

# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2011 SCOTSDALE SHIRAZ

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

### THE 2011 SEASON

2011 was an excellent vintage from the premium, southern grape growing regions of Western Australia. A warm and dry spring followed by a summer punctuated with perfectly timed rain events was 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 Scotsdale Shiraz occurred in late March.

Vinification occurs in small 4 t open stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour.

Select parcels of grapes are run to barrel at 2 to 3° Be to capture new barrel characters from the final few degrees of fermentation. The remaining blocks are pressed at dryness to retain fruit vibrancy.

Barrel maturation occurs in 40 % new and 60% older barriques of which 95% are French oak and 5 % American oak. 18 months in oak, is ample time to achieve the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins.

After pressing, each batch is matured separately in order to build a wine history over time.

The wine was blended in September 2012 from a selection of the best Shiraz blocks.

After egg white fining and light filtration, the wine was bottled in December 2012.

### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Antique ruby.

**Bouquet:** Dark sweet plums and black berry fruits with liquorice, honey and cracked pepper spice.

**Palate:** Concentrated, compact and intense in berry fruits with hints of brushed earth, minerals and savoury spice.

*A varietally pure and stylish continental Shiraz from an excellent vintage that expresses its Great Southern pedigree.*

# HOWARD PARK 'SCOTSDALE' SHIRAZ 2011



### VARIETY

Shiraz

### REGION

Great Southern

### CELLARING

7 - 10 years

### ANALYSES

Alcohol: 14%v/v

pH: 3.64

Acidity: 5.8g/Lt

Residual Sugar: 0.5g/Lt



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