



MARGARET RIVER

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Clairault Cabernet Merlot 2005

“At around \$20 this is the sort of wine I really like drinking, and if I needed to buy a bunch of house wines (with an eye to popping a few away in the cellar for a spell) then I’d say this is just the ticket. It’s a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (50%) and Merlot (47%) with handy old Cabernet Franc filling in the rest.

Perfumed and fragrant with gum leaf and gravel over bramble fruit, a lick of vanilla oak and some mint and licorice wafting about. It’s light to medium bodied, firm and shapely with excellent flavour—red fruits, leaf and a light earthiness. Balanced and ridiculously easy to drink its another excellent value offering from this most charming of Margaret River vintages.”

Rated: 91 / 100 points
Tasted: Feb 09
Alcohol: 14.5%
Price: \$24
Closure: Screwcap

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