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ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER

2016 PALLADIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting note: A beautifully aromatic wine with dark cherries and a hint of plush leather. This vintage is a little more full bodied with lovely soft, supple fruits of boysenberries and black currants. A seductively textured wine with an impossibly long finish. The balance and seamless nature make for a wine that will age and develop beautifully.

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.54

Total Acidity: 6.0gm/L

Residual Sugar: 0.3gm/L

Harvest Date: 10th March 2016

Oak: 20 months in new French oak 500 litre puncheons.

Bottling Date: 14th November 2017

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

2016 VINTAGE

The grapes for the dry grown Palladian Cabernet Sauvignon were especially selected from the best section of the vineyard. These vines have been leaf plucked and shoot thinned. We harvested and sorted the fruit by hand. We had a large amount of rain in January which re-charged the sub-soils, helping the vine retain the green leaves until late into the season, which gave the grapes a higher sugar and acidity level than normal. This wine is entirely made in the barrel without any stainless steel contact at any point. This makes for seamless integration of fruit and oak, delivering a wine that is elegant and restrained but full of flavor and texture.

Dried red berries, plums, herbs and blackcurrants. Quite hearty but complex on the full-bodied palate, where vibrant layers of soft red fruit intermingle with spicy acidity. Very fruity on the finish, but this also shows concentration and serious depth. Drink in 2021.

James Suckling, 94 points, May 2019

Deepish red colour with purple tints and a strongly oaky bouquet. Dark chocolate and mocha. It's full-bodied and rich with density, flesh and grip. Violets and blue fruits as well. There is soft but pervasive tannin balanced by concentrated sweet fruit and fleshy texture. A very attractive wine with a future.

Huon Hooke, 93 points, The Real Review
