



THOMPSON ESTATE

2012 ANDREA CABERNET MERLOT

Thompson Estate Vineyard is a Margaret River vineyard of considerable natural beauty which produces wines of internationally recognised quality and elegance. Since its founding in 1997, has become recognised as one of the leaders in the region. It is set in a gently sloping location in Wilyabrup surrounded by native trees, and has a strong emphasis on sustainable viticulture and environmentally sensitive land management. The focus on quality and consistency in the vineyard and state of the art winery produces highly regarded wines exported to ten countries. As a family owned company, it regards some support for the arts as one of its responsibilities.

Tasting Notes

Deep crimson red with a slight purple edge.

A complex display of fine fruit and rich dark berry, blackcurrant and cassis characters flaunt openly followed by an attractive, delicate array of aromas of violets, elegant spice and subtle mint.

Luscious, rich rounded mouth watering flavours fill the palate upfront reflecting the nose superbly followed by a succulent, fleshy but firm texture. The wine is tightly structured and the fruit is complimented with a hint of toasty cinnamon oak and spice on the mid palate. The finish shows great length where the delightful flavours lingers on endlessly with a persistent satisfaction



Winemaking Notes

The fruit was gently machine harvested and processed into red fermenters where they are tenderly pumped over three times a day during fermentation to maximize colour extraction. When fermentation was complete, the wine was left on skins for an additional 7 days to develop some extra complexity before being transferred to a selection of fine French barriques and matured for 18 months.

Excellent canopy health was the result of good finishing winter rains with moderate spring conditions. The summer ripening period was dry and warm with some above average temperature in late January prompting an early start to harvest. With cooling weather in early February, the fruit ripened slower to a more typical pattern resulting in a steady but long vintage. The fine weather continued through to mid-April when harvest completed for reds.

Technical

Geographical Indication:

Variety:

Analysis:

Winemakers:

Harvest Date:

Oak Maturation:

Bottling Date:

Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Cabernet Sauvignon 81%, Merlot 10% and Cabernet Franc 9%

Alcohol 14 %, Residual Sugar 1.75 g/l, pH 3.46 & TA 6.9 g/l

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French oak barriques 18 months

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