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The West Cape Howe Cape to Cape range sources fruit from high quality vineyards across Western Australia's Cape to Cape region.

'These wines established our reputation for quality and consistency - year in year out; wines with clean, expressive fruit and compelling value for money."

Gavin Berry, Winemaker

VINTAGE: After a stellar vintage in 2012, expectations were high coming into 2013. Above average winter and spring rainfall allowed for strong vine development while a warm, dry summer promoted perfect yield with even ripening and a concentration of flavour.

WINEMAKING: Parcels of fruit were selected from vineyards in the Great Southern and Margaret River regions at optimal maturity and flavour ripeness. The fruit was held cold for a period prior to fermentation to enrich the colour and flavour. A steady fermentation enabled 10 days on skins for optimal colour and tannin extraction. The finished wines were then aged in a combination of new and older French oak for up to 12 months.

COLOUR: Deep ruby red with a vibrant magenta hue.

AROMA: Intense ripe plum balanced with dark chocolate and nuances of clove, aniseed and sweet spices.

PALATE: A rich palate of ripe plum and dark chocolate beautifully layered with sweet and savoury spice, fine tannins and charry oak. The finish is soft and dry with a persistent length of flavour.

CELLAR POTENTIAL: 4 - 5 years.

FRUIT SOURCE: 55% Great Southern, 45% Margaret River

FRUIT MATURITY: Fruit was picked at 14° Be

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.45
TA: 6.49 g/L
RS: 1.9 g/L

