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MARGARET RIVER

TASTING NOTE



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The 2016 Rocky Road Chardonnay:

A lifted bouquet of ripe stone fruit with underlying grapefruit notes leaps from the glass to make a statement about fruit purity. A fresh palate opens with ripe peach and nectarine with hints of bright grapefruit, subtle texture from lees stirring in barrel adds complexity and mid palate richness. With subtle oak influence the palate is framed with fresh lemon infused acidity that gives line and length.

Winemakers Comments:

A mild winter with average rain levels produced an early start to the growing season. A vigorous start to the season saw good flowering and fruit-set conditions through Spring. Margaret River vineyards escaped the traditional Spring storms with the result being increased yields across the more sensitive varieties, namely Chardonnay, which was a timely result given consecutive low yield seasons. Clear and warm weather during summer saw optimal ripening conditions for our white varieties. A significant rain event mid-January caused some pain (disease pressure) for vineyards further north in the cape however our Southern location ensured that any rain helped finish off the ripening process for our “dry grown” sites. Reds were picked from mid-March in optimum condition with resulting wines showing full tannin ripeness and flavour. Yet another stellar Margaret River vintage!

Winemaker Trent Carroll

Grapes:

100% Chardonnay

District of Origin of Grapes:

100% Margaret River

Vineyard:

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

Winemaking:

- Hand harvested
- Whole bunch pressed
- Pressed juice straight to barrel for ferment
- Indigenous yeast ferment
- No additions of yeast, acid, yeast nutrient etc
- No malolactic ferment
- Battonage and aged on lees
- Some sulphur and light bentonite fining in Spring

Analysis

Alcohol 13%

Cellar Door:

Open 10.30am to 4.30pm daily

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