



Flametree
MARGARET RIVER

SRS WILYABRUP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2022

2022 Vintage

A cool and quite wet spring saw the vines in the region get off to a slow start, however it quickly dried and warmed up giving way to prolonged heat throughout the summer months. Hot days and moderate to warm nights produced excellent fruit quality with surprising delicacy and elegance. It was a particularly low yielding vintage primarily due to the cool and wet spring conditions.

Vineyards

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine were sourced from the renowned Wilyabrup area in the Margaret River region. This small parcel was harvested from Mark and Tanya Jolliffe's Vineyard on the corner of Pusey and Metricup roads which is planted on a beautiful piece of east/north-east facing grave. The soils are typically very "bony" on the surface with gravel/quartz sub-soils underneath. Old Houghton clone cuttings sourced from the famous Moss Wood vineyards make up the plant material on this block.. The small Malbec addition came from Rick Cullens 'Gravels' vineyard in Treeton.

Winemaking

Pristine selectively harvested fruit was tipped straight into a small open fermenter and as the fruit warmed, it was inoculated with a Bordeaux yeast strain. The cap was worked with gentle pump overs for soft tannin extraction and aeration and the ferment temperatures were maintained around 25°C and then allowed to finish around 28°C. After extended skin contact, approx. 15 days, the wine was pressed into 40% new Bordeaux coopered French oak barrels for 14 months maturation.

Tasting Notes

This is a classic Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon; medium-bodied in structure, elegant and highly perfumed with fine-grained tannins. The nose on the 2022 SRS is very lifted displaying berry fruits in the blackberry, cassis and mulberry spectrum, with dark coco undertones. The palate shows fresh, crunchy and balanced fruit with integrated oak flavours. The 2022 vintage is a classic and whilst this vintage will drink well now as a young wine, it will mature beautifully for the next 15-20 years.

Technical Specifications

Blend	94% Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec
Alcohol	14.0
Acidity	6.1 g/l
pH	3.60

