

2017 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 block represents 17.5% of total plantings. Only fruit from our 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.						
Reserve	The total production of this wine represents 5% of the total Cabernet Sauvignon harvest from 2017. 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. Rather, after 20 + 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 the leaner, gravelly soils at the highest elevation point of the vineyard produces fruit with extra varietal dimension and weight, which can handle further oak treatment. Our Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon has only been made in 3 vintages since the 1st Cabernet Sauvignon was produced 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.						
Wine Making	Selected rows of cabernet are given more hangtime before being hand picked and fermented in small open fermenters. The wine is hand plunged and gently pressed direct to new French Bordelaise barrels. The MLF is done in these barrels and this wine is kept separate through the maturation process prior to bottling unfiltered and coarse filtered.						
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Technical Data	<p><i>Vine Age:</i> 23 years at harvest time. <i>Amount:</i> tonnes 16.78 tonnes (5% destined for Reserve Wine Purposes) <i>Cropping Level:</i> 3.15 tonne / acre <i>Harvest Date:</i> 14th April 2017. 100% Hand Picked. <i>Alcohol / Volume:</i> 14 % <i>Oak Treatment:</i> 18 Months maturation in French Oak (50% new, 50% 1 year old) <i>Bottling Date:</i> 6th December 2018</p>						
Show History	<p>2016 Vintage – Gold Medal – 2017 WA Boutique Wine Show 2015 Vintage – Gold Medal – 2017 Australian Small Winemakers Show 2014 Vintage – 96 Points, Ned Goodwin, winecompanion.com.au – 96 Points Ray Jordan, The West Australian Wine Guide 2018 – 95 Points Gary Walsh, The Wine Front</p>						
Production	534 bottles						

