

MARGARET RIVER  
**SANDALFORD**  
*Estate Reserve*

## 2020 Estate Reserve Shiraz

### Tasting Notes

#### Varietal Breakdown

Shiraz

#### Region

Margaret River

#### Vintage

2020 was a vintage like no other. Whilst a global pandemic changed the way people lived their lives, Margaret River experienced a near perfect vintage. The preceding Spring growing season was warmer than average resulting in earlier bud burst and grape development. Grape yields were lower than the long-term average which led to one of the earliest harvests on record. The near perfect growing season allowed the winemakers to harvest fruit at optimal flavour and sugar ripeness. The resulting red wines are deeply coloured and display wonderful intensity and depth of flavour as a consequence of the low fruit yields. An outstanding year for Margaret River red wines.

#### Winemakers Comments

Estate grown old vine Shiraz grapes were machine picked in the cool of the night and transported to Sandalford before destemming to small 5 tonne open fermenters. Following a short cold maceration, the must was inoculated with a selected yeast isolate. The ferment was gently worked to extract flavour, colour and tannin. Once the right amount of extraction was achieved, the ferment was then pressed to tank to complete primary ferment. The wine was then inoculated for Malolactic Fermentation (MLF), before being transferred to 100% French oak barriques (30% new) for maturation. The wine then spent 15 months maturation in these barrels prior to blending and bottling. An outstanding example of Margaret River Shiraz from a great vintage.

#### Tasting Notes

##### Colour:

Dark cherry red.

##### Nose:

A complex bouquet of blackberry fruit, raspberry, savoury spices, star anise, clove, and a light dusting of cocoa and black pepper overlaid with toasted vanillin oak, cedar and chocolate box nuances.

##### Palate:

The palate is medium bodied, elegantly structured and stylish, but has power and length. The berry and savoury spice flavours are well supported by the sweet, subtle tannins and natural acidity. There's a savouriness to this wine in support of the dark fruit and spice notes. The finish is rich and lingering. A wine that will age gracefully for at least another decade in good cellaring conditions.

#### Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.6%

pH 3.61

TA 6.61g/L

This wine is vegan & vegetarian friendly

