



HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 10 PETIT VERDOT 2021

The Hay Shed Hill Block Series wines are made from small parcels of fruit from individual blocks on the vineyard that have been identified as producing the best grapes on the property, with hand crafted care in the winery these wines are a fine interpretation of an outstanding site. The Block Series wines showcase the best from the Hay Shed Hill vineyard.

Petit Verdot, along with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc is an integral component of some of the world's greatest red wine. It is rarely seen on its own – for reasons that may be related to fashion more than any other wine reason, it is, undoubtedly, a great red wine variety producing wines of outstanding intensity and depth of fruit flavour. Hay Shed Hill has a long tradition of showcasing varieties such as Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot from an outstanding vineyard site in the heart of Margaret River.

VINTAGE: The vintage of 2021 is a bit of a blur in the memory with constant decisions made on the fly at all hours of the day given the unusual weather conditions across Margaret River, and to a lesser extent the Great Southern of Western Australia.

It was a great start to the season with the first really wet winter for several years and therefore good soil moisture entering spring and summer. This is even more important for 'dry grown' (unirrigated) vineyards such as Hay Shed Hill. There were positive signs at budburst with potentially better crop levels than the last two years.

Spring was mild, the first grapes were harvested in the first week of February. There was a small break until the avalanche of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon started. In this middle to late part of February and throughout March we experienced multiple episodes of rain, some of these falls being heavy. This sort of weather is rare in a Margaret River summer requiring harvest plans to be constantly reviewed and updated.

Given the conditions I am thrilled with the result, all whites and rosés were pristine and clean, perhaps a little lighter in body than many years but wonderfully fresh and pure in character.

When we got to reds in March and throughout April the challenges were greater. The requirement for full ripe fruit flavours and depth of body in red wine means the grapes need to be left on the vine longer therefore with increased risk. But we were protected by the wine gods and got all the reds off the vine before the season broke with a vengeance with heavy mid-April rainfall.

WINEMAKING: The fruit from Block 10 on the Hay Shed Hill property was harvested and fermented in open topped vessels with twice daily pumpovers to aid the extraction of colour and flavour. The resultant wine was matured for 18 months in French oak barriques prior to bottling.

COLOUR: Deep blood red of great depth and vibrancy.

NOSE: Intense dark berry aromas; blackcurrant and deep ripe cassis with a peppery hint.

PALATE: An intense and deep palate profile rich in very ripe rich berry fruits, soft and fleshy mid palate and a firm but ripe tannin profile with good extension..

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2021

Variety: Petit Verdot 100%

Alcohol: 13.5% Alc. Vol.

Growing Region: Wilyabrup, Margaret River



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