



**HOWARD PARK**  
WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 2015 HOWARD PARK MOUNT BARKER RIESLING

### VINTAGE

The first signs of the approaching vintage began with budburst in the prevernal spring period of 2014 as the vines shrugged off their winter dormancy. It is during this early season period and the following vernal spring, that weather conditions began to shape the vintage to come.

In the temperate climates of the south west of Western Australia, the winter of 2014 provided adequate rainfall for sustained vine growth. As the earth gradually faced more to the sun and spring uncoiled its impulsive nature, a warm, dry summer set the stage for a promising outcome. When veraison began, in late January, the native marri blossom was abundant in the Great Southern yet curiously absent in Margaret River. Another battle to be fought as netting becomes an annual necessity to protect the valuable crop. The middle autumn period, so often spotted with potential cyclonic fallout did produce intermittent and lingering rain from mid to late March, which slowed the red harvests and cooled the season.

In summary, the 2015 vintage is a mix bag from both the Great Southern and Margaret River. Early varieties such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Riesling and some Shiraz have produced excellent wine while Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot are good yet variable.

### SITES

The Mount Barker Riesling is an annual blend of the finest cut of free juice from select vineyard blocks growing in the Mt. Barker sub region of the Great Southern. The cool sites on our Mt Barrow vineyard dominate the blend. This vineyard is planted on a south facing ridge-top with an elevation of between 285 to 370m.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Each vineyard block is vinified separately in stainless steel tanks. After settling bright, the free run juice is racked before a long and cold fermentation to preserve regional character and delicate fruit flavours. Blending occurs in June of the vintage year, with the objective of showcasing the typicity of each site in the final wine.

### TASTING NOTES

Brilliant, pale yellow lime in colour with scents of delicate citrus blossom, sweet, earthy pollen and fresh lemon myrtle.

The palate has bright citrus, nashi pear and green apple skin flavours giving zest, richness and complexity. A chalk like mineral thread and fine acidity drive the palate. This wine has great presence, ripeness and length of flavour.

### CELLARING

In its youth, the Mount Barker Riesling is bright in style, full of abundant fresh fruit, a mineral texture and tight acidity. In time the wine will develop a nut praline and poached citrus and apple richness whilst retaining its linear acidity and stone-like minerality. Howard Park Rieslings will cellar for more than 10 years.



**Variety:**  
RIESLING

**Region:**  
MOUNT BARKER

**Cellaring:**  
MORE THAN 10 YEARS

**Analyses:**  
ALCOHOL: 12% V/V  
PH: 3.04  
ACIDITY: 7.4 G/LT  
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.5 G/LT

**Margaret River & Great Southern  
Western Australia**