



## Stats

**Grapes:** 43% Cabernet Sauvignon - 24% Malbec - 22% Merlot - 11% Petit Verdot

**Vineyard:** Woodlands Brook Vineyard

**Vine Age:** Average 25-years-old

**Soil Type:** Gravelly, clay loam atop a bed of white clay

**Viticulture:** Sustainable

**Fermentation:** Inoculated – stainless-steel

**Skin Contact:** 10-28 days

**Aging:** 18 months in French barrique (39% new oak)

**Alcohol:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.64

**Total Acidity:** 5.0 g/L

**Total SO2:** 135 ppm

**Total Production:** 1,080 cases

**UPC:** 9336111000747

## Woodlands

2021

# 'CLÉMENTINE'

*Red Wine | Margaret River - Australia*



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## About

'Clémentine,' which takes its name from Andrew and Marie's daughter, is to the Woodlands Brook Vineyard as 'Margaret' is to the Woodlands Estate Vineyard – a premium Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant blend. 2015 was the first vintage, named after Andrew and Marie's daughter, who was born that same year. The Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot were already planted when the Watson's purchased the vineyard in 2008. Close-planted, spur-pruned, and in need of a little TLC, the wines produced initially were tannic. Over the years the vines have been converted to cane pruning, which softens the tannins and creates a more balanced canopy and fruit set. A block of Cabernet Sauvignon was in a gravelly meadow of the vineyard in 2009, and these vines were brought up cane pruned and unirrigated. It took them longer to produce, but the fruit that arrived was fantastic – powerful, dark and perfumed – and is the soul of this brilliant blend. The cooler 2021 season allowed for an extended harvest and produced some really powerful red grapes.

This grapes were hand-harvested and sorted by a state-of-the-art gravity fed system. Once sorted, the fruit was delivered to the destemmer by a vibrating hopper. Once gently destemmed, the fruit passed through a set of rollers to remove leaves and stalks, then sorted a second time by hand on the sorting table. The fruit was partially inculcated and partially fermented with ambient yeast in stainless-steel tanks. After between 10-14 days of fermentation and extended aging on the skins, the wine was pressed though the Cabernet Sauvignon remained on the skins for an addition two weeks for added complexity and tannin integration. The wine was pressed directly to French barriques, of which about 40% is new oak.

## Tasting Note

Intensely dark crimson wine exuding rich fruit aromas like blackberry, black currant, and hints of violet, clove, and anise. Ripe tannins provide structure, culminating in a dry finish with lingering notes of cacao and roasted almonds.