

# McHENRY HOHNEN

MARGARET RIVER

## 2017 ROLLING STONE



A parcel selection of our top performing vines within the Hazel's Vineyard. The nose is a display of fragrant violet, red currant and blueberry confection complemented by savoury notes of black olive tapenade, tobacco leaf and dusty dark chocolate. The palate is elegant and refined, combining dense dark fruits and sweet spice with firm gravelly tannins providing impressive length. Made in very limited quantities, this wine expresses the essence of this remarkable southern Margaret River site.

#### Vintage Report

After desirable conditions during flowering, the 2017 summer started cool and wet, slowing down the growing season significantly. Conditions improved in late February, developing into a perfect Indian summer. The result is whites that are packed with energy and poise, and reds that got the benefit of a long, cool ripening period; tannin ripeness and complex flavour development. Alcohols are lower than previous years, even with greater physiological ripeness.

### Wine Making

Our best parcels of fruit were fermented in open stone fermenters with the use of indigenous yeasts. Some of the wines were left on skins post fermentation for several weeks to provide savouriness and structure to the blend. Others were pressed earlier for freshness and aromatic lift. Each variety was kept separate and aged in the finest selection of French oak barrels for 18-months prior to bottling. The wine remains unfined and unfiltered.

#### Vineyard

100% Hazel's Vineyard. Our southernmost vineyard which is more inland than our Burnside and Calgardup vineyards. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine. Soil type: Ironstone gravel loam.

District of Origin 100% Margaret River

Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon | Malbec | Merlot | Petit Verdot

Analysis Alc 14.1%

Cellar Door

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