

2020 'Outshined' Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon

Varieties: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Wilyabrup is the proposed subregion of Margaret River which is regarded by some as the "Goldilocks" for Cabernet Sauvignon in the region. This locality is viewed as being just right enough to enable great fruit power supported by fine long tannin structures. Our vineyards are both located near the centre of this viticultural sweet spot.

The 2020 ripening season started well but strong winds and storms during flowering ensured the average size crop was reduced even more. The season finished strong and early with great fruit expression and intensity.

Destemmed into open top and static fermenters the Cabernet Sauvignon was 100% wild fermented, hand plunged and gently pressed to oak for malolactic fermentation. Each batch spent an average of 25 days on skins post fermentation. We used 32% new oak in 500L puncheons.

The 2020 Outshined Cabernet Sauvignon expresses blackberry, olive tapenade, a hint of bay leaf and oyster shell. The palate has a dark fruited heart of layered blackberry and dried herbs with supporting ashed chevre, cedar and coffee grounds oak characters. Finishes long and savoury with integrated fine grained tannins to complement the fruit drive.