



HOWARD PARK

MARGARET RIVER & GREAT SOUTHERN

2022 HOWARD PARK LESTON SHIRAZ

DISTINGUISHED SITES

Shiraz from the Leston vineyard, located in the heart of Margaret River is crafted to highlight the distinctive varietal and regional qualities of our best sites.

The expression of Shiraz from this temperate region combines the ripeness and opulence of a warm climate with the spice and elegance of more typical of cooler ones.

TASTING NOTES

A dizzying array of opulent dark fruit rises from the glass, accompanied by wisps of woody spice, ironstone minerality and hints of oak in the form of mocha and coffee tones. An inky core of ripe red and black berries is enlivened by aromas of nori, hoisin sauce, white pepper and dried sage. Round and plush, the palate is a parade of hedgerow fruits with flickers of dark plum and black cherry. The weight and texture of this wine place it firmly in the luscious compote realm, rather than the denser jam spectrum. Guided by balanced acidity and a fine tannin structure, this wine travels gracefully across the palate imparting subtle, savoury oak notes underpinned by anise seed and liquorice root. Expertly integrated and richly flavoured, this Shiraz invites connoisseurs to savour its concentration, depth, and finely-woven complexities.

VINTAGE

In 2022, beautiful dry and sunny conditions were entrenched throughout January and February, removing a great deal of the disease pressure that rain and humidity can bring and allowing a predictable insight into ripening patterns across most varieties.

While summer set the scene for another consistent and memorable vintage, certain varieties paid a penalty for difficult conditions earlier in the growing season. The wet winter of 2021 lingered unduly, smothering the renewal of spring and delaying the onset of budburst and flowering in the vineyards. The consequence was reduced yields in our estate vineyards in the Great Southern.

Consistent fine weather at the tail end of the growing season ensured that the potential developed in the vines was maximised by picking at optimum levels of ripeness. Superb balance between sugar, acidity and flavour across all varieties gives us great optimism for the evolution of wines from the 2022 vintage.

VINEYARDS

The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches of Shiraz grown on the Leston vineyard, which is located in the Wilyabrup locale of Margaret River. The soils in this vineyard are shallow lateritic gravels over sandy, clay loam.

WINEMAKING

Small parcels were hand-picked and all batches were sorted to remove matter other than grapes, before fermentation.

Fermentation occurred in open vat and closed stainless steel fermenters. Select parcels of wine were run to barrel between 2 & 3rd Baume to capture new barrel characters from the final degrees of fermentation. The remaining blocks were pressed at dryness to retain fruit vibrancy.

Each batch was matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. The wine was matured for 18 months in new (~ 25%) and older French oak barriques, hogsheads and puncheons. After blending to tank the wine was lightly fined and filtered prior to bottling.



Variety:
Shiraz

Region:
Margaret River

Cellaring:
Drink now or cellar for up
to 15 years.

Analysis:
Alcohol: 14.5% v/v
Acidity: 5.8 g/l
pH 3.5
Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/l