

2008 HAY SHED HILL BLOCK 10 PETIT VERDOT



VINTAGE:	2008
GROWING REGION:	Margaret River
VARIETY:	Petit Verdot 100%
ALCOHOL:	14.0 per cent

The Hay Shed Hill *Block Series* wines are made from small parcels of fruit from individual blocks on the vineyard that have been identified as producing the best grapes on the property, with hand crafted care in the winery these wines are a fine interpretation of an outstanding site.

The *Block Series* wines showcase the best from the Hay Shed Hill vineyard.

Petit Verdot, along with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc is an integral component of some of the world's greatest red wine. It is rarely seen on its own – for reasons that may be related to fashion more than any other wine reason, it is, undoubtedly, a great red wine variety producing wines of outstanding intensity and depth of fruit flavour. Hay Shed Hill has a long tradition of showcasing varieties such as Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot from an outstanding vineyard site in the heart of Margaret River.

Vintage 2008: While most of Eastern Australia experienced a very hot 2008 vintage producing super ripe grapes and high alcohol wines Western Australia in general and Margaret River in particular enjoyed a mild, even and relatively stress free 2008 vintage. Coming off one of the wetter winters for some time the ground was well hydrated for the start of spring.

The weather throughout spring and summer was excellent with generally mild temperatures and good sunshine – great grape growing conditions. Chardonnay while yielding very poorly showed excellent flavour and delicacy. Sauvignon Blanc showed lovely tropical aromatics with Semillon being typically grassy and fresh. The best performer of the vintage was undoubtedly Cabernet Sauvignon and the related Bordeaux varieties with the mild season allowing great colour and flavour development.

WINEMAKING: The fruit from Block 10 on the Hay Shed Hill property was harvested and fermented in open topped vessels with twice daily pumpovers to aid the extraction of colour and flavour. The resultant wine was matured for 18 months in French oak barriques prior to bottling.

COLOUR: Deep blood red of great depth and vibrancy .

NOSE: Intense dark berry aromas; blackcurrant and deep ripe cassis with a peppery hint.

PALATE: An intense and deep palate profile rich in very ripe rich berry fruits, soft and fleshy mid palate and a firm but ripe tannin profile with good extension.

