

HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

CABERNET MERLOT 2017



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

The Hay Shed Hill Cabernet Merlot highlights the strength of Margaret River in producing medium-bodied, flavoursome and elegant Cabernet blends. Ripe berry fruits and textural tannins showcase this classic wine style.



VINTAGE: What a long, and strange vintage 2017 was. Every vintage is different; lessons learned from the previous year don't always help the following year.

2017 vintage started late, two to three weeks later than the preceding couple of years. The reason for this was the mild, cool spring weather experienced all across the southern part of the state. During the middle and latter part of March the South-West region including Margaret River experienced a very unusual amount of rain and very cool weather, ripening over this period was very slow. The first suggestions of worry started to appear in growers eyes. Of recent history Margaret River has experienced very dry conditions in March and early April with the season breaking mid to late April, not a problem with all the grapes picked. But this year the concern was that if the season broke in mid April all the red grapes would be still on the vine. However anyone that lived through the late April and early May in the South-West of Western Australia will testify that never had we had a better, warmer early autumn. It was simply perfect; cool crisp mornings and evenings but beautiful warm and sunny days; not too hot, textbook conditions for great ripening especially for the red varieties.

WINEMAKING: Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes from the Hay Shed Hill vineyard were harvested and de-stemmed into open topped vessels for fermentation on skins with traditional pump-over cap management to aid colour and flavour extraction. The wine was matured in French oak barrels for 13 months allowing integration of fine oak and development of the soft ripe tannin.

COLOUR: Deep crimson red of good intensity and vibrant hue.

NOSE: Intense berry fruits, cassis and chocolate mint characters notes with background cedar like oak.

PALATE: Medium bodied, this wines shows a vibrant and lively fruit driven palate with a fleshy middle and soft mature ripe tannin.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2017

Growing Region: Margaret River

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Merlot 20%

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc Vol.

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