



R O S I L Y
V I N E Y A R D

Margaret River



2004 Shiraz

Shiraz in Margaret River is an under-rated variety. Early grape plantings in the region were predominately Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir (which has now been removed from most vineyards).

Wines such as the Shiraz produced by Bill Crappsley in the late 1980's (released as Evans and Tate Hermitage) indicated the potential of this variety in the area.

The Rosily Vineyard 2004 Shiraz reinforces how well Shiraz is suited to Margaret River. Rosily Vineyard has the focused objective of, in the long term, producing the best Shiraz in the region.

VINTAGE NOTES

General -

The 2004 harvest was noticeably different to all previous vintages at Rosily Vineyard. Most of the whites were harvested a week to ten days later than usual, and at slightly lower than average sugar levels. The reds were also shaping up in the same fashion until the hottest March spell in 15 years arrived, with three consecutive days from the 20th of March recording temperatures near 40 degrees. This promptly increased ripeness so the reds were generally picked at higher than normal baume.

The second defining feature of the 2004 vintage was the very high yields. Of all the varieties, only the Grenache produced less than the previous year (due to a change in trellising system), and all except two varieties recorded their respective highest ever yields. The shiraz block produced 50% more than in 2003, and the final crush of 125 tonnes was 15% more than the previous highest (2001).

This high yield was realised even after bunch thinning of up to 25% was carried out in the heavier cropping portions of the vineyard.

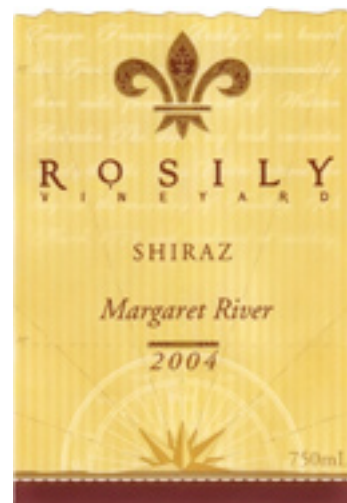
TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Clear, bright, deep red / purple with a crimson hue.

Nose: Lifted, dark berry and plum flavours with a distinctive white pepper character.

Palate: Medium to full bodied with a soft velvety mouth feel. Concentrated flavours of dark berries and spice with well-integrated new French oak.

This wine is suited to early drinking as well as having the capacity to develop 5 - 7 years from the release date (01/05/09).



TECHNICAL DATA

Amount: 27.77 tonnes

Cropping Level: 4.85 tonne/acre

Harvest Dates: 2nd, 3rd and 11th of April 2004

Alcohol / Volume: 14.3%

Oak Treatment: 16 months maturation in French Oak (45% New)

PRODUCTION HISTORY

2000: 329 cases / 2001: 850 cases / 2002: 1340 cases / 2003: 1200 cases / 2004: 1600 cases