



Folklore

Folklore is many things - it speaks to us of our past, present and future. It can be told, drawn or sung. It's human, natural, ritual—it's wine.

The fruit was sourced from our own vineyards and represents what we do best, farming grapes which are ideally suited to the regions of the south west and firmly putting fruit character and expression first.

2023 Cabernet Merlot

THE VINTAGE:

The Margaret River region experienced a cool and dry season with excellent winter rains, which allowed for good yields and exceptional quality in both whites and reds. The whites, in particular, were outstanding with bright acidity and intense fruit flavours, earning a rating of 8.5/10. The reds were also impressive, with good structure and a rating of 8/10.

THE WINEMAKING:

Fruit was hand-picked and crushed to static, stainless steel fermenters via the sorting table. Fermentation lasted for three weeks with gentle maceration. The time on skins allowed for softening of the tannins. Components were aged for 10 months in a combination of new and 1-2 year old French oak barrels prior to blending and bottling.

THE WINE:

Inky purple. Classic Cabernet aroma of blackcurrant. The wine is medium bodied with primary flavours of blackcurrant and bay leaf, layered with secondary cedar and chocolate. Velvety soft tannins and a long finish.

Vineyard Various Year Planted 1989-1996 Location South West Vines per Hectare 1650 Irrigation Yes Clone/s Various Rootstock Own Aspect Various Soils Gravelly Loams Origin Margaret River, WA Variety Cabernet Merlot Picking date March 2023 Sugaratpicking 13.5° Baume Alcohol 14.0% pН 3.42Total acidity $6.25\,{\rm g/L}$ $4\,\mathrm{g/L}$ Residual sugar **Bottled** August 2024 **Cellaring Potential** 8 years

VeganN/AVegetarianN/AOrganicN/ABiodynamicN/AAllergensSulphites