

STELLA BELLA

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon



Appearance

Red with light purple hues.

Aroma

Plum fruit leather, mulberry and cherries with hints of menthol and subtle oak derived aromas of clove, nutmeg and cedar.

Palate

Medium weight but full of vibrant cherries, red and black currants and cedar oak. Structural with powdery tannins and juicy, vibrant acidity. Beautifully flavoured, long, dusty finish.

Enjoyment

Roast Margaret River Arkady lamb rack with seasonal vegetables.

Wine Specs

Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Oak	32% New
Cellar	Now to 2030
Alcohol	14%
pH	3.55
Acidity	6.30

Great Cabernet Sauvignon should be both perfumed and poised; meticulous site selection is critical to achieving these key attributes.

Place

Our cabernet sauvignon vines are planted throughout our collection of southern Margaret River vineyards providing the ability to capture strong varietal character and maintain high natural acidity. Using a combination of sites provides great varietal complexity.

Vintage 2015

Very low crop levels were a result of some out of character weather during fruit set. Thanks to the hard work to retain good vine structure and fend off hungry grape eating birds in the vineyard. We had a small amount of very high quality fruit with bright fresh and concentrated flavours with high natural acidity in good balance.

Winemaking

Each individual batch was vinified separately and a portion of fruit from our Isca vineyard was cold soaked to generate more primary fruit characters and tannin extraction. Fermentation occurred on skins for up to 18 days followed by malolactic fermentation. Maturation occurred in our favourite French tonnellerie's barriques for 17 months.