



## 2023 Corymbia Calgardup Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River, Western Australia

This wine embodies our heritage, our future and our dreams. The realisation of a dream seeded by Rob's grandfather, Jack Mann. Rob recalls being allowed to taste a 1971 Houghton Cabernet at dinner with Jack and his wife Angela at just 10 years old and decided there and then that Cabernet was his future. It's a privilege to see that dream come to life. Unorthodox in style, this is a unique expression of Margaret River Cabernet.

### The fruit

The fifth release from our dry grown, organically farmed Calgardup Vineyard. Located just 2 km inland from the famous Redgate Beach in Margaret River. The fruit was harvested by hand on the last day of March, individually berry sorted prior to natural, whole berry fermentation in a single French oak vat. Maturation followed in seasoned French oak demi muids for 14 months.

### The wine

The mild dry season was close to perfect, and we could not be more excited about this release. The wines from this vintage have a clarity, freshness and density which bodes well for showing well early, but these will be long lived wines having a wonderful tannin spine and lively acidity. Pomegranate, crème de cassis, violets and rolled tobacco combine for a fragrant and lifted aroma. The wine tastes of the grape, the dirt and the sea with bright black fruits and Dutch licorice complemented by wet slate and nori notes. Medium bodied but packed with personality it has incredible length. It's worth decanting and pulling out your best glasses despite having to then wash and dry them by hand.

### The label

Corymbia calophylla is the botanical name for the West Australian marri tree which grows tall and strong on the state's best vineyard sites. The image is a graphical expression of the 12-month climatic data for the vintage year, whose form represents the marri blossom in full bloom. The 365 stamens represent the daily minimum and maximum temperatures against the monthly average. The darker colored blocks represent the monthly & average rainfall. January is at 12 o'clock and the red stamen was the harvest date. The infographic mimics our natural environment as its form changes subtly each year and is the purest expression of the vintage conditions in which our fruit was grown. Label design by graphic designer Emma Mann.

### Technical Data

<b>Vineyard</b>	Calgardup Vineyard, Redgate, Margaret River, WA		
<b>Variety</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon		
<b>Soils</b>	Keenan gravelly loam		
<b>Clones</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon 126 planted in 2002		
<b>Rootstock</b>	none		
<b>Vine density</b>	1785 vines per hectare		
<b>Picking date</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023		
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.7 %	<b>Residual sugar</b>	0.5 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.55	<b>Bottling date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
<b>Total Acidity</b>	5.45 g/l	<b>Best drinking</b>	now to 2040