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FOUR CHAMBERS
MARGARET RIVER



PINOT NOIR 2022

COLOUR

Light red with a pale purple edge

NOSE

Lifted rose petals, strawberry, cranberry, orange rind, and red cherry aromas lift effortlessly from the glass. Underlying vanilla, dried apricot, and cashew characters give an extra layer of complexity.

PALATE

Elegant, lightweight palate presenting a modest collection of delightful flavours. A combination of elegant red berry fruits, orange rind, vanilla, and a hint of cloves seamlessly coat the palate. Gentle cherry and rose petal flavours follow through, and a clean but graceful acid drive along with elegant, fine tannins finishes the palate with purity and finesse.

WINEMAKING

This wine is completely experimental and not entirely made in the standard way of making a red wine. The estate grown fruit is harvested during the cool of the night to maintain delicate fruit characters for the Pinot Rosé. The free run, which has less colour, was used to make the Rosé and the hard pressings was separated into an open fermenter. The skins from the press were then added back to the hard pressings juice and fermented. From here on in the Pinot Noir was treated like a normal red wine with 3-4 punch downs a day to extract colour and tannin. After fermentation the wine was pressed to barrel and left for maturation for six months before filtering and bottling.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021-2022 growing season started with one of the wettest winters Margaret River has seen in many years. This was followed by a cool, winter-like spring which saw the development of vine growth delayed. As the season warmed up there was promise for good yields. However, a warmer-than-usual summer resulted in smaller, more concentrated berries. The abundance of Marri tree blossom, which began around the start of veraison and continued until almost the last red pick, was a real blessing for winemakers in the region. The 2022 vintage in Margaret River was nothing short of exceptional which will show in the wines.

WINEMAKING DETAILS

Geographical Indication / 100% Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Winemaker / Paul Dixon

Variety / Pinot Noir 88%, Shiraz 10%, Malbec 2%

Harvest Date / 17 February 2022

Alcohol / 12.5%

Standard drinks 7.7

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