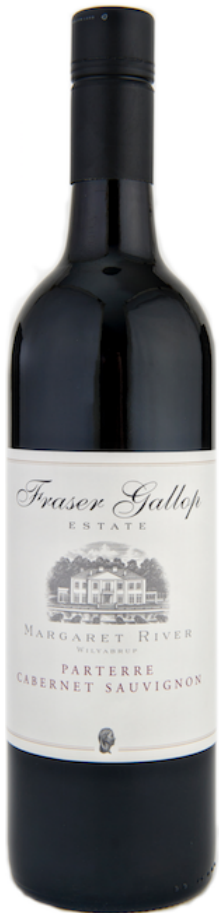


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MARGARET RIVER

2017 PARTERRE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Varieties: 86.2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4.9% Petit Verdot, 4.8% Merlot, 2.4% Cabernet Franc, 1.6% Malbec

Tasting note: Dark crimson hues with smoky toasty oak aromas. Quite similar to many Bordeaux Cabernets in profile. Succulent and fleshy mid palate with flavours of blackberries and red currants. Hints of Nori seaweed, bayleaf and lapsong tea. Complex and elegant with soft tannins on the finish.

Alcohol: 13.6%

pH: 3.49

Total Acidity: 6.1gm/L

Residual Sugar: 0.3gm/L

Harvest Date: 3rd April through to 27th April 2017

Oak: 18 Months in 1/3 new French oak & older French barrels.

Bottling Date: 7th November 2018

Cellaring Potential: Eminently drinkable now but will develop further complexity for up to 10 years.

2017 VINTAGE

Budburst was delayed by up to 3-4 weeks due to a colder and wetter winter. Flowering was subsequently later as well. Extensive canopy management came into play, also longer hang time saw the perfectly ripened Cabernet with some of the highest anthocyanin and tannin measurements we have seen, which equates to long lasting red wines with intense colour. We again used four different techniques to make this style, which builds unique flavours and shows the complexity and structure of this single vineyard site. We also added small amounts of other varieties grown on the property to create this beautiful and elegant Cabernet blend.

"Deepish red colour with a good tint of purple. The bouquet shows a lovely harmony of violets, blueberry, cedar and tobacco, the palate medium to full-bodied and savoury, well saturated with smoky, toasty oak-matured complexities. Great flavour and harmony, balance and length. This is uncannily Bordeaux-like, St-Émilion for my money. A classy wine..."

Huon Hooke, The Real Review, 95 points

"This stylish blend of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec has a charming bouquet of red and blue fruits, and violet. It's medium-to-full bodied, with good concentration, fresh acidity and a firm but restrained tannin backbone."

Gourmet Traveler, 94 points
