

STELLA BELLA

2016 Cabernet
Sauvignon



Appearance

Vibrant red.

Aroma

Plums, cherries, cranberries and red currants spring from the glass. Raspberry milk chocolate, cinnamon and subtle star anise intensity's the aroma.

Palate

A medium weighted wine that is full of flavour. Red currants, plums, cherries and raspberries fill the palate. Forest floor and earthy characters are lifted by sweet fruits. A luscious wine with a perfect balance of fine-grained tannin, sweet fruit and subtle oak.

Enjoyment

Roast Margaret River Arkady lamb rack with seasonal vegetables.

Wine Specs

Blend	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Oak	27% New
Cellar	Now to 2031
Alcohol	14%
pH	3.55
Acidity	6.3

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 2016

In 2016 it was rainfall early in the season that challenged our viticulturists and winemakers. With love and diligent care our team walked the vineyards every two days to ensure only the highest quality fruit was harvested. The positive outcome from the January rains were that our reds were not advanced enough in their maturity to be affected at all. They absorbed the water and required no irrigation. A great result for flavour and tannin development.

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 15 months.