

PASSEL ESTATE

MARGARET RIVER



Passel Estate 2018 Shiraz

2018 Vintage

Solid winter rains filled our dams and allowed for good levels of soil moisture to nourish the developing vines, which burst in September. A couple of well-timed summer showers in January and February topped up the soil moisture during the ripening period, while the warm, windy conditions allowed the grapevine canopies to dry quickly and prevent the risk of mildew. The gentle summer conditions without any heat spikes allowed the fruit to ripen gradually, resulting in a fantastic 2018 vintage in Margaret River, characterised by fragrant perfumes, amazing levels of fruit freshness and succulent levels of natural acidity.

Vineyard

Our old-vine Shiraz is planted north-south, thus benefitting from even sunlight and warmth on either side of the canopy throughout the growing season. Fruit is dry grown, with multiple passes throughout the season to arrange and manipulate shoots and leaves, thus achieving the best balance of light and shade for our stylistic aspirations. Each individual vine is fruit thinned to help it reach its ultimate height of quality and intensity.

Winemaking

Picked in the early hours of the morning, our Shiraz fruit was destemmed directly to the fermentors as whole berries, resulting in slower and more controlled extraction of tannin and greater retention of fruit based aromatics. A cool ferment on skins for 14 days was followed by a gentle pressing straight to barrel. The wine was matured in a combination of French Oak barriques and puncheons, 30% of which were new, and underwent bâtonnage every 5-6 weeks. After 10 months in oak, the wine was lightly fined prior to filtration and bottling.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of poached plums, black pepper and meat spice introduce a broad and voluptuous palate, dripping in black fruits and coating red tannin. Flavours of rhubarb, all-spice and black berries are persistent through to the finish, savoury and steeped in graphite. Drink now for freshness or be rewarded with cellaring.

Accolades & Awards

Silver Medal Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

91 Points Huon Hooke, The Real Review 2022