



HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

HAY SHED HILL 'World Series' TEMPRANILLO 2022

The Hay Shed Hill World Series wines highlight less well-known varieties in Australia, varieties from the old world finding a new expression of character in the new world.

Tempranillo is one of the fastest growing wine styes in the country, easily paired with our hotter climate and lighter styles of food. Margaret River forged its worldwide reputation with Cabernet Sauvignon but has demonstrated that with diverse sub-regions it can produce a range of different varieties of exceptional quality.

Tempranillo, with its Spanish origins, has found a new home in Margaret River, with grapes of great colour density, distinctive savoury licorice-like characters and outstanding structural complexity.

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. We had potentially set a good crop at Hay Shed Hill but this four-day period and the follow up weeks compromised the weight of the bunches so that the end yield was estimated to be less than 30% of expectation. Such is farming. Qualitatively we have no complaints with the wine now in barrel maturing well.

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon came in at significantly lower yields that 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 Tempranillo grapes were de-stemmed and fermented in open vessels with extensive pump over cap management to aid colour and flavour extraction as well as optimize the tannin development. The wine was pressed off skins and matured in French oak barriques, approximately one third new oak with the balance one and two years old, for about 12 months.

COLOUR: Deep garnet in colour with an vibrant cherry rim.

NOSE: The nose is complex with earthy savoury characters, wonderfully deep cedar notes and winter spices.

PALATE: The palate shows earthy and spicy fruit characters. It has complex cigar-box and smokiness from its time in oak. This tempranillo has firm tannins and a good acid profile which would suggest some medium-term aging potential

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2022		Growing Region: Margaret River
Variety: Tempranillo 100%		Alcohol: 14.0% Alc Vol.



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