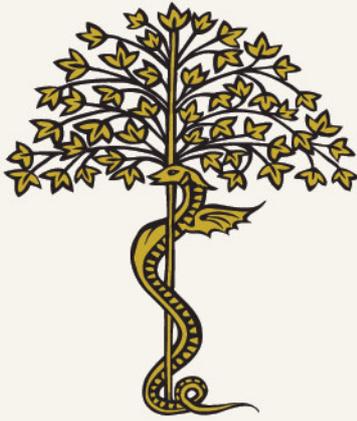


HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2012 LESTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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.

VINTAGE

The 2012 growing season in the south west of Western Australia was favourable for the production of great wine. After a winter of sufficient rain, the spring to autumn period was continuously warm to hot, dry and characterised by less than average summer precipitation or humidity. An added bonus to the benign harvest conditions was the explosion of native blossom which sated the otherwise grape-loving, resident bird populations.

The Margaret River vintage was without significant weather events such as heat spikes or summer rains. Diurnal temperature variations were below average which meant the nights remained warmish. Strong maritime cooling influences and retained soil moisture allowed the vines to maintain healthy canopies until harvest.

VINEYARD

The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches from the Leston vineyard.

VINIFICATION

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 had egg white fining & light filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep garnet

Bouquet: Rich aromas of cinnamon & plums with underlying gingerbread sweetness, finished with warm tobacco notes.

Palate: Luscious fruit notes of blackberry coulis & blueberry paired with vanilla. A smokiness then presents itself for a charred, savoury finish. The wine is well balanced with ripe tannins, acid structure & length. – Tasted 24/2/14 EB

CELLARING

10 – 15 years

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

HOWARD PARK 'LESTON' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012



VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

REGION

Margaret River

CELLARING

10 - 20 years

ANALYSES

Alcohol: 14.2%v/v

pH: 3.56

Acidity: 5.6g/lt

Residual Sugar: 0.6g/lt



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