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MARGARET RIVER

TASTING NOTE



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The 2015 Hazel's Vineyard Chardonnay:

Powerful wet stone reduction jumps from the glass, whilst lifted white peach aromas eventually make their way through the maze of biscuit and almond meal. A palate that grows from front to back. Subtle citrus starts at the entry but quickly develops into nectarine and honeydew blossom. Balanced chalk like phenolics compliment the powerful finish whilst an arrow head of Southern Ocean acidity ensures the taste lingers long after the wine leaves the mouth.

Winemakers Comments:

Our 2015 harvest broke records on various fronts. A mild winter resulted in early bud-break, exposing sensitive young shoots to wild early spring conditions resulting in a significant reduction in yields across all varieties. A warm and dry summer set us on the path to two distinct harvest periods for white and red varieties. We experienced our earliest Chardonnay harvest to date with all three vineyards picked and fermenting two days earlier. A significant rain event mid-February delayed ripening of reds, however, due to low yields the rewards were full tannin ripeness and flavoursome wines. It was a challenging season that saw bushfire smoke, masses of hungry birds and significant rain events make for an edge of your seat ride that has produced stunning wines across all varieties - albeit on a much reduced volume.

Grapes:

100% Single Vineyard Chardonnay

District of Origin of Grapes:

100% Margaret River

Vineyard:

The Hazel's Vineyard is in the southern part of the Margaret River region. These chardonnay vines grow on coarse lateritic soils with a northerly aspect.

Winemaking:

Our Single Vineyard Chardonnays are:

- hand harvested
- whole bunch pressed
- pressed juice straight to barrel for ferment
- indigenous yeast ferment
- no additions of yeast, acid, yeast nutrient etc.
- 25% new French Oak, remainder two and three year old French Oak
- no malolactic ferment
- battonage and aged on lees
- some sulphur and light bentonite fining in Spring
- bottled in December

Analysis

Alcohol 13%

Cellar Door:

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