

HOWARD PARK



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SAUVIGNON
BLANC 2007



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TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2007 season was near perfect with even and moderate temperatures and no summer rain. Crop yields were down as a result of the cold spring of 05/06 which reduced the fruitfulness of the budwood, however with reduced yields comes improved quality. The result was fewer bunches overall but even fruit set from the ideal growing conditions of spring 2006. There were a couple of hot days in March but the overall growing season was early and moderate producing completely disease free fruit of optimal ripeness.

The fruit upon arrival at the winery was immediately processed to ensure the highest quality juice. Only free run juice, which is tighter and more finely structured as it has no phenolic character, was used.

The resultant 2007 vintage delivered us wonderful, pungent Sauvignon Blanc: grassy and herbal characters from the Pemberton region, citrus and passionfruit characters of impressive palate weight from Margaret River.

Most of the batches were kept separate and were cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to maintain the delicate fruit flavours. One batch was barrel fermented to add a little more complexity and richness. Extensive blending trials were carried out to produce a wine that is very elegant but still powerful.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is a very pale straw with a hint of green on the rim. It exhibits a wonderfully fragrant nose of passionfruit, guava and dried sage with a little smokiness adding underlying complexity. The palate is generous up front: guava, melon and feijoa; and quickly assumes the trademark Howard Park line and focus. The palate has a fresh crunchy acidity and its great length is a feature.

DRINKING WINDOW

Designed to be opened during the next 12 months as an aperitif or to accompany fresh seafood. Secondary characters will begin to develop after 18 months and will continue to add complexity for at least 3 years.

VARIETY

2007 Sauvignon Blanc

REGION

50% Margaret River
50% Pemberton

CELLARING

Designed to be drunk in its youth. The clean, pure fruit flavours and fresh, vibrant structure are particularly delicious when young.



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