

MARCHAND & BURCH



FINE WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND BURGUNDY

2023 MARCHAND & BURCH VILLAGE SHIRAZ

Marchand & Burch is a collaboration of two old friends from France & Australia who share a love of fine wine. In 2007, winemaker Pascal Marchand and vigneron Jeff Burch embarked on a partnership to hand-craft, Shiraz, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from selected sites in both countries. With a commitment to the natural, sustainable viticulture and traditional winemaking practices, we invite you to enjoy the pursuit of these two friends. The Villages tier of Marchand & Burch is a focus on the regional influences of climate and site on the varietal expression, in each wine. This wine is part of the Marchand & Burch Australian collection.

WINE NOTES

Vibrant ruby in the glass, this wine bursts with aromas of forest berries, blueberry skin, and raspberry coulis, lifted by plucky notes of boysenberry pie and red licorice, and a dusting of black pepper. The palate is soft and supple, with a delicate hint of tannin adding subtle structure. Flavours of ripe black cherry and red plum meld seamlessly with creamy milk chocolate and a mixed berry smoothie-like richness. Balanced and approachable, this wine offers a harmonious interplay of ripe fruit and smooth texture, making it a delightfully lush and inviting expression of Great Southern Shiraz.

VINTAGE 2023

Cooler-than-usual temperatures paired with optimal, dry weather set the scene for an extended, yet exceptional vintage in both Margaret River and Great Southern. A moderate season, it was perfect for gentle, even ripening across all grape varieties.

Heavy winter rains recharged soil moisture levels and refilled vineyard dams paving the way for a promising start to the growing season. Cool temperatures lingered making for a mild spring with a lovely, yet late budburst. The weather warmed and rain ceased providing the ideal conditions for flowering, canopy growth and fruit set in Margaret River. Great Southern was cooler and wetter which led to poor fruit set and small bunches reducing yield. However, these lower yields would later lead to fuller fruit ripeness at harvest.

Dry, sunny, and warm weather free from any extreme heat continued throughout summer creating an idyllic atmosphere for steady, prolonged ripening with harvest commencing on the 16 February and not finishing until 22 April. Minimal rain fell during this period allowing the fruit to stay out on the vine until full ripeness and flavour development were achieved while cooling winds ensured good acid retention and freshness.

Some late summer/early autumn rain events delayed the red harvest slightly, however, the rainfall did not lead to any disease pressure, instead, it refreshed canopies and invigorated the vines. Altogether another high-quality, graceful year much like 2022.

VINEYARDS

The Marchand & Burch Villages Shiraz is sourced from the more northern and warmer reaches of the continental, cool climate, Great Southern wine region of Western Australia. In this climate Shiraz delivers true varietal expression and purity. Tempered by low rainfall and growing in lateritic gravelly/sandy loams of variable fertility and water holding capacity, the vines are of low to moderate capacity.

WINEMAKING

Batches are both machine and handpicked in the cool of the early morning, then transported to the winery. The grapes are destemmed to small 4 t open stainless steel vats for fermentation. Approximately 15 to 20 % of whole bunches are added to the fermentation. Gentle pneumatic plunging throughout the fermentation allows for optimum extraction of flavour, colour and tannin. One puncheon (500lt) per fermenter is run off at 4°be to add some spicy oak notes derived from finishing the fermentation in oak. Further maturation is completed in older French oak for 12 months.

CELLARING

Drink now and over the next 3 to 5 years.



TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 14 % v.v
Acidity 5.9 g/l
Residual sugar 0.4 g/l
pH 3.6

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