

2007 PITCHFORK PINK CABERNET

VINTAGE	2007
VARIETIES	Cabernet Sauvignon 100%
GROWING REGION	Margaret River
ALCOHOL	12.6 per cent

VINTAGE

2007 will be regarded as a very good year. Perfect spring conditions; clear skies, warm temperatures with uniform budburst and good flowering. Crop loads were very light – in many cases half than normal, this very light crop load meant that fruit ripening was very fast with many vineyards harvesting in January, unheard of in the South West. A light crop with good sunlight meant that the vines had plenty of energy to produce goodies for the grapes; flavour and colour abound across all varieties.

2007 was a year in which the value of older vineyards becomes more apparent. Coming off a very dry winter and with a few blistering hot spells some younger vineyards gave up, dropping their leaves leading to extensive fruit shrivel. Hay Shed Hill; on the other hand, with fully mature vines on optimal soil - even without irrigation, coped with the conditions easily and ripened the fruit without berry shrivel.

Good vineyards perform better in both good and poor vintages, Hay Shed Hill has produced some outstanding fruit in 2007 and I can't wait to get the wine into bottle and show it off.

WINEMAKING

The 2007 Pitchfork Pink is a traditional dry style Rose made from Cabernet Sauvignon from Margaret River. Harvested at full ripeness of colour and flavour the fruit was de-stemmed and lightly crushed into red fermentation vessels. After 12 - 15 hours of contact between juice and skins a small amount of juice was drained into tank. This drained portion of juice displayed a vibrant salmon-like colour while retaining the classic Cabernet aromas and flavours. The juice was then treated like a white wine with cool fermentation in stainless steel. No oak was used and the wine was fermented to dryness, quality Cabernet Sauvignon like this has sufficient fruit sweetness without having to rely on residual sugar to give the palate weight.

COLOUR

Bright and clear pink hues.

NOSE

The wine is clean, fresh and has an inviting berry fruit nose. Aromas of vanilla bean ice-cream and fresh strawberries.

PALATE

Fresh and lively with rich juicy cabernet characters. Lingering fruit flavours carry through the palate which finishes with just a hint of red wine texture. The perfect wine to enjoy on a spring or summers day.

