



# HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

## HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 10 PETIT VERDOT 2022

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:** An extraordinary season is the phrase that best sums up season 2022.

The South-West of Western Australia experienced one of the hottest springs on record with an intensive long stretch of hot days and unseasonal warm nights, including four consecutive days above 40°C over the Christmas period. The timing of this heat wave was at a critical time in the cycle of the early maturing varieties such as Chardonnay and, to a lesser extent, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

Chardonnay, yields were severely affected across the region but most seriously at Hay Shed Hill and other dry grown vineyards. Qualitatively we have no complaints with the wine now in barrel maturing well.

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon came in at significantly lower yields than expected but much better than Chardonnay. Red grapes were largely unaffected by the heat wave as they were immature in development at that time.

Abruptly in late January the weather changed dramatically with an extreme fall in day and night temperature and with consistent rain events passing through with early Autumnal-like conditions. This cooler weather benefited the red grapes, especially Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec allowing slower development and therefore greater flavour and colour maturity.

The outcome of 2022 is a high quality low yield harvest out of Margaret River.

**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: 2022

Variety: Petit Verdot 100%

Alcohol: 14.5% Alc. Vol.

Growing Region: Wilyabrup, Margaret River



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