



Stats

Grapes: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon - 10% Merlot - 10% Malbec

Vineyard: Woodlands Estate Vineyard (Wilyabrup Valley)

Vine Age: Average 25-years-old

Soil Type: Gravelly, sandy loam over calcaerous clay

Viticulture: Certified Organic – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native (50%) - Inoculated (50%) – stainless-steel

Skin Contact: 15-30 days

Aging: 18 months in French barrique (45% new)

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.85

Total Acidity: 4.9 g/L

Total SO2: 94 ppm

Total Production: 2,000 cases

UPC: 9336111000235

Reviews

Halliday Wine Companion | 96 points

James Suckling | 96 points

The Wine Front | 94 points

Woodlands

2018

'MARGARET'

Red Wine | Margaret River - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

About

'Margaret' is the wine that best captures the soul and spirit of Woodlands. The Cabernet Sauvignon portion comes from a slope on the south of Woodlands that wraps around a 90-degree radius from east to north. The fruit on this slope receives a great deal of direct sunlight from morning to mid-afternoon, leading to rich full-bodied wines. The Merlot and Malbec plots that make up the remainder of 'Margaret' come from their west-facing slope of deep loam soil. This slope receives the most direct afternoon sunlight at Woodlands, and produces more exotic fruit characters in the finished wine. The unirrigated vines loved the drink, and went on to produce wines of class and restrained power, balanced by great natural acidity – particularly so for Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Vintage 2018 was absolutely ideal and was one of Margaret River's best vintages. After a good amount of rainfall at the beginning of the growing season, flowering conditions were near-perfect. Great weather continued from mid-December through till the end of harvest. Just like the vintage itself, 2018 'Margaret' is rich and warming.

Following harvest, the fruit was destemmed, hand sorted, crushed and fermented in small stainless steel fermenters. Following a partial native yeast fermentation, the wines were allowed to soak on skins for an additional 15-30 days, depending on the lot. The Cabernet was then pressed into French barriques, 45% new, for a long aging process. After one year of aging the barrels were lightly sulfured and laid to rest again for another five months. After a total of a 18 months the barrels were tasted and selected for the final blend. The wine was racked to tank, lightly sulfured, and settled naturally then bottled without fining or filtration.

Tasting Note

The aromas evoke Christmas- perfumed blackberry, boysenberry and brambly notes. Very inviting and satisfying, and almost relaxed. The palate opens with forest floor, cassis, and grilled chestnuts. Long and velvety.