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MARGARET RIVER

TASTING NOTE



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The 2015 Rocky Road Semillon Sauvignon Blanc:

A lifted and punchy citrus fruit cocktail greets at first swirl with underlying cut grass and ruby grapefruit nuances.

The palate abounds with lime, locut and passionfruit layers, some texture from a portion fermented onskins and in barrel adds length, whilst lemon zest and lime acidity makes for a brighter and mineral finish.

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!

Winemaker Trent Carroll

Grapes:

69% Semillon, 31% Sauvignon Blanc

District of Origin of Grapes:

100% Margaret River

Vineyard:

Semillon from the Rocky Road Vineyard in the southern part of the Margaret River region. Sauvignon Blanc from the Burnside Vineyard which is one of the older sites for Sauvignon Blanc in Margaret River planted in 1983.

Winemaking:

- Partial wild ferment
- 10% skin contact ferment
- 20% barrel fermented
- 70% stainless steel (long and cool)
- Aged on lees for texture (tank and barrel)
- No added acid, tannin or nutrient
- Minimal preservatives.

Analysis

Alcohol 12.8%

Cellaring

Drinks now to 2020

Reviews

95 points James Halliday

Cellar Door:

Open 10.30am to 4.30pm daily

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