

Fraser Gallop

ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER

2015 PALLADIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting note: A little riper and more concentrated than its predecessors there is more intensity of dark berries this time with dusty blackberries and cedar and graphite to the fore. It is a beautifully textured wine with an impossibly long finish but has restraint and elegance inside its slender frame. The body is a little fuller and could be described as medium to full bodied. The balance and seamless nature is extraordinary given that it's 100 % pure Cabernet Sauvignon.

Alcohol: 14.5%

pH: 3.59

Total Acidity: 5.7gm/L

Residual Sugar: 0.2gm/L

Harvest Date: 13th March

Oak: 20 months in large format 500L puncheons as the barrels of choice.

Bottling Date: January 2017

Cellaring Potential: A wine that will give many a lot of pleasure and will develop further complexity for up to 15 years.

This 2015 Palladian Cabernet is the finest make of Palladian so far with destemmed, chilled Cabernet Sauvignon grapes going straight into the new French Oak barrels. Then fermenting, rolling and plunging & maturing the wine in the same barrels.

2015 VINTAGE

Another exceptional vintage for making quality wine at Fraser Gallop Estate however the problem was that there was not much of it, as yields were down on average 15-50%. The warm August tricked the vines thinking it was spring and time to burst those buds early. Then the flowering happened earlier during a wet, windy Oct/Nov period that caused looser and smaller bunch weights in the Cabernet. There was also more variability of ripeness across the Red bunches so we gave the Reds more hang-time to compensate and allow the green seeds to ripen. Another feature of this vintage was the very late arrival of Marri blossom, which meant the birds were ravenously hungry. Fortunately we have enough nets to cover our vineyard completely! In summary, the flavours and balance across all varieties were exceptional so the wine connoisseur is by far the winner this year!

This has an extraordinary long finish and aftertaste, built on varietal purity. It's ethereal, a word I cannot remember using for Cabernet. The texture too, is exceptional, the oak absorbed into the wine's essence.

James Halliday, 97/100. The Weekend Australian, January 2019

Deep red/purple colour, with a superbly intense bouquet of violets and blackcurrants. Oak has been sensitively handled. The tannins are fine-grained and soft, the concentration outstanding without sacrificing the elegance and finesse of the wine.

Huon Hooke, 96/100, The Real Review

Pairs well with a Ribeye or sirloin steak cooked medium-rare, Roast Duck, Venison cheeks or hard cheeses.
