

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage: 1988

Grape Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon (95%)
Malbec (5%)
Most of the fruit is grown at Vasse Felix with the balance coming from specialised local growers.

Comments: The reputation of Vasse Felix was founded to a large degree, on our elegant, understated Cabernet Sauvignons. Recognisably similar in style to the better Bordeaux blends, the Vasse Felix wine is the result of careful blending of only the finest quality fruit.

The wine is aged in new French Nevers oak casks prior to bottling.

Tasting: Richly coloured, with the purplish tinge that characterises young Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine is quite slow to come forward. A little time in the glass, however, reveals a sweetness and complexity of berry fruit flavours and subtle undertones of French oak. The wine has firm structure and the tannins, although silky smooth, are evident in just the right degree.

Cellaring: The elegance of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit flavour for which Margaret River is renowned demands that the wine should be enjoyed within 5 to 6 years of vintage date. Connoisseurs will appreciate the complexity that will develop with a further 5 years of bottle age, however the additional time in the bottle will soak up much of the sweetness and vitality of the young fruit.