



SANDALFORD

WINEMAKERS

2020 Winemakers Cabernet Merlot

Tasting Notes

The Story

The Winemakers Range is all about delivering quite simply the best Western Australian wine at the best price. These wines are typically a blend of both the Margaret River and Swan Valley wine growing regions. The riper, richer notes from the Swan Valley compliment the elegant and sophisticated flavours from the cooler climate of Margaret River. These wines are about imminent drinkability and crafted to suit a wide range of food. Or simply enjoy a glass on its own. As always, enjoy in moderation.

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon 68% & Merlot 32%

Origin

Western Australia

Vintage

2020 was a vintage like no other. Whilst a global pandemic changed the way people lived their lives, Western Australia 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 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.

Winemakers Blurb

This wine was made from a blend of Cabernet and Merlot grapes grown on our Swan Valley and Margaret River vineyards. Fruit was machine picked in the cool of the night and transported to the winery for processing. The fruit was destemmed to static fermenters and cold macerated for four days before inoculation with a select yeast isolate. Fermentation on skins lasted for 10 days before pressing to tank at dryness. A portion of the wine was put to oak for 12 months maturation before blending and further maturation in tank. Well suited to a wide range of foods, or simply enjoy on its own.

Drinking Notes

Generous sweet fruit flavours, particularly the darker berries, but also plums and rhubarb balanced with subtle savoury oak. The firm, fine grained tannin structure is well balanced providing length to the wine. This classic Bordeaux blend will continually cellar well in the medium term.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.0%

pH 3.47

TA 6.75 g/L

