

# 2015 SHIRAZ

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Our Shiraz is made from some of the region's oldest Shiraz vines at our Home Vineyard in Wilyabrup. The wine is fermented in small batches and matured in French barriques. Margaret River Shiraz is a delicate and structured style with elegance and finesse.

## TASTING NOTES

**APPEARANCE** Deep red with a vibrant purple hue

**NOSE** Bright raspberry and cranberry fruit characters mingle with underlying graphite and warm stone notes. Subtle hints of sweet earth and potpourri deliver an aromatic lift.

**PALATE** An elegant, pretty palate with fine powdery tannins which complement the lively, red-fruit flavoured core. A hint of wood smoke and biscuit add savoury complexity to the lingering finish.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Each small section of 2015 Shiraz was vinified and matured separately. Fermentation with 100% natural yeasts, maceration and aeration were combined in such a way as to ensure the gentlest extraction of colour, tannins and the truest expression of fruit. Once again a small percentage was fermented via Carbonic Maceration and finished with wild, full-skins fermentation bringing vivacity and texture to the wine. Following 11 months maturation in new and old French oak barriques, each batch underwent a rigorous appraisal process to identify the best small parcels to come together to make a complex, medium-weight Shiraz.

## VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Mild conditions in Margaret River with no extreme weather conditions, allowing for balanced fruit and a slow and steady intake. There was no disease pressure and fruit quality is excellent the only disappointment was yields being down across the Region for all key varieties. This was the outcome of storms in spring and pressure from an increase in the local population of Silver Eyes (birds) and no Marri Blossom.

**VARIETIES** 100% Shiraz

**HARVESTED** March 2015

**OAK** 100% French Oak 11 months (8% new, 92% 1-5 year old)

**TA** 6.15g/L **PH** 3.62

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.33g/L

**ALCOHOL** 14.0%

**BOTTLED** April 2016

**CELLARING** Drinks beautifully upon release, will reward over 10 years