

Clairault

MARGARET RIVER

SHIRAZ 2005

BLEND—100% Margaret River Shiraz

TASTING NOTES—Deep red in colour. Classic fruit cake aromas, raisins, currants, prunes, nutmeg, cinnamon, with a touch of vanilla oak. An attractive aroma that show good fruit complexity. The palate is medium bodied with a sweet core of vibrant red berry fruit flavour. Fine powdery tannins provide a balanced structure through to a clean finish.

WINEMAKING NOTES—Fruit for this wine was sourced from a single vineyard near the township of Cowaramup. 2005 is considered an excellent year for shiraz in the region due to the fine and mild conditions during much of the ripening followed by a spell of warm weather right at the finish giving a lift in the intensity of the wines while maintaining the varietal integrity. Fairly traditional winemaking ensued with open fermentation for 7 – 10 days followed by 18 months maturation in new and used French oak barriques.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar at picking: 14.1 Baume

Wine pH 3.53

Alcohol 14.5%

Titrateable acidity – 5.9g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.61g/l

WINEMAKER—Will Shields

ACCOLADES

SILVER	Decanter World Wine Awards 2009
SILVER [Best in Class]	International Wine & Spirit Competition 2009
SILVER	Qantas Wine Show of WA 2007
Bronze	IGA Perth Royal Wine Show 2008
Bronze	The Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2008
Bronze	Qantas Wine Show of WA 2008
Bronze	Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2008
Bronze	Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show 2009
Bronze	National Wine Show of Australia 2010
Commended	International Wine Challenge 2009

91/100 James Hallidays Australian Wine Companion 2009
“Has well above average weight and depth for Margaret River Shiraz, with ripe berry fruits offset by fine but ripe tannins; good oak use. Screw cap. Cellar to 2017.” (4.5 glass rating)

88 /100 Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, March 2009
“Raspberry jam, leaf, truffle, spice and Old Jamaica chocolate. It’s medium bodied with Rum and Raisin ice cream flavours and a dollop of fresh raspberry, and while it’s sweet and a little syrupy, it manages to look quite fresh and lively at the same time. Fine grained powdery tannins and solid length of flavour complete the picture. Not exactly my preferred style but a pretty decent wine. Looked better after being open for a day.”

91/100 Ray Jordan—The West Australian, March 2009
Drop that’s Different “...this week I have included a couple of great red wines...the Clairault shiraz from Margaret River shows what this region can do with this variety in good years... A very good example of Margaret River Shiraz. Sourced from a single vineyard near Cowaramup. It’s ripe and quite full with spicy nutmeg and vanilla bean subtly infused. Soft generous palate with rip tannins.”

