

2022 Merlot

Sub region – Wilyabrup



The Domaine

Established 1994. Single Vineyard. Certified Organic. Family Owned.

Rosily Vineyard is situated on Yelverton Road in one of the premier sub districts in Margaret River - Wilyabrup. 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.

Tasting Notes

Appearance:

Clear, bright, light red / purple with a crimson hue.

Nose:

Fresh blue fruits with subtle cedary and floral notes.

Palate:

Elegant, medium bodied wine displaying red cherry, spice and plum flavours with hints of snow pea. Quality refined oak treatment and mild tannins allow this wine to be enjoyed now or over the next four to five years.

Vintage 2022 Overview

With the exception of a couple of runs of hot weather during the growing season and one rainfall event that occurred between the harvest of the white varieties and the reds, vintage 2022 was a text book year.

Rainfall timing was ideal. The calendar year 2021 recorded 1047mm at Rosily – about 15% more than usual. The vast majority of this fell in the winter months prior to budburst, so it was able to boost soil water reserves and not create any complications with the viticultural growing program.

A total of 175mm fell between budburst and harvest (11% less than average), and (despite a bit of lost sleep over a tropical rain event in March) only 25mm fell during harvest - which is 30% less than average.

Given only 9mm of rain fell between November - January (vs an average of 53mm) irrigation was used sparingly to ensure vine stress was at a minimum. Temperatures during the ripening season were warmer than average, for both minimums and maximums, in every month from December through to March. During that time period, minimums were about 0.9 degrees warmer than average, while maximums were more than 2 degrees hotter than usual. Our decision to grow some varieties with more shaded canopies than typical for Rosily was particularly advantageous given the hot and dry ripening conditions.

Soil/Site

Rosily vineyard is planted on a gentle hill sloping down to a tributary of the Wilyabrup brook, which flows in the winter months. The soil types on the property vary from deep gravelly loams, to coarse gravels, to lighter sandy soils over a clay base. This soil diversity (in conjunction with Margaret River's climate and our north facing aspect) gives Rosily Vineyard the ability to produce vastly different styles of wine, all from within the 80-acre site. The lower portion of the block, which is situated in the northeast corner, has some darker clay-based earth. This was specifically identified as being ideally suited for the merlot vines in the initial stages of planting. After growing merlot for over 20 years we believe the site selection of this variety has been justified.

Blend

86.5% Merlot / 9.0% Cab Franc / 4.5% Shiraz

