

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SINGLE VINEYARD SERIES 2012 LESTON SHIRAZ

The Howard Park single vineyard regional concept is designed to highlight the distinctive regional and site characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz from our best vineyard sites in the two premier West Australian grape growing regions of Margaret River and the Great Southern.

THE 2012 SEASON

Our 2012 vintage conditions in Margaret River were benign and free of significant weather events such as heat spikes or summer rains. Diurnal temperature variations were below average which meant the nights remained warm. The strong maritime cooling influences and retained soil moisture allowed the vines to maintain strong canopies until harvest. While the characteristic afternoon southerly winds appeared less grating, the lack of humidity and warm conditions kept disease pressure low and vine function high.

The wines produced from the 2012 vintage are full of ripe fruit flavours, bright acidity and supple tannins.

2012 is an excellent vintage for Shiraz

TECHNICAL NOTES

Harvest of the 2012 Leston Shiraz occurred in late March.

Vinification occurs in both open vat and closed stainless steel fermenters with diligent cap management to extract fine fruit tannin and strong varietal flavour.

Select parcels of wine were run to barrel at 2 to 3° Be to capture new barrel characters from the final few degrees of fermentation. The remaining blocks were pressed at dryness to retain fruit vibrancy.

Barrel maturation occurs in 30 % new and 70% older barriques of which 95% are French oak and 5 % American oak. 18 months in oak, is ample time to achieve the thorough integration of oak and grape tannins.

After pressing, each batch is matured separately in order to build a wine history over time. The wine was blended in September 2013 from a selection of the best parcels off Leston Block 17 Shiraz. This block was planted in 2000.

After egg white fining and light filtration, the wine was bottled in December 2013.

TASTING NOTES

An intense, dark crimson colour with an enticing bouquet of poached plums, blueberries, cinnamon, cracked pepper, violets and mocha. The palate is abundantly rich, full of supple ripe fruit and finished with moreish chewy fruit tannins and a dust of oak.

Margaret River in style with a sweet fruit expression and open weave tannin structure that ably support this generously proportioned wine.

HOWARD PARK 'LESTON' SHIRAZ 2012



VARIETY

Shiraz

REGION

Margaret River

CELLARING

7 - 10 years

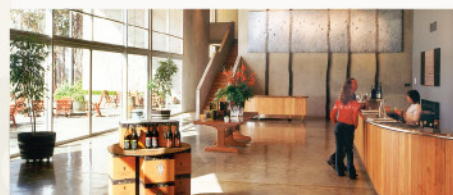
ANALYSES

Alcohol: 14%v/v

pH: 3.63

Acidity: 6.04 g/l

Residual Sugar: 0.6g/l



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