

DRIFTWOOD

MARGARET RIVER

ARTIFACTS cabernet sauvignon

2018



BLEND

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec, 2% Merlot, 2% Shiraz.

COLOUR

Vibrant, deep ruby red with purple hues.

AROMATICS

Aromas of blackcurrant, mulberries, dark chocolate and violets.

PALATE

A well-structured elegant wine with mouth filling tannins, vanilla spiced French oak, balancing acidity and a flavourful persistency of length.

OAK MATURATION

Approximately 24% new French oak barrels with 2nd/ 3rd year French oak barrels

AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink over the next 5 - 10 years

WINEMAKING

The Houghton clone cabernet batches came in clean and vibrant between the 31st March and the 10th of April with a range of physiological ripeness: 14.3– 14.9 °Be, 5.3 – 6.3 g/L TA and 3.45 – 3.8 pH. All batches were machine harvested in the cool of the night and crushed to static fermenters. A mixture of pre-fermentation cold soak and immediate cultured yeast inoculation techniques were used to harness the unique array of characteristics coming from each block and variety. Colour and phenolics were gently extracted using aeration and closed pump over techniques. Batches were blended in early November 2019 prior to being filtered in preparation for bottling in late November 2019.

VINTAGE 2018

Harvest began without fuss on Valentine's Day. Sauvignon blanc and Semillon followed over the next three weeks with the window for harvest being longer than normal due to excellent crunchy natural acid retention and bright flavours. A stellar start!

The usual mid-March cold front came through, washed the dust off the reds and allowed us to start bringing in shiraz on 17th March. Flavour, colour and phenolics developed well in all reds and patience was rewarded with vibrancy, depth and concentration across all varieties.

There was no other pressure than to do it right and do it justice.

WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication / Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Winemakers / Kane Grove

pH / 3.46 Titratable Acidity / 6.4 g/L

Residual Sugar / 0.1 g/L Alcohol / 14.6 %

