

# RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon 2020



### **Background Information**

Brookland Valley is an exquisite estate with Wilyabrup Brook as the breathtaking backdrop. It treads along the Caves Road in the heart of the premium wine region of Margaret River, Western Australia. These charming vineyards were established in 1983 planted with Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and several other varietals.

# 2020 Vintage

The 2020 vintage in the Margaret River was characterized by the warm and dry weather patterns that resulted in an earlier harvest than expected. The parcels of the Brookland valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon were hand picked on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. The old vine Cabernet Sauvignon produced a low yielding crop of intensely flavored fruit which displays elegant, fine tannins.

#### Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was hand-picked to maximize quality and to allow sorting of the fruit to ensure only the highest quality grapes were permitted into the fermenter. Fermented in open top fermenters for a period of ten days the wine was gently pressed off skins in a basket press, for the completion of alcoholic fermentation. The wine was then inoculated for malolactic fermentation and transferred to French oak barriques. The Brookland Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon received 15 months maturation in new and seasoned oak. This is a small volume wine that was handled separately through its life and speaks of the subregion in which the grapes were grown.

# **Tasting Notes**

This wine is a brilliant dark red with a vibrant scarlet hue. The bouquet is moderate in intensity with the classic Margaret River Cabernet notes of cigar box, dried bay leaf, cassis and thyme. The French oak maturation adds vanillin and savory complexity to the nose. The palate displays beautiful and elegant varietal fruit like cassis and plum interlaced with bay leaf and chocolate box notes. The subtle oak balances perfectly with the fruit's power and precision. The long, fine tannins of this wine provide effortless length.

This wine matches beautifully with barbequed venison steaks with mustard cream and roast vegetables or Gnocchi with wild mushrooms.

WINEMAKER ALCOHOL
Courtney Treacher 13.5 %

**VINTAGE pH** 2020 3.54

GROWING AREA
Yallingup and Wilyabrup, Margaret River (99.3%)

6.0 g/litre

## **GRAPE VARIETY**

Cabernet Sauvignon (99.3%)