

# 2014 CLASSIC DRY RED

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A soft and sumptuous Margaret River Shiraz. Vasse Felix Classics are fruit-driven, approachable styles that have become some of Australia's most popular everyday classics since their inception in the 1980s.

## TASTING NOTES

**APPEARANCE** Bright maroon.

**NOSE** Elevated raspberry, blackberry, liquorice and fennel with a hint of salami, tomato paste and earthy, dried twig perfumes.

**PALATE** Very soft, polished texture with pure, fine fruit running across the palate. Subtle dry tannins offer a clean finish with hints of black forest cake and coffee.

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The individual batches were crushed separately into stainless steel fermentation vessels. They were pressed off skins early to maintain a soft, succulent mouth feel. The resulting wine was matured in barriques for 12 months, with the incorporation of traditional oxidative handling, to soften and round the tannin profile and add further aroma and flavour complexity.

## VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Another text-book vintage in Margaret River with consistent, almost rhythmic temperature patterns throughout the ripening season, resulting in excellent balance and physiological ripeness of fruit. Reasonable yields were obtained despite a handful of blocks being exposed to heavy storms in Spring reducing their cropping potential, but overall quality is excellent.

**VARIETIES** 98% Shiraz, 2% Merlot

**HARVESTED** Late March 2014

**OAK** 100% French oak, 12 months (1-4 year old)

**TA** 6.8 g/L **PH** 3.51

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** 0.53 g/L

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**BOTTLED** September 2015

**CELLARING** Drinks beautifully now, best enjoyed in its youth