



HAY SHED HILL

MARGARET RIVER

HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 2 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012

Hay Shed Hill is one of a small and prestigious group of pioneer vineyards that have established Margaret River's reputation as a world-class wine producing region. Located in the heart of the Willyabrup Valley, the premier sub-region of Margaret River, The Hay Shed Hill Block Series wines are made from small parcels of fruit from individual blocks on the vineyard to showcase the best of Hay Shed Hill.

BLOCK 2 on the Hay Shed Hill vineyard was planted in 1975 to the Houghton clone of Cabernet Sauvignon. These old dry grown vines have sunk deep roots into the gravelly loam soil profile providing the nutrient basis they need. Block 2 has a steep northern facing aspect maximizing the sunlight interception by the vines providing ideal ripening conditions.



VINTAGE: The Margaret River wine region has had an unprecedented run of excellent vintages. Since the difficult 2006 season, which was cold and wet. We have an outstanding run including the latest instalment of 2012.

If there is any criticism of 2012 it could be that it was perhaps a little too hot early in the season which caused rapid ripening especially in the whites. However the weather moderated just in time to become quite mild for the remainder of the season allowing the grapes to remain on the vine to develop all the desired flavour and aroma producing outstanding wines and reinforcing Margaret River as THE premier grapegrowing and winemaking region in Australia.

WINEMAKING: The grapes from Block 2 were de-stemmed into open topped vessels for fermentation on skins with traditional pump over cap management. At the completion of fermentation the wine was left on skins for a further 10 days to maximize the development of the mature tannin. Maturation in French oak barriques for 18 months added further complexity and structure without dominating the fruit. The wine was matured in bottle for six months prior to release.

COLOUR: Dense dark red to black colour of great intensity.

TASTING NOTES: The 2012 Hay Shed Hill Block 2 Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense blood red with a dark centre. The wine displays ripe berry aromas of great intensity with underlying dusty and earthy characters typical of Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon. There is depth to the nose indicating there are reserves of complex aromas yet to develop and be exhibited in the wine. The palate is substantial – this is a big wine by Western Australian standards with intense and fully ripe, fleshy sweet fruit filling the mid palate with great palate extension driven by the ripe and mature tannin. The mouthfeel is robust but the tannins are smooth.

CELLARING: The 2012 Hay Shed Hill Block 2 Cabernet Sauvignon is a strong wine with ripe tannin and strong fruit depth indicating it will benefit from careful cellaring. The expectation is that the wine would benefit from 10 years maturation.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2012

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 100%

Alcohol: 14.0% Alc. Vol.

Growing Region: Margaret River

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