



HOWARD PARK
WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2011 HOWARD PARK LESTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DISTINGUISHED SITES

The Howard Park Distinguished Sites concept is designed to highlight the distinctive regional and site characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from our best vineyard sites in the Margaret River and the Great Southern, the two premier West Australian grape growing regions.

VINTAGE

2011 was an excellent vintage in the Margaret River region. A warm and dry spring was followed by a summer punctuated with perfectly timed rain events but otherwise low in humidity. The autumn harvest period was dry and protracted with vintage conditions best described as on the warm side of perfect. The resulting red wines have definitive varietal expression, rich fruit power and fine tannins.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest of the 2011 Leston Cabernet Sauvignon occurred in late March 2011. Vinification occurred in closed stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour. Selected parcels remained on skins post the fermentation to further enhance the tannin profile while others were pressed at dryness to capture fruit vibrancy. After pressing, each batch is matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. Barrel maturation for 18 months in 40 % new and 60% older, French oak barriques ensures the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins. The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches from the Leston vineyard. After egg white fining and light filtration, the wine was bottled in January 2013.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Dark and dense cherry
Bouquet: Warm and primary bright fruit notes of black currant and mulberry with a perfumed lift of sweet mint, cocoa and freshly rubbed herbs.
Palate: Opulent fruit weight and supple fruit tannins deftly cradled by fine oak flavour and tannins. A mineral and chalky structure enhances palate texture and length.

A perfumed and poised wine delivering classic Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon flavour and presence.



Variety:
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Region:
MARGARET RIVER

Analyses:
ALCOHOL: 14.0% V/V
PH: 3.6
ACIDITY: 6.1 G/LT
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.7 G/LT

Margaret River
Great Southern