

2014 PETIT LOT MALBEC



Each wine within a vintage has a story, our Petit Lot labels tell that story.

THE STORY

The feather featured on our Petit Lot Malbec is from the Australian Black and White tailed cockatoo. Whilst we were picking the fruit a large flock flew directly over the vineyard causing the pickers to stop and admire the spectacle. This is by far the most cockatoo's that we have seen in one place at the same time. We are lucky enough to regularly see the rare red tailed cockatoo's. Like so many of the other animals we encounter on our property they seem to be happy with how we are treating their home.

THE VINEYARD

We have only 3 rows of Malbec, 450 vines to be exact. Each year Chris cane prunes the vines with his focus firmly on seeing the vines reach their full potential and encapsulate the year that was within the fruit. Not every vine is pruned identically, the process is altered depending on the vine and what Chris feels it needs. It can easily be forgotten but it takes 12 months to produce fruit to make wine, a wine that is alive and tells a story of a year on our little farm.

The rows are planted to a North South orientation and can be found on our Home Block, the Ironstone/Laterite ridge which rises in the middle of the property and runs in an Easterly direction to the back. This is a unique ridge within our area that is the highest point on our property and provides for excellent drainage. The vines were planted in 1999 and have now reached maturity and express not only the characteristics of the variety but also our terroir. A key point which has been emulated by wine critics recently in our wine reviews.

THE WINE

Colour: Brilliant deep ruby

Nose: Gloriously supple dark fruits, cassis, mulberry, black cherry and plum are complemented by sweet spice, cinnamon perhaps, a mere hint of Serrano and autumn forest floor.

Palate: Very dark fruit flows through the palate like a river, there is beautiful concentration but lots of freshness at the same time, and it is all held together by strikingly fine tannins. A stunning expression of Margaret River Malbec from one of the best vintages in recent memory.

You will note that we never display the technical data on our wines. We are not driven and governed by numbers, we seek balance within the wine and a flavour profile that typifies the year that was on *our* farm.