

1999 SHIRAZ

winemakers	Clive Otto and Will Shields	alcohol	14.3 %
harvested	April 1999	total acid	6.1 g/L
wood	New American oak – 10 months	ph	3.36
bottled	July 2000	residual sugar	0.4 g/L

REGION

Margaret River

GRAPE VARIETIES

88% Shiraz

6% Cabernet Sauvignon

6% Merlot

INTRODUCTION

Fruit for the Shiraz was sourced from the Vasse Felix Willyabrup vineyard and contract growers in the Margaret River region. Shiraz vines at Vasse Felix are the oldest in the Margaret River region, planted in 1967 in red gravel loams over clay sub soils.

The 1999 harvest will be remembered for long dry conditions in the later part of March and throughout April and the cool start to vintage delaying the onset of harvest. The grapes for this wine were picked approximately 2 – 3 weeks later than normal at a very ripe Baume of 13.5 and 14.6 respectively.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A very dark and vibrant wine in the glass with royal purple hues. The nose reflects a warm vintage in 1999. Aromas of chocolate, spice and leather mixed with coconut coming from American oak ageing. This wine is complex and complete and has the ability to cellar for 8 – 10 years although it is drinking well now.