

EIGHTFOLD

SHIRAZ

MARGARET RIVER | 2019

COLOUR Deep brick red with a purple hue.

NOSE Perfumed showing mulberry dried spices chocolate and liquorice.

PALATE Is lively and fresh with a sweet fruit mid palate and balanced with some dry fine tannins. A seamless wine which shows restraint, but with great concentration and flavour.

WINEMAKING This wine was sourced from 75% Wills Domain Block 6 Shiraz and 25% Bantry Bay Shiraz, a vineyard to the southeast of Wills Domain. This wine was picked in the cool of the morning, gently destemmed and cold soaked for 3 days prior to inoculation with a cultured yeast strain. During on skin fermentation the wine was pumped over twice per day and fermented at around 24 degrees. Post fermentation the wine was left on skins for 5 days before being pressed and racked to barrels. This is a very fine and soft wine made from a cool Margaret River vintage.

FOOD PAIRING Roast lamb shoulder / leg, BBQ sirloin

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 two 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 VARIETY: 100% Shiraz

BOTTLED: February 2020

GROWING AREA:

Margaret River, WA

ALCOHOL: 13.2%

TA: 7.26 g/l

PH: 3.39

CELLAR POTENTIAL:

6- 10 years

OAK: French oak barriques,

MATURATION: 8 months

