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MARGARET RIVER

2020 Hazel's GSM



This classic southern Rhone blend bursts with aromas of mulberry and spirited cherries over notes of fragrant violets and chai spice. The inclusion of small percentages of whole clusters in the ferment provided extra fragranciness and floral lift. The palate is initially juicy and sweet, combining crunchy red plums and red liquorice from the Grenache, with Syrah and Mataro adding structure, spice and savouriness. The finish is persistent with layers of cocoa, cherry liqueur and a frame of firm, gravelly tannins.

Vintage Report

We were blessed with near perfect growing conditions in Margaret River in 2020. A warmer than usual Spring, a dry, sunny summer and cool nights. Significant diurnal temperature variations meant perfect ripening conditions across all of our dry grown vineyards. No disease and virtually no bird pressure (particularly at the start of harvest) meant we were able to pick beautifully clean fruit at ideal ripeness and flavour levels ... a real treat for our winemaking team. The only downside was exceptionally low yields across all varieties. Our dry farmed vineyard responded to the drier seasonal conditions by producing tiny and light bunches with small berries. Consequently, the fruit has incredible concentration and has retained a lovely natural acidity.

Winemaking

A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mataro from our certified biodynamic Hazel's vineyard. Each parcel was harvested and vinified separately in vertical 4 tonne stone fermenters with no temperature control. Grenache was fermented with 50% whole clusters, while only 10% of the Syrah were fermented with whole clusters. Mataro was destemmed but the berries not crushed. The fruit spent between 8-14 days on skins before being gently pressed directly into large format oak casks for malolactic fermentation in our underground cellar. The wines were racked for the first time at the beginning of spring when they received a minimal sulphur addition. We blended this wine in January 2021 and bottled in February.

Vineyard

100% Hazel's Vineyard. Our southernmost vineyard further inland than our Burnside and Calgardup vineyards. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine. Certified Biodynamic.

District of Origin

100% Margaret River

Grapes

70% Grenache
26% Syrah
4% Mataro

Analysis

Alc
14.5%

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