

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2010 LESTON SHIRAZ

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 2010



THE 2010 SEASON

2010 was another exceptional vintage from the premium, southern grape growing regions of Western Australia. Winter rainfall was close to the long term average. The growing and ripening seasons, while largely warm and dry were punctuated with rains and windy conditions that did affect set and subsequent yields in many varieties. Warm, dry weather from late summer to mid- autumn delivered even ripening for the harvest. This mild end to the season allowed all varieties to ripen perfectly with high natural acidity, fine fruit structure and silky tannins.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest of the 2010 Leston Shiraz blocks occurred in the middle of March.

Vinification occurs in both open vat and closed stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour. Select parcels of grapes are run to barrel at 2 to 3° Be to capture new barrel characters from the final few degrees of fermentation. The remaining blocks are pressed at dryness to retain fruit vibrancy.

Barrel maturation occurs in 50 % new and 50% older barriques of which 95% are French oak and 5 % American oak. 18 months in oak, is ample time to achieve the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins. Each vineyard block is retained and managed separately throughout vinification and maturation in order to build a grape and wine history of the vineyards over time.

The wine was blended in September 2011 from a selection of the best Shiraz blocks on the Leston vineyard. After egg white fining and light filtration, the wine was bottled in December 2011.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Vibrant dark raspberry.

Bouquet: Expansive aromas of poached dark-fleshed plums, blueberry muffins, star anise, violets and mocha.

Palate: Reminiscent of pane forte, an exotic mix of plump ripe fruit flavours, hints of pepper and ginger spice, chewy tannins and rich palate texture.

Margaret River in style with its sweet fruit expression and open weave tannin structure that deftly supports and finishes this generously proportioned wine.

VARIETY

Shiraz

REGION

Margaret River

CELLARING

7 - 10 years

ANALYSES

Alcohol: 14%v/v

pH: 3.57

Acidity: 6.2g/lt

Residual Sugar: 0.8g/lt



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