

MARGARET RIVER  
**SANDALFORD**  
*Estate Reserve*

## 2019 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

### Tasting Notes

#### Varietal Breakdown

Cabernet Sauvignon

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#### Region

Margaret River

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#### Vintage

Whilst the majority of Australia experienced a hot summer with above average temperatures in 2019, the southwest corner of WA encountered quite the opposite. Temperatures for the growing season were cooler than the long-term averages. These milder conditions resulted in a delayed ripening pattern for most varieties resulting in slow flavour accumulation. With no disease pressure, all grapes were harvested with a good balance of sugar, flavour and tannin ripeness. The resulting red wines are elegant in style displaying wonderful varietal characters.

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#### Winemakers Comments

The grapes for this wine are exclusively from the Wilyabrup Estate Vineyard, Margaret River, planted in 1972. Machine harvested fruit was de-stemmed to a combination of small open and static fermenters. A selected yeast isolate was used to inoculate the must with the traditional method of pumping over utilised to extract colour, flavour and tannin. Near the end of fermentation, the wine was pressed to tank and inoculated for Malolactic Fermentation (MLF). At the completion of MLF, the wine was racked and transferred to French oak barriques (30% new) for 18 months maturation before being blended. A small percentage of Malbec (5%) and Merlot (3%) were included into the blend to provide interest and complexity. The wine was filtered before bottling.

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#### Tasting Notes

**Colour:** Deep garnet with brick red hues.  
**Nose:** Bright red fruits and black berries with vanillin and mocha oak notes. There is an overlay of savoury spice characteristics with rose petal and floral violet notes adding complexity.  
**Palate:** This is classic Margaret River Cabernet from a cool vintage. It's an elegant wine with sweet red and black berries, camphor, and savoury oak spice flavours of cinnamon, vanilla and cedar. The fine grained tannins are soft and in balance with the fruit. There is a nice structure and softness to the wine which makes for appealing drinking in the immediate term. However, will reward short term cellaring over the next five to ten years.

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#### Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.6%      pH 3.64      TA 6.50 g/L

This wine is vegan & vegetarian friendly

