

Fraser Gallop

ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER

2015 Parterre Cabernet Sauvignon



Varieties: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Petit Verdot, ,
4% Malbec

Tasting note: The finish is long and savoury.
A wine that will enjoy a decant and also one to
put away in a cool cellar for up to 15 years.

Alcohol: 13.9%

pH: 3.57

Total Acidity: 5.8g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.4g/L

Harvest Date: March 2015

Oak: French oak with one third new from selected
Bordeaux cooperages. The wines were racked
twice during their 18 months in barrel.

Bottling Date: November 2016

Cellaring Potential: Eminently drinkable now but will develop further
complexity for up to 15 years.

GOLD MEDAL WINNER, Margaret River Wine Show

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2015 is another exceptional vintage for making quality wine at Fraser Gallop Estate however the problem is that there is not much of it as yields are down on average 15-50% across the different varieties. This was to be Fraser Gallop Estate's earliest start to vintage. The reason for the low yields is due to a number of factors, firstly the warmest August and warm July tricked the vines thinking it was spring and time to burst those buds early. Then the flowering happened earlier during a wet, windy October/November period that has caused more smaller bunch weights in the Cabernet. There is also more variability of ripeness across the Red bunches so we are giving the Reds more hang- time to compensate and allow the green seeds to ripen to brown. The low bunch numbers per vine means the grapes ripen earlier anyway so the net effect is we are overall harvesting Cabernet 6 days later than the very early 2007 vintage. The weather over December/ January/ February was ideal with no days over 40°C, the hottest day was 35°C. There was no rain in January and then 13mls rain on February 27th and no rain so far in March. We have also had the windiest Dec/Jan/Feb period I can remember so this has kept the vineyard remarkably disease free or rather the disease pressure has been minimal. Another feature of this vintage has been the very late arrival of Marri blossom, which has meant the birds are ravenously hungry!! The summary of all this is the flavours and balance across all varieties are exceptional so the wine connoisseur is by far the winner this year!
