



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.

VINTAGE: 2008  
GROWING REGION: Margaret River 100%  
VARIETY: Cabernet France 100%  
ALCOHOL: 13.5 per cent

Cabernet Franc is the classic Bordeaux variety that is always at the dance but seems never to be 'belle of the ball'. A variety that has consistently been an integral component of some of the world's greatest red wines for over a century Cabernet Franc has never had 15 minutes of fame being overshadowed by its more brash and, in wine terms, more compete cousins Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Cabernet Franc is and will continue to be, an indivisible part of the great Cabernet based blends because it has several attributes that neither Cabernet Sauvignon nor Merlot can bring to the blend. Namely; great aromatic intensity of berry fruits, greater early intensity than either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot and, in special cases, great tannin complexity.

The Hay Shed Hill vineyard has been renowned for its straight varietal Cabernet Franc wine for more than a decade; the combination of climate, soil, aspect and the unknown individual eccentricities of this site has consistently produced Cabernet Franc of a quality that I have not seen equalled in my 20 years of making wine in Western Australia.

VINTAGE: 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 with the mild season allowing great colour and flavour development.

WINEMAKING: The fruit from Block 8 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: Medium intensity bright crimson red.

NOSE: Intense lifted berry fruits in the raspberry spectrum with chocolate and mocha hints. Some complex cedary notes from quality French oak are noted.

PALATE: Only medium bodied compared to its cousins this wine surprises with the depth of fruit intensity and tannin complexity, showing great mid palate fruit sweetness and impressive textural palate extension this is a very fine wine and an outstanding example of a classic red wine variety.