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WOODLANDS

MARGARET RIVER WINERY

2018 'Clémentine'

'Clémentine' is our Woodlands Brook Vineyard Cabernet blend. Produced since 2015, the wine takes its name from Andrew and Marie's daughter; and much like that lovely little girl we love and are getting to know, over time we're learning more about this site.

The Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot were already planted when we purchased the vineyard in 2008. Close planted, spur pruned, and in need of a little TLC, the wines produced initially were tannic. Over the years we have been converting the plots to cane pruning to soften the tannins, and create a more balanced canopy and fruit set. We planted the Cabernet Sauvignon in a gravelly meadow of Woodlands Brook in 2009, and these vines were brought up cane pruned and unirrigated. It took them longer to produce, but the fruit that arrived was fantastic – powerful, dark and perfumed.

This wine is very dark, very deep, and very powerful.

The colour is galaxy-deep crimson. The nose impresses with primary characters of violet, allspice, clove, cinnamon, anise and black olive. Notes of cigar box and leather brood in the background.

The palate enters with a impressive array of dark fruits - particularly blackberry and black currant. This is indeed "some serious stuff" with intensity of fruit matched by rich ripe tannins. Dusted cacao and roasted almonds linger, reinforcing the dry finish.

Hold until at least 2024, but best enjoyed from 2028 to 2033.

Match this wine with lamb shank on a bed of lentil stew.

Or with mushroom soup with well-buttered piece of toasted sourdough bread.

