



2004 WATERSHED – CABERNET MERLOT

VINTAGE: 2004

ORIGIN: MARGARET RIVER

HARVEST DATE: Machine harvested March/April 2004

BLEND INFORMATION: Cabernet 70.7%, Merlot 18.3%, Shiraz 5.9%, Malbec 4.9%

BOTTLING DATES: DECEMBER 2006

CLIMATE: A Mediterranean climate which combines well drained gravel loamy soils to produce premium wines of distinctive elegance and power, with complex fruit flavours and intense bouquets. Annual rainfall approx 1000- 1200ml

PRODUCTION NOTES: This is the quintessential Margaret River Red Blend. The blend is typically 60 to 65 % cabernet sauvignon and 35 to 40% merlot, depending on the vintage and flavours and structures of the blend components. A small percentage of shiraz, typically 4 to 5 % also sweetens and lengthens the palate. Each parcel of fruit is crushed into a fermenter once it arrives at the winery. Any adjustments such as extra acid, yeast culture, yeast nutrients and French oak chips are added while crushing. Each batch is fermented in tank at relatively moderate temperatures of 18 – 20°C. The slightly cooler temperatures aid in the preservation of the berry fruit flavours, and floral characters present in the fruit.

TASTING NOTES: Colour-Medium intensity plum red with purple tints.

Nose-Complex nose, with coffee, liquorice, chocolate and sweet cherries, mixed with hints of nutmeg and cinnamon, and white chocolate and mocha.

Palate-The flavours of sweet raspberries and cherries continue on the palate, with the chocolate flavours becoming sweeter and richer, adding palate weight. The fruit flavours are balanced by a fine tannin structure, adding palate length. The wine finishes with lingering raspberries, coffee and chocolates.

AGING POTENTIAL: Ready for immediate enjoyment but will mature well for up to 5 years.

IDEAL SERVED AT: 18-19 degrees C

CASES PRODUCED: 10,000

WINE ANALYSIS: Alcohol 14.4%, Total Acidity 6.0g/l, pH: 3.45, Residual Sugar: 0.30 g/l

ABOUT WATERSHED: Watershed Premium Wines vineyard was established in 1999. Its first wines were released in August 2002, since then its wines and business have won numerous awards including Gold Medals for each of its red wines and trophies for its Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot.

The winery is located just 4.5 kms south of Margaret River township. Jancis Robinson, internationally renowned wine critic, has described the Margaret River wine region "as close to paradise as I have been on my wine travels" Watershed now produces 76,000 cases of wine annually and exports to 13 international markets.

James Halliday has rated Watershed 5 stars in his 2005 & 2007 wine companions which describes Watershed

"as an outstanding winery capable of producing wines of the highest calibre"