

# Knee deep

## Knee Deep in Margaret River

### BIRDHOUSE

MALBEC  
MARGARET RIVER / 2020

Magpie's Cottage, surrounded by pristine oceans, majestic forests and world-class vineyards, nurtured a life-long connection between our family and the Margaret River wine region. 'Birdhouse' pays homage to the memories and history created within Magpie's Cottage.

#### COLOUR

Deep garnet with a ruby hue.

#### NOSE

Spiced mulberries, oak spice & subtle aromas of violets.

#### PALATE

Loaded with plum, cherry & blueberry flavours. Firm structural tannins & spiced cedar notes carry this luscious palate to a long, fresh finish.

#### WINEMAKING

Fruit was harvested when flavour, tannin & acid were all in balance. Fruit was fermented before being pressed off into tank, settled then transferred to French oak barrels. Careful barrel selection brought together rich fruit, firm tannins & a tight acidity to come together beautifully, producing a Malbec of great structural integrity & one that will reward careful cellaring.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

2020 was a warm and dry vintage, however a wetter than average Winter set us up well for this. The growing season started off with a warm Spring followed by a hot Summer. We did have one significant rain event late February which slowed down the reds & allowed for ripening of tannin and flavour to catch up with sugars. The warm & dry conditions reduced disease pressure, this also resulted in ample marri blossom around the district which eased the bird pressure experienced in 2019. Yields were low across the board, but on the upside this resulted in excellent quality with concentration of flavour across all varieties.

Halliday Wine Companion 2023 - 92 points

#### QUICK NOTES

**Vintage** 2020

**Winemaker/s**

Kate Morgan

**Grape Variety**

89% Malbec

11% Shiraz

**Growing area**

Margaret River, WA

**Alc % Vol** 13.5% v/v

**Titrate acidity** 5.65 g/l

**PH** 3.52

**Cellar Potential** 5 to 8 years

**Bottled** March 2021

**Oak** Seasoned French

**Maturation** 10 months

Vegan Friendly

