

ROCKY ROAD

MARGARET RIVER

2016 CABERNET MERLOT

Tasting Note

Brooding aromas of blackberry conserve, cassis and after dinner mints greet at first swirl. Underlying sweet liquorice, black olives and dark chocolate are moderated by subtle earthy notes. Soft forest fruits fill a soft palate that abounds with cassis and sweet cola flavours. A silky mid-palate is supported by velvety cocoa flavoured tannins and sweet spiced oak. A fruit forward number guaranteed to please.

Vintage Report

A warm Spring with a full water table ensured good flowering and crop set. Summer was moderate with a large rain event mid vintage ensuring wines were never stressed. Picking dates were consistent with recent averages.

Winemaking

The fruit for this wine comes from Hazel's Vineyard which is our southernmost vineyard. Whole berries were transferred by gravity into 5 tonne concrete fermenters. Underwent partial wild fermentation at low temperature. Gentle extraction was carried out with a combination of hand plunging and pump over twice daily. The fruit spent between 7 and 14 days on skins to retain vibrancy and freshness before being transferred to 1-2 years old French oak barriques for 14-months maturation.

District of Origin

100% Margaret River

Grapes

53% Cabernet Sauvignon
32% Merlot
10% Malbec
5% Petit Verdot

Analysis

Alc 14%

