

## PALADIN HILL

### MATRIX

MARGARET RIVER | 2020

**COLOUR** Vibrant purple in colour

**NOSE** Perfumed, with lifted blackcurrants, blueberry, lavender, and rosemary

**PALATE** Savoury, with a big chewy palate and soft lingering tannins, which are slightly chalky. The French oak is stylish, subtle, and beautifully integrated.

**WINEMAKING** This Cabernet blend is sourced from the Wills Domain vineyard in Yallingup. The grapes were gently picked and destemmed in the cool of the morning while the fruit was cold, soaked in fermenters and allowed to warm naturally before being inoculated with a cultured yeast strain. Fermentation was cool and slow, and when dry, was air bag pressed to barrel where malolactic fermentation was conducted in barrel. Following barrel maturation, the wine was then kept in cool cellaring conditions for eighteen months before being blended, filtered, and bottled.

**FOOD PAIRING** Prime roasted tenderloin drizzled with a luxurious mushroom jus and pommes puree

**VINTAGE NOTES** The earlier harvests in Margaret River were due to the warm, dry winter of 2019, and the windy conditions during flowering. Consequently, yields were very low, with smaller than average berry sizes. This resulted in wines that tended to be higher in alcohol, with, in general, more generosity and complexity. The growing season was disease free without any major rainfall events during the ripening period, allowing the fruit to ripen evenly during a warm to hot spring and autumn.

### QUICK NOTES:

VINTAGE: 2020

WINEMAKERS: Richard Rowe

GRAPE VARIETY: 2020  
 Cabernet 63%, 2020 Malbec  
 22.2%, 2021 Petit Verdot 7.4%,  
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BOTTLED: September 2021

GROWING AREA: Margaret  
 River

ALC %/VOL: 13.9% v/v

TITRATABLE ACIDITY:  
 5.57g/l

PH: 3.44%

CELLAR POTENTIAL:  
 Optimum drinking 2026, best  
 before 2035.

OAK: French

MATURATION: 18 months

