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MARGARET RIVER

TASTING NOTE



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The 2013 Rocky Road Cabernet Merlot:

Brooding aromas of blackberry conserve, cassis and after dinner mints greet at first swirl. Underlying sweet liquorice, black olives and dark chocolate are moderated by subtle earthy notes.

Soft forest fruits fill a soft palate that abounds with cassis and sweet cola flavours. A silky mid palate is supported by velvety cocoa flavoured tannins and sweet spiced oak. A fruit forward number guaranteed to please.

Winemakers Comments:

A wild and wet spring resulted in lower yields across all white varieties due to the unsettling effect of wind and rain on the delicate flowering period. Rainfall through December resulted in moderate temperatures and supplied moisture to the soil ensuring sound ripening conditions. A heatwave in early February brought sugar development forward however grape acids held well and resulted in a sound and early white harvest. As unnerving as some of these rain events were rewards of full tannin ripeness and flavoursome wines were the results of patience in what was a drawn out season. Another stellar Margaret River vintage.

Winemaker Trent Carroll

Grapes:

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 5% Malbec and 5% Shiraz.

District of Origin of Grapes:

100% Margaret River

Vineyard:

The Rocky Road Vineyard is in the southern part of the Margaret River region.

Winemaking:

- Partial wild ferment
- Whole berry ferment
- Stone fermenter
- Hand plunged and basket pressed
- No added acid, tannin or nutrient
- Minimal preservatives.

Analysis

Alcohol 14.6%, pH 3.7, Acid 5.2g/L, RS 0.4g/L

Reviews

94 points James Halliday

Cellar Door:

Open 10.30am to 4.30pm daily

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