



Flametree
MARGARET RIVER



FLAMETREE WINES MARGARET RIVER PINOT ROSE 2015

Grape Variety / Region

100% Margaret River Pinot Noir

Rose.....but not as we've known it in the past...

Vintage

2015 was an excellent vintage for early ripening varieties like Pinot Noir. The Season was warm with limited rain events and no heat spikes giving perfect ripening conditions. Harvest was earlier than usual because yields were low, the fruit was hand harvested on the 18th of February into half tonne picking bins and snap chilled overnight. The nights were cool leading up to harvest, this provided fruit with great freshness and perfume.

Vineyard

The fruit for this funky little number was purchased from Greg Holm's Prevali Vineyard on Rosabrook Road. The vineyard has the old upright clone Pinot on clay/calc soils that are better suited for Pinot than the traditional gravel soils widely planted around Margaret River. Being further inland this Wallcliffe vineyard is cooler than most and grows excellent SB and Pinot Noir. Old vines and 6 tonnes to the hectare yields are a good starting point to have a little fun.

Winemaking

Here is where the fun starts....

After being chilled overnight to about 8 degrees the fruit was loaded into the press, the press was rotated a few times and then the grapes sat for three hours. We then pressed out the first 500 litres per tonnes into tank and the second 120 litres per tonne into old French oak puncheons. The first pressed juice was tank fermented pretty clean, the light pressings were wild fermented on Chardonnay lees.....Both were fermented dry, no sugar was added to this wine.

Tasting notes

We believe that phenolics and texture are far more important than fruit and sweetness for a traditional Rose style.

This is a lovely modern dry savoury style of Rose than can be enjoyed throughout the year with a range of Mediterranean dishes or as an aperitif. The Rose has a distinctive pale orange colour. Aromas of red fruits overlay subtle floral and candied strawberry characters. The palate is deliberately savoury, with moderate weight, soft chalky tannins and dry finish. The lees and wild ferment have provided a nice foil to the lovely red berry fruit of the Pinot Noir.

In my opinion the best thing for Margaret River Pinot Noir is **Rose**.

Analysis 12.8% Alc: v/v pH: 3.29 Acidity: 13%

Winemaker Cliff Royle