

MARGARET RIVER  
**SANDALFORD**  
*Estate Reserve*

## 2015 Sandalford Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

### VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

Cabernet Sauvignon

### REGION

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. 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 came exclusively from our 40+ year old, dry-grown Margaret River Estate vineyard. After crushing and de-stemming the fruit underwent fermentation in small 10 tonne static fermenters. The traditional method of pumping over was employed during fermentation to optimise colour, flavour and tannin extraction. Near the end of fermentation, the wine was pressed, with the pressings and free-run wine kept as one, and then inoculated for MLF with selected bacteria. After the completion of MLF the wine was racked and transferred to French oak barrels (30% new, 25% one year old). After 15 months of barrel maturation the various wine components were blended together and then bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

**COLOUR** - Dark cherry red.

**NOSE** – Intense cassis and blackberries with a hint of violets. Just underneath is a meld of spices -vanilla, nutmeg and cedar, enticing you to try this wine.

**PALATE** – A classic Margaret River Cabernet. Cassis and blackberries are intense on the front palate. As the wine opens up, these mix with notes of blueberries, mocha and vanilla. Whilst this wine is full of sweet fruits, there is a definite savoury edge to the blend. The tannins are smooth but powerful and combined with the acid balance, give this wine wonderful structure and length. This wine is complex, it will definitely reward the patient consumer over the next ten + years with proper cellaring, if you can wait.

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.0 %

Acidity 6.58 g/l

pH 3.50

### MEDALS / AWARDS

**SILVER MEDAL** – 2016 Margaret River Wine Show

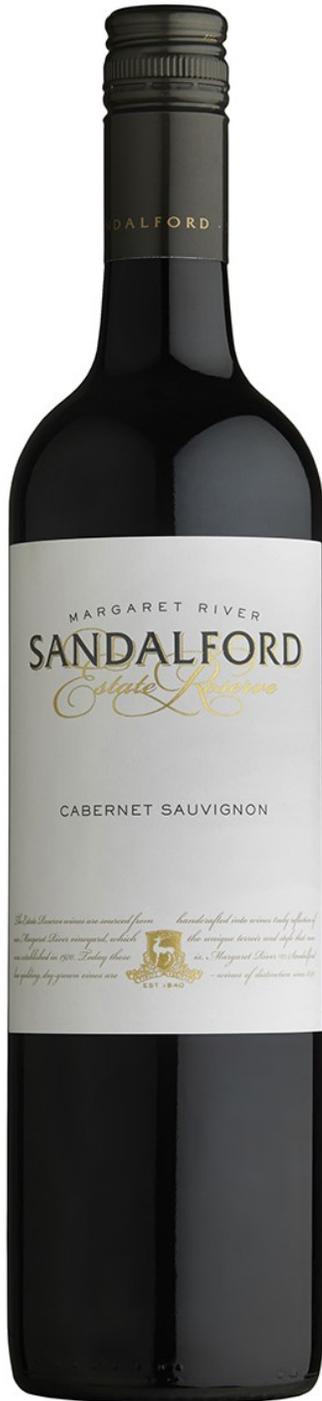


**JAMES HALLIDAY RED 5 STAR WINERY 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011**

“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 2017 Edition, page 578, released 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016.*

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## RATINGS / ACCOLADES / REVIEWS

“★★★★ (4/5 stars)”

*Winestate Magazine, May/June 2017 issue*

“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. The team of owner Peter Prendiville and winemaker Paul Boulden have taken the wines in an exciting new direction.”

*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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*