

DRIFTWOOD

MARGARET RIVER

ARTIFACTS cabernet sauvignon

2017



BLEND

93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Cabernet Franc

COLOUR

Vibrant, deep ruby red with purple hues.

AROMATICS

Vivacious blackcurrant, blueberry, vanilla and dark chocolate are surrounded by mint leaf, sage and violet aromas.

PALATE

The palate provides dark berry fruit, bay leaf and cedary French oak flavours supported by refined powdery tannins, balancing acidity and a persistent length on the finish.

OAK MATURATION

21% new 100% French Oak - 18 months in barrel.

AGEING POTENTIAL

Drink over the next 5 - 10 years

WINEMAKING

The cabernet batches were machine harvested in the cool of the night and crushed to fermenters. A mixture of pre-fermentation cold soak and immediate yeast inoculation techniques were used to harness the unique array of characteristics coming from each block and variety. All batches were co-inoculated for MLF and pressed off skins at or around 0°Be. Once primary fermentation and MLF were complete in tank they were transferred to a mixture of new and 2nd and 3rd year French oak barrels for 18 months maturation.

VINTAGE 2017

The 2017 growing season was late, commencing ~ 3 weeks later than normal due to a wet and cooler winter. Spring was cool and mild ensuring a good even start, however strong winds in late September/early October caused significant damage in the newly grafted and younger chardonnay blocks. A minor setback, flowering and fruit-set commenced in earnest mid-November with spectacular results leading to some early crop thinning in the reds. Fine, mild conditions prevailed during summer, one of the coolest growing seasons in recent years; veraison in whites and reds were at least 3 weeks later than normal. Harvest eventually started on 28th February with chardonnay coming in beautifully, the latest start for a very long time!

WINEMAKING DATA

Geographical Indication / Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Winemakers / Kane Grove

pH / 3.56 Titratable Acidity / 6.0 g/L

Reducing Sugar / 0.4 g/L Alcohol / 14.5 %

