

# STELLA BELLA

## 2018 Cabernet Merlot



This Cabernet Merlot packs a punch! Bright and charming, the perfume of Cabernet Sauvignon strikes you first, followed swiftly by its precise and structured palate. With its partner in crime Merlot providing the palate weight, with fruit generosity and richness.

### Appearance

Dark red hues.

### Abundant aromas of...

Satsuma plums, blackberries and red currant lift out of the glass. Backed by delicate hints of rhubarb and milk chocolate, perfumed by fresh violet.

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### Palate

Juicy, medium bodied and full of flavour. Cherry, red currant and dark chocolate flavours are accompanied by silky, soft tannins that coat the palate. The refreshing acidity balances the supple tannin and red fruits for an extremely smash-able wine that leaves you wanting more.

### Enjoyment

A platter of freshly shaved meats of your choice.

### Wine Specs

Blend	87% Cabernet 9% Merlot 4% Malbec
Oak	10% New
Cellar	Now to 2029
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.64
Acidity	5.87

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### Place

Our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines are planted throughout our collection of southern Margaret River vineyards with the majority coming from the Luminosa vineyard. The cabernet from this site is intense and perfumed, whilst the Merlot is open and voluptuous, resulting in a soft generous wine.

### Vintage 2018

A wet December with a very heavy rainfall event (over 100mm) event at veraison provided perfect moisture in the soil for our Cabernet vineyards. Dry conditions from January through until mid-April resulted in another classic vintage in all our Southern Margaret River vineyards.

### Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon component was held on skins for 10 days to help build structure. The Merlot and Malbec was pressed earlier to retain bright fruit aromatics. 10% new French oak was used to complement the fruit while providing some subtle mocha and vanillin oak sweetness. 14 months maturation in oak and tank.