

ROCKY ROAD

MARGARET RIVER



2017 SYRAH

Tasting Note

A seductive bouquet of fresh ground black pepper and cherry confection give way to fragrant violets and cinnamon stick. Intriguing notes of cured meats, black liquorice and sandalwood spice add a savoury profile. The soft and juicy palate abounds with sweet spice, dark plums and cherry cola, supported by velvety tannins and a dusty chocolatey aftertaste.

Vintage Report

After desirable conditions during flowering, the 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.

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. 30% of the fruit was hand harvested for whole bunch fermentation and additional spice and aromatic lift. Wild fermentation underwent at low temperatures and gentle extraction was carried out by pumping over twice daily. After 8 to 14 days on skins the juice was pressed and transferred to large format oak casks for 14 months maturation.

District of Origin

100% Margaret River

Grapes

100% Syrah

Analysis

Alc 13.3%

pH 3.71

