



HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

HAY SHED HILL 'World Series' MERLOT 2016

The Hay Shed Hill White Label wines highlight great grape varieties of the world grown in the distinctively Australian setting of Margaret River.

Merlot remains one of the key varieties of the classic Bordeaux Cabernet based blends but is the single variety that has resisted showing its qualities in the New World of Australia, USA and New Zealand. A difficult variety with a narrow range of climatic suitability as opposed to a variety like Shiraz that can seemingly grow anywhere, Merlot in Australia has rarely been seen as a

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.

The 2014 Hay Shed Hill White Label Merlot is the first made under this label, it celebrates an extraordinary vintage for this variety.

COLOUR: The wine displays a vibrant colour with bright red hues.

NOSE: Ripe cherry and cassis aromas.

PALATE: With a solid background of quality French cedar like oak providing an intriguing foreword to the palate which is rich and smooth with fleshy ripe flavoured and a soft supple textural finish. It is worth seeing what the fuss is about when this great world variety hits the mark.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2016		Growing Region: Margaret River
Variety: Merlot 100%		Alcohol: 14.0% Alc Vol.



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