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2022 Hazel's Vineyard Zinfandel

A lifted nose of fresh raspberries, rose petals and cherry compote combined with red liquorice and fragrant five spice. The palate is juicy with crunchy red fruits and cinnamon spice but showcasing drive and length thanks to the lovely natural acidity. The structure is silky yet defined by smooth, cocoa-like tannins. This fruit driven Zinfandel is guaranteed to please as a young wine but has shown the ability to improve with careful cellaring over the years.

VINTAGE REPORT

A season that slowly escalated into a very hectic but also exciting harvest. A cooler and wet Spring saw vine growth delayed in development, and we were set for a late start of harvest. But then Summer came, and it was full of sunshine, dry and warm through December, January, and February with warm days and some warm nights. The red harvest started about a week after the end of the whites, giving our busy cellar team very little time to catch their breath. Yields were lower than expected across red varietals as well, however the warm and dry weather created desirable conditions for our reds that are already showcasing fantastic tannin ripeness, concentration, and vibrancy of colour.

WINE MAKING

Grapes were harvested in the early hours of the morning and transferred by gravity in concrete vats without any crushing of the berries. Primary fermentation was encouraged, and a slow, cool fermentation lasted for about 14 days. The wine was then gently pressed and transferred to a combination of French and American large format barrels. Maturation lasted for around 14 months in our cellars and the wine was bottled without fining in September 2023.

VINEYARD

100% Hazel's Vineyard - biodynamically farmed and our southernmost vineyard. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences (12km from the ocean) with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine. The fruit is sourced from a small block at the western side of our property where the Lodi clone vines deliver small and intense bunches of fruit.

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN 100% Margaret River

GRAPES

100% Single Vineyard Zinfandel *Lodi Clone*

ANALYSIS Alc 14.5%

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