BROOKLAND VALLEY

ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT 2015



"The quality, value for money and consistency of the wines is exemplary."

Outstanding Winery, 5 Red Stars, James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2017

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Brookland Valley is located along Caves Road, in the heart of the premium wine region of Margaret River, Western Australia. A truly beautiful estate with the Wilyabrup Brook as a breathtaking backdrop to all that Brookland Valley has to offer. The picturesque property spans 52ha, consisting of vineyards established in 1983 planted with Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot.

VINTAGE 2015

From the winter dormancy of the vine through fruit ripening and to harvest Margaret River received warmer than average conditions. While below average rainfall was received in winter the rainfall during spring was near to average and provided the vines with critical water reserves for fruit development and ripening.

VINTAGE CONT.

These conditions meant that berry development was rapid with early flavour accumulation.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was hand-picked and hand sorted to ensure only the highest quality grapes were allowed into the fermenter. Fermentation occurred in open-top fermenters with indigenous yeast for ten days. The wine was then gently pressed off skins in a basket press to complete alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tank. Following malolactic fermentation, the wine spent 13 months maturation in new and seasoned French oak. This is a small volume wine that was handled separately throughout its life and speaks of the region where the grapes are grown.

TASTING NOTES

Brilliant, dark red in colour with a purple hue, this wine displays intense aromatics of cassis, mulberry and blueberry with hints of mint and dried herbs highlighted with vanillin derived from French oak maturation.

The 2015 Brookland Valley Cabernet Merlot shows a lovely medium bodied elegance.

Classic Margaret River characters of blackcurrant, plum and fruit cake flavours are complemented by hints of milk chocolate and bay leaf. French oak spice and fine powdery tannins give the palate an elegant structure and sustained length.

Cellar for 6-8 years.

TECHNICAL

WINEMAKER Courtney Treacher

ALCOHOL 13.5%

PH 3.56

ACIDITY 6.1 g/L

