



SANDALFORD

2016 Sandalford Margaret River Range Shiraz

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

Shiraz

REGION

Margaret River

VINTAGE

The mild spring conditions merged into a warm and dry start to summer, with the vines on track slightly earlier than normal. These conditions were interrupted in mid-January 16, with 70mm of rain falling in the vineyard due to a tropical rain event. With this moisture came the challenge of increased fungal pressure on the fruit – 2 weeks out from the white harvest (leading to a very stressed Viticulturalist and Winemaker). For the reds, it gave them a much appreciated drink in the lead up to harvest in late March. Despite this challenge, all fruit harvested are of exceptional quality, showing intense varietal characters.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The fruit for this wine was machine harvested during the cool of night, March 2016. The must was inoculated with selected yeast strains specifically for Shiraz. The ferments proceeded at an even pace for two weeks until dryness – pump overs were utilised over this period for cap management and gentle extraction of colour and tannins in the wine. The wine was then drained and pressed off skins. After MLF the wine was matured for 3 months on 20% new French oak, before being blended, clarified and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

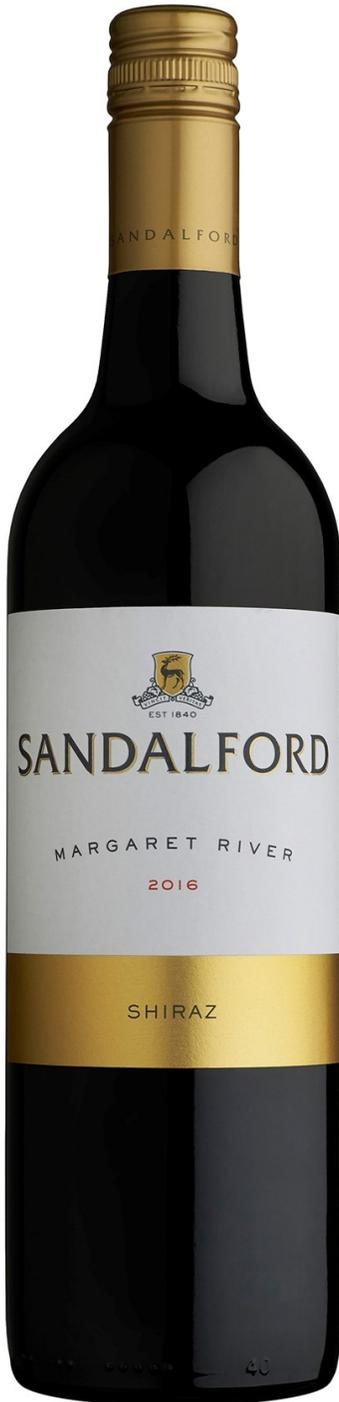
COLOUR – Vibrant ruby red

NOSE – This wine has spice – star anise and vanilla, combine with blueberries and mulberries and a definite floral note.

PALATE – This wine opens with an abundance of sweet berry fruits. Underneath is a complex mix of spice and mocha. French oak adds vanilla to the mix. Velvety smooth tannins lead to a gentle and lingering finish. Medium term cellaring will only add to the complexity of this wine.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.8 % Acidity 6.25 g/L pH 3.63



JAMES HALLIDAY RED 5 STAR WINERY 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 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 2018 Edition, page 590, released 3rd August 2017.

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RATINGS / ACCOLADES / REVIEWS

“90/100. To 2026.”

James Halliday Wine Companion 2018 edition, released 3rd August 2017, page 591.

“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.