



Flametree
MARGARET RIVER

SRS WILYABRUP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014

2014 Vintage

The 2014 season was long and warm with several heat spikes experienced during the growing season. Fruit set was very good, providing for even ripening of crops, and the extended hang time possible resulted in impressive flavour concentration and ample ripe tannins. The 2014 vintage has produced opulent flavoured wines with all the perfume, colour and structure you'd expect to see in great Margaret River Cabernet vintages.

Vineyards

The fruit was sourced from the famous Wilyabrup sub-region of Margaret River, long regarded as the benchmark sub-region for Cabernet Sauvignon. The Cabernet parcel was machine harvested, from the wonderful Wilyabrup Estate vineyard on Puzey Road. This vineyard is situated on a beautiful piece of east/north-east facing gravel. The soils are typically very bony on top with gravel/quartz sub-soils underneath. The clone used for this Cabernet hails from old Houghton cuttings.

Winemaking

Because the fruit was picked so clean with the selective harvester we were able to tip the individual parcels directly into a small open top fermenter without putting the fruit through a traditional crusher de-stemmer. After a few days, as the fruit warmed up and the wild ferment kicked in, we started working the cap by hand for soft tannin extraction and aeration. Ferment temperatures were maintained around 28°C. After extended skin contact (30 days) the wine was pressed into 57% new French oak for 15 months maturation.

Tasting Notes

This is a classic Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon; medium to full bodied with a powerful, long, flavoursome palate and fine grained tannins to finish. The nose and palate reveal wonderfully concentrated berry fruits - blackberry, cassis, red currants and mulberry - with dark chocolate undertones. The palate also displays elegance and freshness, with a beautiful balance of fruit and oak flavours, the result of 15 months oak maturation. This vintage will drink beautifully now as a young wine, however a wine with this much fruit and extract will also mature wonderfully for the next 10-12 years.

Technical Specifications

Blend	100% Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	13.8%
Acidity	6.28 g/L
pH	3.55

