



SANDALFORD

2015 Sandalford Margaret River Range Shiraz

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

Shiraz 98% and Viognier 2%

REGION

100% Margaret River

VINTAGE

Margaret River has once again been favoured with ideal ripening conditions for the 2015 vintage. Over 1000mL of winter rain, meant there was a solid level of sub-soil moisture for the vines. (Storms in late September resulted in lower yields for Chardonnay, but quality wasn't affected.) Mild summer conditions prevailed with cool nights and an almost constant breeze producing grapes which held their natural acid balance and had exceptional flavour development at lower sugar levels. Again, all fruit was disease free, with all varieties coming off at perfect ripeness.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The fruit for this wine was machine harvested during the cool of night, March 2014. After crushing, the must was inoculated with two selected yeast strains specifically for Shiraz with co-fermentation of both the Shiraz and Viognier proceeding at an even pace for two weeks until dryness. The wine was then drained and pressed off skins. After MLF the wine was matured for 3 months in 20% new French oak, prior to blending, clarification and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR - Classic dark ruby red

NOSE - Intense nose full of cherries and blackberries with notes of chocolate and spice

PALATE - A definite 'sweet-fruit' wine. Mulberries and dark berry fruits up front, supported by notes of cinnamon and nutmeg spice. Seamless integration of the French oak adds vanilla to the primary fruit characters. Velvety tannins lead to a gentle, lingering finish. Medium term cellaring will only add to the complexity.

WINE ANALYSIS

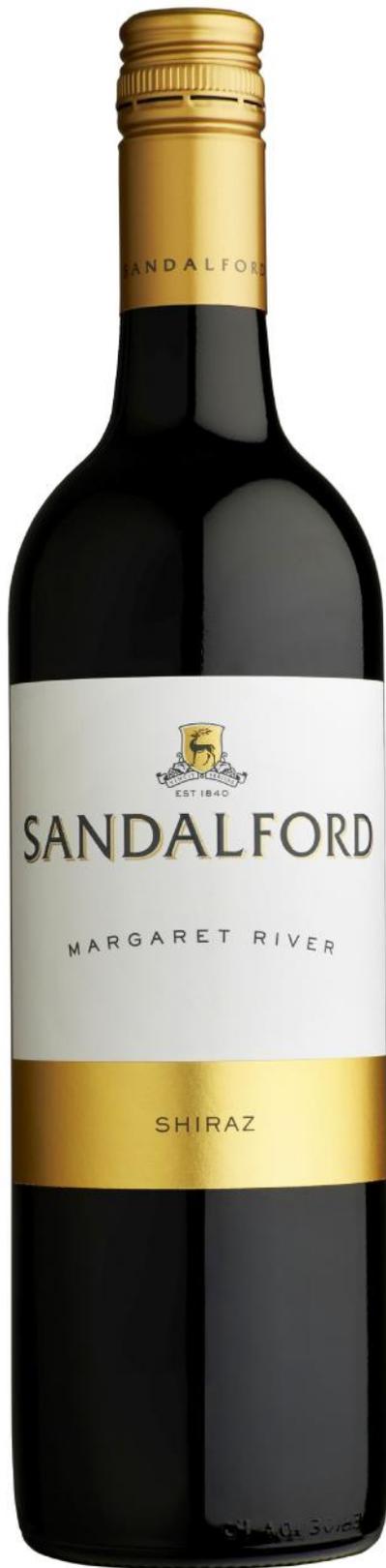
Alcohol 15.0 % Acidity 6.60 g/L pH 3.48



SANDALFORD WINES: RED 5 STAR WINERY 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011

“Sandalford is one of Australia’s oldest and privately owned wineries. In 1970 it moved beyond its original Swan Valley base, purchasing a substantial property in Margaret River that is now the main source of its premium grapes. Wines are released under the Element, Winemakers, Margaret River and Estate Reserve ranges, with Prendiville Reserve at the top. Exports to all major markets”
Australia’s leading wine critic, James Halliday, awards Sandalford Wines the very coveted and extremely prestigious RED 5 star rating in the Australian Wine Companion 2016 Edition, page 577, released 29th July 2015.

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RATINGS / ACCOLADES / REVIEWS

“Sandalford Wines have been adorning our tables since the 1840’s, and the combination of experience and innovation places today’s winery high on our list of reliable, premier local wines. During the last decade, both the whites and the reds have continued to improve several notches. We put this down to concerted energy going into the winery’s cooler climate Margaret River operations, where fruit quality is second to none on a global scale. Sandalford is able to draw on a range of grape varieties from the Swan Valley and Margaret River. But it’s the wines from down on the cape (Margaret River) that keep pulling in the accolades and the awards.”

www.TheStarfish.com.au All the Best from Perth’s West, Peter Rigby.

“Sandalford Wines is a true institution in Western Australia. Established in Perth’s Swan Valley in 1840, there is a rich history to this pioneering company which was one of the first to recognise the potential in Margaret River, establishing a vineyard there in 1970.”

Mining Chronicle, Karl Franzen, June 2011, Page 35

“Sandalford has well and truly leapt into the big league of premium producers in WA, having now completely transformed itself to a Margaret River wine operation. The Estate Reserve and Margaret River Range are entirely from Margaret River. ”

Ray Jordan’s 2011 WA Wine Guide, published October 2010, page 151

“RED 5 STAR WINERY – Sandalford is an outstanding winery regularly producing wines of exemplary quality and typicity.”

Australia’s most pre-eminent wine critic, James Halliday, awards Sandalford Wines the very coveted RED 5 star rating in the Australian Wine Companion 2011 Edition released 28th July 2010.

“Producer of the Year, and Winemaker of the Year: Sandalford Wines”

Leading West Australian Wine Critic Ray Jordan, at the launch of Ray Jordan’s 2010 WA Wine Guide, 30 November 2009.