

2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Sub region – Wilyabrup



The Domaine	Rosily Vineyard is situated on Yelverton Road in the Wilyabrup sub region of Margaret River. The total vineyard size is 12.27 hectares. The Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 harvest represents 12.8% of the total vintage. Only fruit from this vineyard is used in the production of our wines. The wines are all made at the winery constructed on the property in the year 2000.
Our History	Rosily Vineyard is named after Vice-Admiral Count François-Étienne de Rosily-Mesros (1748-1832), a French Navigator and Cartographer, who was intimately involved in the ongoing French explorations of Western Australia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.
Background / Wine making	<p>The total production of this wine represents 5.4% of the total Cabernet Sauvignon harvest from 2016.</p> <p>For us it is too simplistic to use the often used phrase “best barrel selection from the vintage” when trying to describe how this Reserve wine has been created.</p> <p>Rather, after 22 vintages we are starting to get a better understanding as to where the best fruit from our 3628 Cabernet Sauvignon vines consistently is sourced. We now understand that in the best vintages the leaner, gravelly soils at the highest elevation point on our site produce fruit with extra varietal dimension and weight that can handle further oak treatment.</p> <p>The fermentation with this wine follows traditional Bordeaux techniques using a combination of open fermenters for freshness and closed fermenters with extended skin contact for colour stability . The fermentations were hand plunged to ensure only the softest tannins are extracted.</p> <p>The wine is unfinned and essentially unfiltered only going through a coarse filter on the bottling line.</p> <p>Our Reserve range will only be made in exceptional years.</p>
Tasting Notes	<p><i>Appearance:</i> Clear, bright, deep red / purple with a crimson hue.</p> <p><i>Nose</i> Strongly defined with flavours of dark fruits and mint with cedary oak notes.</p> <p><i>Palate:</i> Full-bodied wine with fruitcake, olive, black currant and spice characters. A dried herb finish is well supported by fine grainy tannins and oak. This wine has the capacity to continue to develop 10 - 15 years from the release date (01/06/19).</p>
Technical Data	<p><i>Vine Age:</i> 22 years at harvest time.</p> <p><i>Amount:</i> tonnes 6.56 tonnes (5% destined for Reserve Wine Purposes)</p> <p><i>Cropping level:</i> 1.25 tonne / acre</p> <p><i>Harvest date:</i> 16th of March, 2016. 100% Hand Picked.</p> <p><i>Alcohol / Volume:</i> 14 %</p> <p><i>Oak Treatment:</i> 24 Months maturation in French Oak (40% new, 60% 1 year old)</p> <p><i>Bottling Date:</i> 16th May 2018.</p>
Award	<i>Gold Medal – 2017 WA Boutique Wine Show</i>
Production	660 bottles
Winemaker	Mick Scott
Viticulturalist	Sam Castleden

