



## SRS WILYABRUP CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2018

### 2018 Vintage

The 2018 vintage was another idyllic growing season in Margaret River which began with a nice even budburst after average winter rainfall. A mild spring followed ensuring good flowering and fruit set. A moderate start to summer, with no heat extremes, set up the harvest well with all varieties displaying flavour intensity and bright acidity. There was an abundance of Marri blossom which meant bird pressure was practically non-existent during the harvest period. 2018 will definitely be remembered as one of the greatest ever Margaret River vintages!

### Vineyards

The fruit was sourced from the famous Wilyabrup area in the Margaret River region. This small Cabernet parcel was harvested from the Wilyabrup Estate Vineyard on Pusey Road which is planted on a beautiful piece of east/north-east facing gravelly landscape. The soils are typically very “bony” on the surface with gravel/quartz sub-soils underneath. Old Houghton clone cuttings sourced from the famous Moss Wood Vineyard make up the planting material from this block.

### Winemaking

Pristine hand picked fruit was crushed and de-stemmed onto a conveyor and then tipped directly into a small open fermenter. After a few days as the fruit warmed, the wild ferment kicked in. We worked the cap with gentle pump overs for soft tannin extraction and aeration. Ferment temperatures were maintained around 25°C and then allowed to finish around 28°C. After an extended skin contact for around 30 days the wine was pressed into 45% new Bordeaux cooped French oak barrels for 16 months maturation.

### Tasting Notes

This is a classic Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon; medium to full bodied in structure, highly perfumed with fine-grained tannins. The nose on the 2018 SRS is classic Cabernet Sauvignon, lifted berry fruits in the blackberry, cassis and mulberry spectrum, with dark coco undertones. The palate shows crunchy black fruits, dark chocolate and spicy oak flavours. This is the best SRS Cabernet Sauvignon we’ve made to date. The 2018 SRS will drink beautifully as a young wine and will also reward cellaring for the next 10-30 years.

### Technical Specifications

<b>Blend</b>	100% Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.9%
<b>Acidity</b>	6.41 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.55

