



MARGARET RIVER

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

BLEND—87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot, 2% Shiraz

TASTING NOTES—A complex fruit aroma that exhibits both some herbal nuances of sage and fennel along with much riper fruit characters such as blackberry, currant, and raisin. Oak is also playing a part on the aroma. The wine is very approachable on the palate with very silky tannins and upfront sweet fruit. The wine finished with good length, wonderful balance and texture.

WINEMAKING NOTES — The 2005 vintage was quite drawn out for Cabernet Sauvignon with periods of heavy rain at the beginning of April after a very dry couple of months. Due to very low mildew pressure, the rain helped extend the ripening time and allowed for good tannin and flavour maturity. The grapes for this wine were all fermented in 5 tonne open fermenters with some going on to receive extended skin maceration which provides an increased tannin structure required for long term cellaring. Barrel maturation was in French oak barriques, 20% new, for 18 months.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar Level at Picking: 13.7 – 14.1 Baume Wine pH: 3.45
Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.5g/L Wine Residual Sugar: 0.54g/L
Alcohol: 15% WINEMAKER—Will Shields

ACCOLADES

GOLD

Silver QANTAS Wine Show of WA 2007
Silver Decanter World Wine Awards 2008
Silver The Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2007
Silver Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show 2007
Bronze Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2008
Bronze Royal Queensland Wine Show 2008
Bronze The Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2007
Bronze Macquarie Bank Sydney Royal Wine Show 2008
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Bronze Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show 2008

Bronze International Wine Challenge 2008

“A soft and powdery floral nose with dusty roses and black olives. Attractive ripe, juicy dark plums and a hint of coffee on the palate. Medium body. A lovely lighter-weight Cab.”

93/100 (4.5 glass rating) James Hallidays 2009 Australian Wine Companion

“Has a sweeter and slightly softer fruit profile than the Estate, but the medium-bodied palate has very good balance, line and length. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2015.”

91/100 Ray Jordan’s WA Wine Guide 2009

“Thoroughly beautiful and almost pretty cabernet sauvignon. Leafy perfumed smells of violet and red berry on the nose take you through to the seamless and smooth palate, showing some nice powdery tannin support and neatly laid oak. Lovely wine.”

18/20 Peter Forrester—STM Magazine Top 100—Nov 07

90/100 Winorama—Gary Walsh—March 2008

