

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' SHIRAZ 2009



SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2009 'LESTON' SHIRAZ

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 open top stainless steel fermenters with gentle hand-plunging, which is integral to tannin development and flavour extraction.

After fermentation and some post fermentation maceration, the grapes were gently basket-pressed to oak barriques. A small component of the Shiraz was pressed early to finish fermentation in barrel and enhance palate texture, complexity and oak infusion.

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 vibrant and warm crimson in colour with expansive aromas of poached dark-fleshed plums, blueberry fruit muffins, star anise, liquorice, violets and mocha.

Reminiscent of pane forte, the palate is an exotic mix of ripe fruit flavours, hints of pepper and ginger spice, chewy tannins and a rich palate texture.

The open weave fruit and oak tannin structure of the wine deftly supports and finishes this generously proportioned wine.

VARIETY

2009 Shiraz

REGION

100% Margaret River

CELLARING

5 – 7 years



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