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2001 SHIRAZ

winemakers	Clive Otto, Dave Dowden, Will Shields	alcohol	14.0 %
harvested	March 2001	total acid	6.5 g/L
wood	New American and French Barriques	ph	3.56
bottled	October 2002	residual sugar	0.36 g/L

REGION

Margaret River

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Shiraz

INTRODUCTION

The Shiraz fruit for this wine was sourced from 4 subregions of the Margaret River region, all contributing different characters to this complex wine. The northern most being the Yallingup sub-region showing spice and peppery notes, inland in the Carburnup region showing liquorice and cherry, Willyabrup at Vasse Felix's original vineyard showing spice and plum characters, and Karridale showing pepper, plum and spicy flavours. The first Shiraz vines in Margaret River were planted in 1967 at Vasse Felix's original vineyard where the winery is today.

The 2001 vintage was a hot and furious vintage with fruit ripening quickly, a major part of the blend was sourced from cooler vineyard sites in the Karridale region. These wines had more mature tannin profiles and showed nice ripeness coming from a warm year.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

A rich deep red colour with crimson hues, an inky and concentrated wine with cooler climate of southern Margaret River giving the wine a tight structure to the ripe and complex dark fruits. Hints of bitter chocolate, peppery and brambly tarry berries and well-knit oak provide for a big mouthful. This wine will develop beautifully over the next 5-7 years.