

## SITTELLA

## 2017 "Terra 3" T3

Region's: Margaret River, Frankland River, Swan Valley.
Vintage: 2017
Vineyard: Buckshot Ridge / Powder bark Ridge / Coffee Rock Vineyard
Variety: Shiraz 60%/ Cabernet Sauvignon 20%/ Malbec 20%
pH: 3.58
TA: 6.67g/l
Alcohol: 13.9%
Oak: Aged 18 months (50% New French oak / 50% Seasoned French oak)
Soil type: Coffee Rock, Pea Gravel, Gravel sands.
Style: A Unique single vineyard wine of great age ability
Volume: 600 bottle's made only
Cellaring: 5-15 years

Winemakers: Colby Quirk & Yuri Berns

**Wine:** Our Terra 3 (T3) is only made on years which we deem to portray characters unique for ageing as well as rare vintages, which contribute to these perfumed unequalled characters steeped in concentration. Sourced from three quintessential red wine regions from some of Western Australia's most unique gravel vineyard sites this cross-regional/varietal blend is what Sittella is all about. It is our passion and dedication to crafting great wines from Western Australia's ancient soils to showcase this states known pedigree for making some of Australia's finest wines.

Years such as 2017 are rare as such a cool year had not been experienced in a very long time. A long cool ripening period has resulted in a wine that is extremely fresh but also finessed by the year itself, along with a low pH and concentrated tannins to ensure it's age ability.

**Vinification:** Fruit has been sourced from three well known vineyards that are known for their concentration and raw power for producing wines age worthy of such a blend. Shiraz from the Swan Valley and Frankland River, along with Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec from Margaret River have all been hand picked, bunch sorted and berry de-stemmed into small opentop fermenters. Fermented for 20 days on skins and hand plunged three times a day.

Aged in premium French oak barrels, this wine was blended in barrel for ultimate maturation time to allow the varieties and regions to harmonise together prior to bottle maturation. The best blend of varieties was subject to intensity of aromatics, concentration of flavour, pH and optimum tannin profile.

**Tasting:** Intense blueberries, black cherry, plum, violets and subtle chocolate and sweet spice aromas dominate this 2017 multilayered aromatic wine. A luxurious and extravagant palate accompanied by superb tannin ripeness and sublime concentration and balance.

