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ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER

2018 PALLADIAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting notes: A very aromatic wine with dark cherry and florals on the nose, violet, and thyme. 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. Soft, plush, and long with Boysenberry and Blackberry and a finish that is extraordinarily long. A seductively textured wine. Incredibly moreish with a finish that goes on for minutes.

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.6

Total Acidity: 6 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.3 g/l

Harvest Date: 13th March 2018

Oak: 19 months in 100% new French oak 500 L puncheons.

Bottling Date: 20th November 2019

Cellaring Potential: It will develop further complexity for up to 15 years.

Winemaking

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.

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.

Reviews

Impressive cabernet with a complex, youthful nose that offers aromas of cedar, mint, fresh roasting herbs, red cherries, blueberries and spiced chocolate. Juicy palate with plenty of fleshy blueberry and red-cherry punch on entry, building evenly to a cedary finish.

James Suckling, 94 points

This is the Big Show. It's 2018 Margaret River in full flight, with dark fruit, baking spices, fennel seed, and chocolate. Rich and plush, almost a Napa Valley opulence here, ripe and sticky tannin, plenty of nougat oak, tobacco, freshness, and gravelly tannin running on a long and ripe spicy finish. Bold. Needs time, but very good.

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front 95+ points

From Wilyabrup. Up from \$110 in the last vintage, but if there was ever a vintage to jump – 2018 c'est ca. The length of flavour is astoundingly long: enduring and persistent, it allows the fruit to promenade across the tongue, showing every feather and facet. Restrained and powerful, this surely needs a decant at this inchoate stage ... the tannins present as firm yet fine. A wonderful wine.

Erin Larkin – Wine Companion, 96 points
