



The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia.

The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018



The KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon is made from two old vine vineyards situated in Mt Barker and Margaret River, the two premier grape growing regions of Western Australia. While Margaret River has earned an international reputation for this variety, Mt Barker has quietly long produced cabernets of great subtlety and complexity. This blend fuses the strengths of Mt Barker Cabernet Sauvignon with its classic berry cassis characters with the more fleshy robust structure of Margaret River.

2018 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.

Best varieties in 2018 - Chardonnay and the Cabernet Family.

TASTING NOTES

The KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense blood red appearance with a black heart. The wine displays ripe berry aromas of great intensity from the Margaret River fruit with underlying dusty and earthy characters typical of Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon. There is depth to the nose indicating there are reserves of complex aromas yet to develop and be exhibited in the wine. The palate is substantial with an intense and full flavour profile and ripe and fleshy sweet fruits fill the mid palate with long palate extension driven by ripe and mature tannin. The mouth feel is robust but the tannins are smooth.

CELLARING

This is a strong wine with ripe tannin and strong fruit depth, indicating it will benefit from careful cellaring. The expectation is that the wine would benefit from 10 years' maturation.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol 14.5% Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Growing Region: 50 % Mount Barker, 50% Margaret River