

STELLA BELLA

2019 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, red currant and dark olives lift out of the glass. Backed by delicate hints of dried herbs and earthy, savoury characteristics.

Palate

Juicy, medium bodied and full of flavour. Cherry, red currant and raspberry 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

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| Blend | 90% Cabernet 10% Merlot |
| Oak | 10% New |
| Cellar | Now to 2030 |
| Alcohol | 13.7% |
| pH | 3.57 |
| Acidity | 6.51 |

Place

Our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines are planted throughout our 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 2019

The 2019 vintage will be remembered for the cool conditions from budburst which continued over the ripening period. The longer wait for the fruit to ripen resulted in some super fragrant and aromatic berry fruit driven wines with refreshing natural acidity.

Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon component was held on skins for 10 days to help build structure. The Merlot 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. 12 months maturation in oak and tank.