

# EIGHTFOLD

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MARGARET RIVER | 2019

**COLOUR** Intense deep brick red with subtle purple overtones.

**NOSE** Attractive berry and raspberry fruit lift with a touch of herbs spice and cedar.

**PALATE** Is restrained and elegant with flavours of black cherry and plums. The palate is fine and tight with great concentration and intensity, and lingering chalky tannins.

**WINEMAKING** This Cabernet is very much the product of an unseasonably cool ripening period. Consequently, the wine is much finer than you would typically see under the Eight Fold label, and more broadly from Margaret River. Thus, in making this wine we have focused on gentle colour and extraction techniques whilst on skins during fermentation and avoided extended post ferment maceration. Similarly, it is not a year where the wines would benefit from lots of new oak or extended time in barrel. This wine is 95% Cabernet WD Block 4, and 5% Cabernet Yallingup Block 3.

**FOOD PAIRING** BBQ beef lamb game, braised 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. Cold south-westerly winds during the earlier stages of flowering impacted negatively on the flowering of Chardonnay causing their flowers to abort, with low yields as a consequence. Flowering for other varieties was later and had no impact.

The summer was mild, resulting in a prolonged veraison 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

**WINEMAKER:** Richard Rowe

**GRAPE VARIETIES:**  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**BOTTLED:** February 2020

**GROWING AREA:**  
Margaret River, WA

**ALC %/VOL:** 13.4% v/v

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:**  
7.08 g/l

**PH:** 3.36

**CELLAR POTENTIAL:** 10 – 13 years.

**OAK:** 100% French Oak

**MATURATION:** 9 months.

