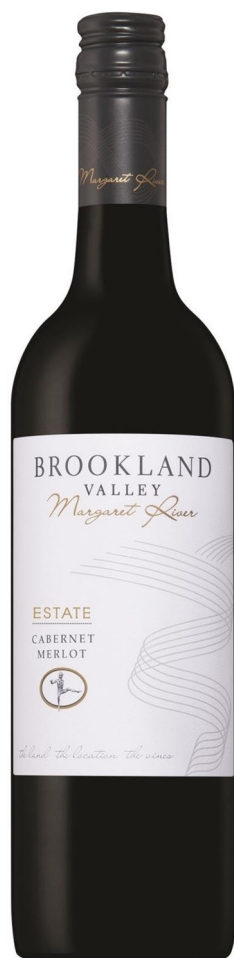


Margaret River Estate Cabernet/Merlot 2012

Margaret River, Western Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties **82% Cabernet Sauvignon**
17% Merlot
1% Malbec

Winemaker **Courtney Treacher**

Closure **Screwcap**

ABV **13.5%**

Bottle Sizes **75cl**

Notes **Vegetarian**

PRODUCER

Given the strength of our portfolio in Margaret River, we weren't looking for anything new from this area. When we tasted the wines from Brookland Valley, however, we felt they complemented our other producers, and strengthened our offering from Western Australia. David visited Brookland Valley, idyllically situated in Wilyabrup, about 15 years ago and was struck more by its beauty than by the quality of its wines. Today, the wines are outstanding, and offer excellent value. Winemaker Courtney Treacher has secured quite a haul for her wines this year, winning four gold medals at both the International Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards.

VINEYARDS

Brookland Valley is located along Caves Road, in the heart of the premium wine region of Margaret River, Western Australia. The picturesque property spans 52 hectares, consisting of vineyards established in 1983 planted with Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot. All the fruit for the Estate wines comes from the property's own vineyard.

VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage was another excellent vintage in Margaret River. High winter rainfall saw the soils replenish vital water supplies for the growing season to follow. A warm summer, without excessive temperatures meant that sugar accumulated steadily in the berries and with careful monitoring of the fruit, the team were able to ensure the fruit was harvested when flavour was at its peak.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was hand-picked and hand sorted to ensure only the highest quality grapes were permitted into the fermenter. Fermentation occurred in open-top fermenters with indigenous and selected yeast strains. Following malolactic fermentation, the wine spent 14 months maturing in new and seasoned French oak.

TASTING NOTES

Dark red in colour with a vibrant scarlet hue. This wine displays intense aromatics of fresh red berries and plums, with subtle hints of mint and tomato leaf, and a lightly charred character and spice derived from French oak maturation. Cassis, plum and dried fruit flavours are complemented by hints of dark chocolate. Structure, fine tannins and oak spice provide complexity and length to the palate.

AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2015, Gold
International Wine Challenge 2015, Gold