



1998 Shiraz

REGION

Margaret River

GRAPE VARIETIES

88% Shiraz
9% Cabernet Sauvignon
2% Malbec
1% Merlot

INTRODUCTION

Shiraz in Margaret River has always been the second cousin to the Cabernet Sauvignon grape. At Vasse Felix, however, Shiraz has won most of the accolades in wine shows and is the most sought after wine on its release.

The Shiraz vines at Vasse Felix are now 32 years old and in their prime, producing very intense cherry, spicy wines that are rich in flavour.

Vasse Felix Shiraz is vinified gently in rotary fermenters then the fermentation is completed in 100% new American and French oak barriques and matured for a further 15 months.

The Vasse Felix Shiraz now has an unbroken record of trophies at wine shows since 1987.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A dark and inky wine with royal purple hues. A well balanced and concentrated Shiraz of considerable elegance. The nose is powerful with dark cherry, spice and chocolate with American oak aromatics.

The juicy ripe palate is velvety with no holes and very complete with powdery tannins and intense plummy flavours

This wine is looking very youthful now and deserves cellaring up to 10 years.

TECHNICAL DATA

WINEMAKERS	Clive Otto & Will Shields
Harvest Date	March 1998
Wood Treatment	100% New French & American Oak – 15 months
Bottle Date	July 99
Total Acid	6.3g/l
pH	3.58
Residual Sugar	0.9g/l

The Wine that started Margaret River