



## HOWARD PARK

MARGARET RIVER & GREAT SOUTHERN

### 2021 HOWARD PARK LESTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### DISTINGUISHED SITES

Cabernet Sauvignon from our Leston vineyard, located in the heart of Margaret River, is crafted to highlight the distinctive varietal and regional qualities of our best sites. In the temperate climate of Margaret River, Cabernet Sauvignon is at home. Here the maritime influences temper the extremes of seasons, and allow Cabernet Sauvignon to thrive.

#### TASTING NOTES

A cooler vintage, 2021 yields a wine of quiet complexity with airy aromas of cassis, dark chocolate, damson plum, bay leaf and hints of star anise and cinnamon stick. These subtle fruit and spice tones dance with delicate savoury notes of sweet earth, rock dust and graphite, setting the stage for more depth and distinction to come. Dark plums, blackcurrants, and a hint of blueberry spread across the palate imparting fruit vibrancy and richness. Fine, powdery tannin, concentrated fruit, and a gentle touch of oak meld with a well-balanced acidity, lending a refreshing edge to the plush and polished profile. This is an impeccably well-integrated wine that promises a gentle, nuanced evolution in the bottle.

#### VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 was shaped in late 2020 as a great vintage with slightly lower than average rainfall over the spring period ensuring vines had good fruit set and plenty of reserves for the growing season. Warmer than average late spring and early summer allowed for good canopy growth and balanced crops, projecting healthy yields and good quality.

Moving into the ripening season the effects of a La Niña weather pattern created strong weather events that brought higher than average rainfall events. These rains freshened up canopies and reduced the need for irrigation which was welcome, especially in the Great Southern region, and even more so for late ripening varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon. For those who could pick around the rain events there were some strong wines. Overall, this was a vintage for the well prepared and brave – Howard Park was both!

#### VINEYARDS

Vineyard: Leston Blocks 29 & 30

Vine age: Block 29 planted 2007, Block 30 planted 2000

Location: Wilyaburp, Margaret River

Soils: lateritic gravels over clay loam.

Aspect: North

Clone: Houghton, planted 2008

#### WINEMAKING

Small parcels were hand-picked and hand sorted to remove any unwanted material before fermentation. Fermentation occurred in closed stainless steel fermenters and small open top fermenters. Selected parcels remained on skins after fermentation to further enhance the tannin profile while others were pressed at dryness to capture fruit vibrancy. Each batch was matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was matured in French oak (~ 25% new) for 18 months prior to blending, fining and bottling.



Variety:  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Region:  
Margaret River

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

Analysis:  
Alcohol: 13.5% v/v  
Acidity: 5.58 g/l  
pH 3.52  
Residual Sugar: 0.71 g/l