

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOWARD PARK 'LESTON' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007



SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2007 '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.

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 maximise fruit exposure to the sunlight and yields are low to achieve flavour and colour concentration with harvest determined according to flavour with little regard for analytical data.

Fermentation occurs in static stainless steel fermenters: either 13 tonne closed static fermenters (predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon) or 4 tonne open top fermenters (mostly Shiraz). The static fermenters have highly aerative pumpovers 2-4 times/daily and the open tops are gently handplunged which is integral in tannin development. The Cabernet Sauvignon is given between 15 and 30 days on skins after completion of fermentation to further develop the tannin profile prior to going to French oak barriques; up to 50% new, 30% 1 year old and the balance 2 years old.

This wine was matured in the barrel for approximately 18 months and after minimal fining and filtration performed, was bottled in December 2008.

TASTING NOTES

The 2007 Leston Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense dark red to black colour of great intensity. Its bouquet is intense and intriguing led by the ripe blackcurrants, violets and leafy forest floor with dusty and savoury undertones, inviting and opulent but brooding in its youth. Behind the primary fruits are distinctive vineyard characteristics of dark chocolate and warm earth and leaf litter. The oak is background cedar which will recede further as the fruits emerge with some bottle age. This wine personifies intense fleshy and full mid palate Cabernet with rich fruit weight with blackcurrant and earthy flavours. The 2007 Leston shows rare fruit sweetness, well integrated oak and generous open knit gravelly textured tannins. A classic Margaret River Cabernet from a great year.

VARIETY

2007 Cabernet
Sauvignon

REGION

100% Margaret River

CELLARING

Medium term
5-8 years recommended



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