

FLAMETREE WINES MARGARET RIVER CABERNET MERLOT 2009





Grape Variety / Region: 100% Margaret River 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

Winemaking notes: The 2009 vintage has produced a wonderfully elegant and perfumed Flametree Cabernet Merlot. In keeping with the previous two vintages the fruit was sourced from the Karridale and Willyabrup sub regions of Margaret River. The grapes were fermented in static upright fermentors with gentle pump overs. 12 months maturation in a mixture of new and older French oak barrels has softened the tannins and given wonderful structure. The wine was egg white fined and bottled in June 2010.

Tasting notes: Violets, blackberries, currents and spice are the hallmark of this years wine. Classic Cabernet Sauvignon structure and lovely juicy dark fruits that are very much a part the Flametree Cabernet Merlot style, once again dominate both nose and palate. The nose also shows hints of violets, black/ blueberries and briary oak. Perfumed Cabernet fruits, with a fine tannin structure run the length of the medium weight palate. The third wine in a wonderful trio of Flametree Cabernet Merlots.

Alcohol: 14.0%

Cellaring: Short to medium term, up to 5 years, or simply enjoy the lovely fruit whilst the wine is young.

Accolades:

94 points—James Halliday

94 points—Ray Jordan

93 points—Wine Business Monthly Magazine

91 points—Huon Hooke

18.5/20—Scoop Magazine

4.5 stars—Tony Love

