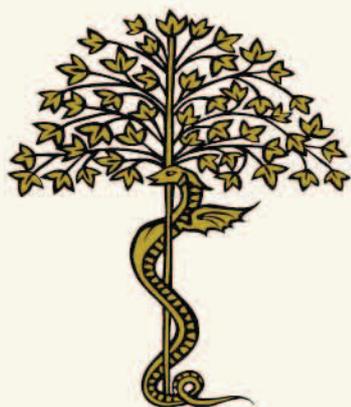


# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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.

## HOWARD PARK 'LESTON' CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009



### SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2009 'LESTON' CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2009 growing season began with average winter rain and a wet and warm spring that extended well into December and made for a late start to a gentle summer.

These wet conditions, coincided with flowering and contributed to poor fruit set and consequent low yields in most varieties.

A warm March allowed for full ripeness in all varieties. After a cool few weeks and rain in early April, the Indian summer returned and remained well into May. Albeit protracted, the vintage finished in warm and dry autumn conditions that proved near perfect for ripening.

The 2009 season produced a great vintage across Western Australia: all red grape varieties ripened fully, colours are intense and deep, tannins ripe and supple.

Vinification occurred in stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannins and strong varietal flavours.

The Cabernet Sauvignon spent 15 and 30 days on skins after completion of fermentation to further enhance its tannin profile.

Maturation in French oak barriques, for approximately 18 months allowed for the full integration of the oak and grape tannins into the wine.

After minimal fining and filtration, the wine was bottled in October 2010 and released 4 to 6 months after bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

A radiant dark cherry in colour with a bouquet of blackberry and mulberry fruits lifted by hints of sweet mint and mocha.

The palate structure is grace and power - full of intense, youthful and sweet dark berry, blackcurrant fruits finely balanced by ripe fruit tannins and finished with a dusting of fine powdery talc-like oak.

#### VARIETY

2009 Cabernet Sauvignon

#### REGION

100% Margaret River

#### CELLARING

10-15 years

Alc: 13.7%

Residual Sugar: 0.3g/L

pH: 3.42



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