

Clairault

MARGARET RIVER

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 90%, Merlot 6%, Petit Verdot 3%, Cabernet Franc 1%

TASTING NOTES

The colour is a deep vibrant red. A compellingly complex aroma of blackcurrants, cherries and violets, along with biscuity, hazelnut oak characters. The palate shows great structure, tightness and length. Blueberry, chocolate, and cherry flavours are supported by firm grained tannins. This wine will need time to show it's true potential.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our A-block Cabernet Sauvignon, planted in 1976, plays the lead role in this wine. These low yielding vines produce grapes with complex fruit aromas and fine mature tannins. Fermentation occurs in 4 tonne open fermenters and the wine will remain on skins for at least 15 days before pressing. After Pressing the wine is pumped straight to 25 – 50% new French oak barriques, where it undergoes MLF and maturation for 24 months. Blending occurs after 18 months and then the wine is returned to barrel for a further 6 months so the fruit and oak tannins can fully integrate.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar level at Picking : 13.5 – 14.0 Baume

Wine Titratable Acidity: 7.0

Alcohol: 15.0

Wine pH: 3.48

Wine Residual Sugar: 0.40

WINEMAKER—Will Shields

ACCOLADES

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ACCOLADES

- TROPHY** Best Australian Cabernet Sauvignon
TROPHY Best Western Australian Red Wine
GOLD International Wine Challenge 2009
“Very typical Margaret River nose—ripe, maturing aromas of black fruit, and a pencil shaving and bell pepper palate. Very good structure, with ripe tannins, spice. The finish has liquorice notes and is elegant and satisfying.”
- SILVER** International Wine Challenge 2010
“Ripe sweet berry aromas, seamlessly intergrated fruit. Tannins, acid and decisive.”
- SILVER** International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009
- SILVER** International Wine Challenge 2008
“Bright blackcurrant fruit on the nose and a berryish palate with lots of grippy sweet fruit. A well balanced wine.”
- Bronze** The Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2006
Bronze Qantas WA Wine Show 2009
Bronze Margaret River Wine Show 2010
Commended Decanter World Wine Awards 2008
Commended Decanter World Wine Awards 2010
- 95/100** James Hallidays 2009 Australian Wine Companion (5 glass rating)
“Classic cabernet aroma and flavour, blackcurrant and cassis offset by flecks of black olive and earth; fine cedary oak and tannins on a long finish. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2025.”
- 4 stars** Winestate Magazine April/May 2008
“Developed cedar oak bouquet and nicely balanced sweet cassis fruit and pristine cedar oak flavours with drying tannins and lingering aftertaste.”
- TOP 100** Ray Jordan’s—The West Australian—June 2008
“One of the finest cabernets yet from this consistent and improving Margaret River producer. This shows excellent leafy varietal cabernet, with fine powdery tannins, well-weighted oak and persistent length. Stylish and poised.”
- 9/10** The Daily Examiner—Max Crus—20th Sept 2008
“Same price as a political memoir but far tastier. As flash as you would expect from a yellow note with not much change, indeed pretty flash full stop.”
- 93/100** Ray Jordan’s WA Wine Guide 2009
“Boy these guys are getting their cabernet right big time. This is another cracking good wine. It’s immensely powerful yet the silky structure glides it effortlessly to a sustained finish. This is a classy expression of Margaret River cabernet and clearly one of the best yet released from Clairault.”

