



2021 CLAIRAULT MARGARET RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

- Blend:** 91% Cabernet Sauvignon
6% Merlot
3% Petit Verdot
- Vineyards:** 86% Ironstone Vineyard, Wilyabrup
8% Clairault Vineyard, Wilyabrup
6% Yallingup Protea Farm, Yallingup
- Growing:** These blocks have been selected from our three Northern Margaret River vineyards and the fruit machine harvested in the middle of the night.
- Winemaking:** The Cabernet Sauvignon portion of the blend is de-stemmed and crushed, so that each berry is just split. The Merlot is crushed as to fully expose the delicate flesh and promote a more refined and elegant textural development. The wine was aged in French oak for 10 months before the wine was bottled.
- Vintage:** The 2021 vintage began with a mild spring and sufficient rainfall. The La Niña weather system created a strong cyclone season in the north, resulting in unusual conditions throughout summer. December and January were warm and dry by comparison, and February saw large rain events and high humidity. High attention to detail was required in the vineyard to alleviate disease pressure, and those who put the extra work in, reaped the rewards.
- Aroma:** Plums, dark chocolate, baking spice and cedar.
- Palate:** Brisk and vibrant red fruit, dotted with spice and mocha adorn an otherwise opulent palate of silky tannin, chalky textures and gently infused French Oak toast on the finish.
- Cellaring:** Up to 8 years, however we enjoy it for freshness now.
- Alcohol:** 14%

