



HOWARD PARK
WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2013 HOWARD PARK LESTON CABERNET SAUVIGNON

DISTINGUISHED SITES

The Howard Park distinguished sites concept is designed to highlight the distinctive regional and site characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from our best vineyard sites in Margaret River and the Great Southern, the two premier West Australian grape growing regions.

VINTAGE

Margaret River began the growing season with a rain filled soil profile and full catchments. Late spring was mild and windy with a 4 day period of damaging north westerlies during flowering. This common spring weather pattern did affect set and subsequent yields in all varieties. Other than this blustery start, the vintage was uniformly warm to hot and without significant summer rains. With yields below average, the wines produced from the 2013 vintage are full of ripe varietal fruit, bright acidity and supple tannins. This vintage is excellent for Cabernet Sauvignon.

VINEYARD

The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches from the Leston vineyard.

VINIFICATION

Vinification occurred in closed stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour. Selected parcels remained on skins post the fermentation to further enhance the tannin profile while others were pressed at dryness to capture fruit vibrancy. After pressing, each batch is matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. Barrel maturation for 18 months in 40% new and 60% older, French oak barriques ensures the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins. The wine had egg white fining & light filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep garnet

Bouquet: Rich aromas of cinnamon and blackcurrant with underlying bay leaf savoury, finished with warm tobacco flavours.

Palate: Luscious and dense blueberry and plum layers with a hint of cedar. Underlying cinnamon complexity, with a hint of leather.



VARIETY:
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Region:
MARGARET RIVER

Cellaring:
10 - 15 YEARS

Analyses:
ALCOHOL: 14.0%V/V
PH: 3.58
ACIDITY: 6.19G/LT
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.6G/LT

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