## 2020 CABERNET MERLOT

## RAY JORDAN'S TOP 100 REDS 2022 - 90pts.





A classic Margaret River blend - the tannin of Cabernet Sauvignon beautifully complements the mid palate fruitiness and softness of the Merlot - this is an easy drinking, crowd pleasing red.

## Tasting Notes

Nose: Vibrant, lifted characters featuring pink musk, rooibos tea and wild strawberries.

Palate: Soft, generous, and eminently approachable with a beautiful freshness. A bright red core of raspberries, plums and strawberries sit nestled alongside fine gravelly tannins. Beautifully medium weighted the whole wine is delightfully bright.

Pairing: Perfect with some bbq chops or shepherd's pie.

## **Technical Notes**

Vineyard: The primary fruit for this wine was grown at the estate in Wilyabrup and this includes some of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon on the estate. This was supplemented with Merlot grown on a neighbouring Wilyabrup vineyard.

Winery: In making this wine, the emphasis is on minimal tannin extraction to produce a style rich in flavour with a softness to allow the wine to be enjoyed upon release. Meticulously managed fermentation temperatures and earlier removal of the wine from its skins and seeds avoiding over-extraction. This year our blend is 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 49% Merlot.

Fermentation: Old and new French oak for 16 months.

Alcohol: 14%

Total Acidity: 5.5 g/l Residual Sugar: <1 g/l

Cellaring: Drink now or through to 2025.