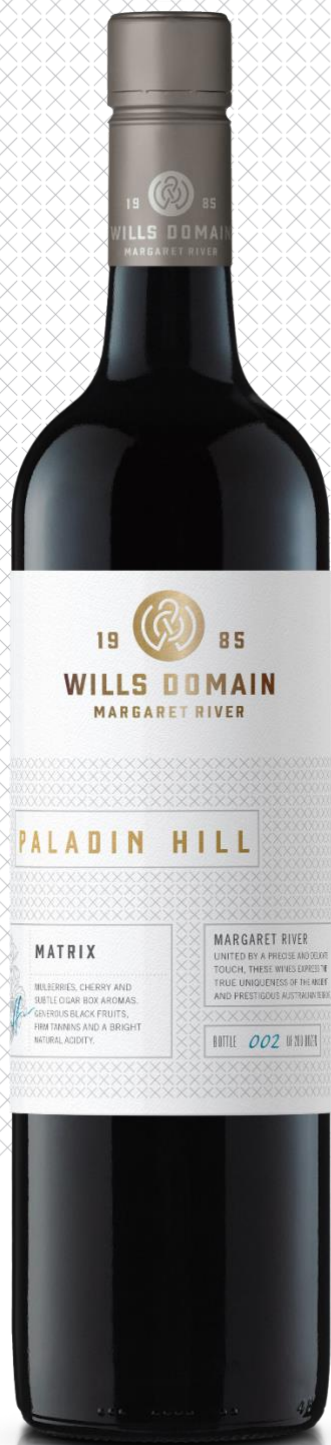


PALADIN HILL



MATRIX

MARGARET RIVER | 2019

COLOUR Medium deep brick red

NOSE Plums berry /cherry, with olives and dried herbs

PALATE Tight concentrated and restrained. The palate has sweet fruit and raspberry flavours, and lovely fine chalky tannins which persist in the mouth leaving a residue of lingering flavours. This wine is very much a product of the cool 2019 season, which has produced wines which are "cool climate" in style. In general, this is a very fresh balanced and seamless wine which displays very subtle oak and the influence of a high percentage of Petit Verdot which serves bring greater weight and presence to the palate.

WINEMAKING Sourced from our Wills Domain Vineyard in Yallingup, these 4 varieties that make up the Matrix blend were all picked separately via select harvester in the cool of the early morning. Following the onset of fermentation, we inoculated with Malo lactic bacteria and fermented relatively cool at 24degrees C . Primary and secondary fermentation finished simultaneously at which time the wines received SO₂, before being racked to barrel. At blending we looked at all our Bordeaux varieties, but felt the best blend for 2019 excluded Merlot and was subsequently not considered for the blend. We trialed different percentages of the varieties but felt the increased percentage of Petit Verdot had a dramatic impact on giving the blend added weight and complexity.

FOOD PAIRING Char grilled beef, Braised red meats.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2019 growing season was characterized by a warmish winter, followed by an un-seasonally cool spring. This resulted in a delayed bud burst for most varieties, but actually earlier for Chardonnay. Flowering for other varieties was later and had no impact. Throughout the region there was very little Mauri blossom (Eucalyptus species) a food source for Silver eyes, which meant bird netting was essential to minimize bird damage. The summer was mild, resulting in a prolonged verasion a good 2 weeks later than normal. Overall, most varieties were picked 1-2 weeks later than normal, and whilst there were a number of rain events throughout the ripening period the magnitude of these only impacted on those varieties where picking was imminent. We experienced 60mm of rain over the Easter weekend, and were pleased that all our blocks had been picked at this point. There were reports of Botrytis outbreaks in some blocks throughout the region, but there were no disease issues in any of the Wills Domain blocks, and all varieties were picked at optimum.

QUICK NOTES:

VINTAGE: 2019

WINEMAKERS: Richard Rowe

GRAPE VARIETY:

45% Cabernet Sauvignon,
24% Petit Verdot, 14%
Cabernet Franc.

BOTTLED: September 2020

GROWING AREA: Margaret
River, WA

ALC %/VOL: 13.7% v/v

TITRATABLE ACIDITY: 6.6g/l

PH: 3.48

CELLAR POTENTIAL: Best
before 2030

OAK: French. 40%new, 30%
1 year old, 30% 2-year-old
& older.

MATURATION: 16 months

