

HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

CABERNET MERLOT 2018



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: It can get a bit repetitive describing vintages in Margaret River, our lesser vintages are still pretty good and our good vintages are just perfect. 2018 will, I believe, be proven to be in time one of the great vintages.

Season 2018 can be described in short as 'dry and mild'. The growing of fine wine grapes requires lots of good sunshine but not necessarily lots of heat. Hot weather will certainly aid the development of sugar but it seems to have very little to do with the development of all the desirable things like colour, aromas, flavours and tannins. So in fact milder seasons with good sunshine but cooler temperatures are usually the best; maximizing the development of aromas and flavours without ending up with high alcohols and over ripe jammy fruit characters.

It was an early start, perhaps a bit surprisingly considering a very mild spring and start of summer. The weather records will show that the summer months of February and March in the South West of WA were generally fine, very little rain and with no days over 40°, in fact at Hay Shed Hill we had no days over 35°. The mild weather allowed even, gradual ripening and moderate accumulation of sugar, ideal conditions for the key 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: 2018

Growing Region: Margaret River

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 80% Merlot 20%

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc Vol.

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