

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOWARD PARK
'LESTON' SHIRAZ
2005



SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2005 'LESTON' 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.

TECHNICAL NOTES

The Howard Park Leston wines carry the Howard Park label and therefore are sourced from only the highest regarded vineyards and are given extraordinary attention in the vineyard. Canopy management is designed to maximize fruit exposure to the sunlight and yields are low to achieve concentration in the grapes. The grapes are harvested according to flavour with little regard for analytical data, fermentation occurs in static stainless steel tanks with highly aerative pumpovers that are integral in tannin development. At completion of fermentation the Shiraz is pressed off into French oak barriques of which about 60% are new, the balance being 1 year old. The wine was matured in barrel for approximately 18 months. There was minimal fining and filtration performed.

TASTING NOTES

The 2005 Howard Park Leston Shiraz has a dense purple red appearance with high clarity. On the nose it shows predominantly primary fruits with rich, ripe plum and blueberry notes. An attractive lifted violet perfume is the distinctive vineyard character that runs through each vintage of this wine. On the palate the 2005 Leston Shiraz displays a very rich and plush profile with the soft fruit sweet mid palate showing red bonbon, Satsuma and underlying spice and vanillin oak. The wine is very youthful and juicy and with aging will develop more complexity.

VARIETY

2005 Shiraz

REGION

100% Margaret River

CELLARING

Medium term

5-8 years recommended



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