



DOMAINE NATURALISTE

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Margaret River



2017 MORUS Cabernet Sauvignon

96 pts Suckling "Wow. This has a regal feel from the outset with cedary oak and fresh aromas of spiced blue plums, blackberries and blueberries. Hints of tobacco and slate here, too. The palate is so polished and lively with blackcurrants and blackberries on offer. It holds very fresh, long and even. There's great potential here. Drink over the next decade or more."

Gold, Halliday Australian Cabernet Challenge

95 pts Real Review Inky, purple/black colour. Heady bouquet, plum pudding, balsamic flowers and dried herbs. Powerful flavours on the palate, fruitcake, baking spices, tobacco and prunes. Strong synthesis between the high level of tannin, a fair amount of alcohol, a full body and the lengthy finish. 2020-2032.

Our finest cuvee of Cabernet Sauvignon from the heart of Margaret River. The gravelly soils of the vineyard are flanked by the dominant native hard wood trees named Jarrah. Jarrah trees have become a favourable and exact biological indicator that the site is ideally matched to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Fruit expression from this site includes violets, cassis and mulberry. Indeed, mulberry is a very attractive fruit character which is a unique part of the terroir expression of Margaret River Cabernet and our local heritage clone. This cuvee is named to reflect this unique mulberry character; *Morus australis* being the genus and species name for the mulberry tree.

Maturation

55% new barrels until the wine has achieved its own harmony, which was 14 months. The barriques are primarily from forests in the Centre of France, Troncais and a touch of Bertrange. The wine then enjoys another year in bottle before release.

Winemaking

The fruit was harvested based on achieving a balance of tannin and flavour ripeness while maintaining fruit freshness.

Cellaring

Will mature gracefully for 15+ years

Alcohol

14.0% by Vol | 8.3 Standard Drinks