



MARGARET RIVER

SHIRAZ 2004

BLEND—100% Shiraz

TASTING NOTES

Dark crimson colour. Aromas of dark cherries, anise, dark chocolate with vanilla and coconut aromas. An uplifted and complex aromas. The palate is full flavoured with sweet fruit and soft tannins and a vibrant red currant finish. Overall a supple intensely flavoured wine.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The warmer than average temperatures in 2004 were ideal for Shiraz in Margaret River. Full ripeness was achieved with great flavour intensity. This wine was fermented in 5 tonne open fermenters, on skins for up to 10 days. Approximately 20% of the blend finished ferment in barrel, which is best evidenced by a smokey bacon aroma. All the wine was matured in French barriques for 18 months.

WINEMAKING DATA

Sugar level at picking: 13.7– 14.2 Baume Wine pH: 3.41

Wine Titratable Acidity: 6.2g/l

Wine Residual Sugar: 0.71g/l

Alcohol: 15%

WINEMAKER—Will Shields

ACCOLADES

SILVER

International Wine Challenge 2008

“Blood red in colour. Delicate plum and cherry nose. Complex style palate with a rich, long finish.”

SILVER

Macquarie Margaret River Wine Show 2007

Bronze

The Royal Hobart Wine Show 2006

Bronze

QANTAS Wine Show of WA 2007

Bronze

The Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2007

Bronze

Macquarie Bank Sydney Royal Wine Show 2008

Bronze

Decanter World Wine Awards 2008

90/100

Jams Hallidays 2009 Wine Companion (4.5 glass rating)

“Light to medium-bodied; retains good freshness to its bright, red cherry, plum and spice fruit which belie the alcohol; fine tannins. Screwcap. 15% alc. Cellar to 2014.”

TOP 100

Ray Jordan’s Winter Reds—The West Australian June 2008

“This is a most impressive shiraz and clearly the best yet from Clairault, providing further evidence of how much this Margaret River outfit has improved in the past few years. A medium-bodied ample wine, with its savoury ripe plum flavours controlled and poised. It has effortless length, with seamless intergrated palate sharply focused.”

89/100

Ray Jordan’s Guide to Wine 2008

“This is a terrific little shiraz. Savoury chocolate and spicy plum aromas with a decent sprinkling of coffee and cinnamon. Lush ripe fruit palate is velvety smooth and perfectly intergrated. Wonderful value.”

