



SITTELLA

2023 Margaret River Berns Reserve



Region: Margaret River

Sub-region: Wilyabrup

Vineyard: Buckshot Ridge

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon 94% / Malbec 4% / Cabernet Franc 2%

pH: 3.66

TA: 6.32g/l

Alcohol: 14.5%

Oak: 35% New oak / 65% Seasoned, 100% French oak.

Soil Type: Ironstone / Gravel over loam/clay

Vineyard Age: planted 2001

Peak Drinking: 2026-2036

Wine: Our Margaret River Berns reserve was our first ever ultra-premium red wine, produced first in 2003. It is today our family now tradition and dedication to making the best quality wine each year, and only the best parcels and barrels make their way into this blend. Our 2023 Berns Reserve is made of 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec and 2% Cabernet Franc. The 2023 vintage represents the 20th Berns reserve to be released from our Wilyabrup vineyard. The 2023 vintage in Margaret River looks to set alongside one of the other great vintages of this century (2018) producing wines just as brilliant, poised and intense.

Intense clarity and purity of fruit; an expressive wine from our single vineyard site in Wilyabrup (Buckshot ridge), accompanied by amazing depth and concentration with bright, elegant and lifted aromatics.

Vinification: Berries destemmed into bins, which were then tipped and fermented into open top fermenters. Long, cool ferment averaging 20 degrees and over 16 days on skins. 35% New French oak barrels and 65% seasoned French oak barrels were used in this blend. The wine spent 15 months in oak prior to bottling.

Tasting notes: Intense Cabernet Sauvignon varietal characters accompanied by depth and concentration of rich opulence that typifies this wine. This wine will benefit from long cellaring and was made with the upmost care and dedication to excellence.

Food Pairing: Pairs best with either oxtail, roast lamb and mint sauce or roasted pork shoulder with a side of huckleberry sauce. Better to serve these dishes with the Cabernet in its first 5 years, softer more delicate dishes are more desirable as the wine ages.