



# McHENRY HOHNEN

MARGARET RIVER

## 2019 HAZEL'S GSM



This classic southern Rhone blend bursts with aromas of mulberry and spirited cherries over notes of fragrant violets and Sichuan pepper. The inclusion of a high percentage of whole clusters in the ferment provides extra lift to the nose with sweetened chai spice aromas, perfectly balanced by a touch of dried lavender. The palate is initially juicy and sweet, combining crunchy red plums and red liquorice from the Grenache, with Syrah and Mataro adding structure, spice and savouriness. The finish is persistent with layers of cocoa, cherry liqueur and a frame of firm, gravelly tannins.

### Vintage Report

Preceded by cooler than average temperatures during Spring and Summer, coupled with wet conditions and reduced solar exposure, the 2019 Vintage was a labour intensive season where careful canopy management, prompt picking decisions and accurate sorting of the fruit during harvest were essential factors to produce quality wines.

Smaller canopies in our dry farmed vineyards and regular leaf plucking enabled us to pick ripe, clean fruit and produce whites with excellent purity and great natural acidity. Reds benefited from the long ripening season showing elegant tannins and great aromatic lift.

### Winemaking

A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mataro from our Hazel's vineyard. Each parcel was harvested and vinified separately using wild yeast in vertical 4 tonne stone fermenters with no temperature control. Grenache was fermented with 50% whole clusters, while only 10% of the Syrah were fermented with whole clusters. Mataro was destemmed but the berries not crushed. The fruit spent between 8-14 days on skins before being gently pressed directly into large format oak casks for malolactic fermentation in our underground cellar. The wines remained on lees over winter and were racked for the first time at the beginning of spring when they received a minimal sulphur addition. We blended this wine in January 2020 and only gave it a coarse filtration before bottling.

### Vineyard

100% Hazel's Vineyard. Our southernmost vineyard which is more inland than our Burnside and Calgardup vineyards. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine.

#### District of Origin

100% Margaret River

#### Grapes

67% Grenache  
24% Syrah  
9% Mataro

#### Analysis

Alc  
14.2%

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