay Shed Hill World Series wines highlight less well-known varieties in Australia, varieties from the old world finding a new expression of character. Famous as one of the traditional Bordeaux red grape varieties, Malbec is grown all over the world especially Argentina and now increasingly in Australia. Valued for its amazing depth of colour, generosity of fruit expression and fullness of flavour, Malbec has found the growing conditions of Margaret River ideally suited to producing full bodied wines of great depth and character- unsurprising considering the similar climatic conditions experienced by Bordeaux and Margaret River.

**VINTAGE:** 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:** Hand harvested, open fermented (with 10% whole bunches) and hand plunged for 8 to 12 days in one and two tonne open fermenters then gently pressed off to finish fermentation. The finished wine was put to 100% French oak barriques for 12- 15 months maturation.

**COLOUR:** Dark, deep purple in colour and has a brooding and perfumed bouquet.

**PALATE:** The palate is rich, layered and textured- really fills the mouth with its immense power and weight, but retains its finesse with long, soft integrated tannins. This wine will cellar and improve for 8- 10 years, but equally appeals as an immediate drink.

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

Vintage: 2016		Growing Region: Margaret River
Variety: Malbec 100%		Alcohol: 14.5% Alc Vol.



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