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## 2014 Handpicked Brindle Vineyard Margaret River Merlot

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BRINDLE VINEYARD



Merlot

Margaret River



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*"A rich, full-bodied and well-balanced wine from an exceptional vintage."*  
Peter Dillon, 2016

**The Region:** Brindle Vineyard, Margaret River

A large granite outcrop separates Brindle Vineyard from cliffs bordering the Indian Ocean, revealing two important factors that make this a special vineyard site – soils of decomposed granite with coffee rock and ironstone, and year-round moderating ocean breezes. The vineyard was planted in 1998 in the Wilyabrup area of Margaret River, one of Australia's most reliable premium wine regions. Recent innovations in management have centred on sustainable practices that increase the overall biodiversity and health of the vineyard.

**The Wine:** Brindle Vineyard brings out the best in Merlot with this rich and supple wine. Plush red and blackberry flavours with dark chocolate and herbs are wrapped in soft but emphatic tannins.

**Technical Info:** Another in a string of good seasons for Margaret River. Winter rains set up good ground moisture and a season of balanced conditions produced low yields of exceptional quality. Abundant marri blossom in the region's forests kept the birds happy and away from vineyards and consistently dry and mild weather produced very little disease pressure. Cool conditions in April and May delayed final ripening and harvest was about a week later than average, perfect for building flavour and complexity in Merlot grapes.

The fruit was handpicked in mid-to-late April in ideal dry, moderate weather and was fermented in open fermenters with hand plunging and drain-and-return, as required. The wine was matured in a mic of old and new barriques from a selection of Bordeaux coopers.