

2018 Cartographer

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 12.28 hectares. 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.

The 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.

Rosily was an ensign on the 'Gros Ventre' commanded by Louis de St. Alouarn in 1772.

The 'Gros Ventre' chartered the south west coast of Australia at Cape Leeuwin, where Rosily made the first, but very accurate survey of Flinders Bay. They then sailed north to Dirk Hartog Island, where St. Alouarn formally annexed Western Australia for France on the 30th March 1772. Rosily produced an accurate chart of Shark Bay which showed the location of Dirk Hartog Island where they buried two bottles with charts sealed with a silver French coin and a lead seal.

By the 1820s, Rosily had risen to the influential position of Director of the Hydrographic Office in Paris, and was one of the few who were enthusiastic about future French settlement in Western Australia. Rosily and others championed this idea, and several expeditions were sent to make detailed surveys of the South West in preparation for establishing a settlement. The French activity alarmed the British enough to despatch a contingent of men from their colony in New South Wales to occupy King George Sound in December 1826, and to claim the whole of Western Australia for Britain. The French threat was averted, and the planting of the first Margaret River vineyards was thus delayed by many decades!

2018 Blend – Cabernet Sauvignon 43%, Merlot 26%, Cabernet Franc 19%, Petit Verdot 6%, Malbec 6%.

Tasting Notes

<i>Appearance:</i>	Clear, bright, deep ruby red with a slight purple hue.
<i>Nose:</i>	Fresh mix of floral and red fruits notes with spice and gum leaf hints.
<i>Palate:</i>	Displaying herb, dark cherry, plum and black olive flavours with a vibrant, rich finish. Grainy, elegant tannins flow smoothly to the finish. The quality of the 2018 vintage will ensure this wine will cellar for seven to eight years from the release date (01/04/20).

Winemaker: Mick Scott Vineyard Manager: Sam Castleden

Show History

2014 Vintage – Gold Medal 2016 Margaret River Wine Show
 2012 Vintage – Gold Medal 2016 Winewise Small Vignerons Show
 2010 Vintage – Silver Medal 2014 Margaret River Wine Show
 Silver Medal 2013 Margaret River Wine Show
 Silver Medal 2012 Qantas WA Wine Show
 2007 Vintage – Silver Medal 2010 Boutique Winemakers Show

