

2015 Basket Pressed Syrah

RRP - \$36

Case Price - \$33

Made to reflect all the characteristics of a true cool climate style, our Syrah is not a big bold wine. Its style is rather layered and refined, finesse and elegance taking precedence over intensity, power and weight. The vines are planted in well drained loam over gravel, and a finely tuned balance between rich fruit flavours and spice and peppery notes is achieved through meticulous attention to detail with regards to pruning and canopy management. Handpicked at moderate Baumes, when both fruit and tannins have reached optimum ripeness, we have taken a very hands-off approach in the winemaking process. The aim was to let the fruit speak for itself rather than heavily working the wine in the winery. The ferments contained a considerable percentage of whole bunches, the wine was carefully pressed off using our hand-operated basket press, and maturation occurred in French oak hogsheads over a period of 18 months. The result is smooth and elegant with a perfumed floral bouquet and a juicy palate that perfectly pairs luscious black cherry and dark berry characters with a smoky savouriness and subtle hints of clove, pepper and spice.

New release

Past Vintage Ratings

2013 Gold | Boutique Wine Awards

2012 James Halliday 'Top Cellaring Selection' | 95/100 Points

2012 Ray Jordan 95/100 Points

2012 Huon Hooke 93/100 Points

2012 Campbell Mattinson 93/100 Points

2011 James Halliday 95/100 Points

2015 Vintage

Unusually strong winds in spring blew off some of the flowers, naturally thinning out the number of bunches in the vines and subsequently resulting in lower than average yields at harvest. December and January saw nice even ripening conditions with warm days and fairly low night time temperatures, which helped the grapes to retain their natural acidity. March and April saw a few sporadic showers before two weeks of heavy rain right around Easter. Owing to the fact that all our vines are unirrigated we were fortunate enough to get all of our fruit perfectly ripe and off the vines just in time before the rain came. In fact, the last of our Cabernet was picked the day before it started pouring. However, the already low yields were further reduced by much greater than normal bird pressure even though all of our vines were netted. It was a perfect storm scenario with big bushfires southeast of Margaret River, which saw an increased number of birds temporarily migrating to the region, and the native trees blossoming much later than they usually do, which led to much bird damage across the region. The quality of the fruit that was left alone, however, was excellent thus compensating for the small overall yield of the vintage. All in all, the 2015 vintage can be summed up as one of the smallest in recent history, but nonetheless one of exceptional quality.