

# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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#### TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2009 growing season began with average winter rain and a wet and warm spring which extended well into December and made for a late start to a gentle summer. These wet conditions, coincided with flowering and contributed to poor fruit set and consequent low yields in most varieties.

A warm March allowed for full ripeness in all varieties. After a cool few weeks and rain in early April, the Indian Summer returned and remained well into May. Albeit protracted, the vintage finished in warm and dry autumn conditions that proved near perfect for ripening.

The 2009 season has produced a great vintage across Western Australia: all red grape varieties ripened fully, colours are intense and deep, tannins ripe and supple.

The grapes for Abercrombie are hand-picked sorted and fermented in a mix of small static fermenters and open stainless steel vats. The wines are hand-plunged and pumped over as required to balance the extraction of colour, tannin and flavour development. The structure of both the Margaret River and Great Southern components allowed for extended maceration of the wines on skins for four weeks once alcoholic fermentation was complete. After maceration, each fermenter is basket-pressed to French oak barriques for 18 months of maturation which allows for integration of the oak and grape tannins. After minimal fining

and filtration, the wine is bottled in October 2009 and released 8 to 10 months after bottling.

#### TASTING NOTES

The deep and dark ruby colour implies the intensity and richness that is abundantly delivered on bouquet and palate. Full of dense and very ripe blackberry and blackcurrant fruits with hints of sweet mint, freshly rubbed savoury herbs, earth and truffle. The fruit power and opulence of the palate is deftly cradled by well integrated ripe fruit, firm acidity and fine oak tannins. A wine of great presence that will age with grace.

#### CELLARING

Will mature into one of the outstanding vintages of this lineage after more than ten years ageing under ideal cellaring conditions.

#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Variety:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Vintage:</b>	2009
<b>Region:</b>	Mount Barker, Great Southern 53%, Margaret River 47%
<b>Harvested:</b>	30 March - Margaret River 12 April - Mount Barker
<b>Maturation:</b>	18 months in 70% new
<b>pH:</b>	3.4
<b>Total Acid:</b>	6.5g/L
<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5%



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