

MARGARET RIVER
SANDALFORD
Estate Reserve

2014 Sandalford Estate Reserve Shiraz

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

Shiraz

REGION

Margaret River

VINTAGE

Margaret River has once again been favoured with ideal ripening conditions for the 2014 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

Hand-picked in early April 2014, the Shiraz grapes were de-stemmed and crushed before being inoculated with selected yeast strains and fermented in small 10 tonne static fermenters. The must was mixed, by pumping over, twice daily during fermentation to keep the skins and juice in constant contact. Based on taste, the fermenting must was pressed once the perfect balance of colour, flavour and tannin extraction was reached. After the completion of primary fermentation, the wine was inoculated for Malolactic Fermentation (MLF), before being transferred to 100% French oak, of which 25% were new barrels. The wine then spent 12 months maturing in the barriques prior to blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR - Dark cherry red, with magenta hues

NOSE – Sweet mulberries up front, balanced with savoury spices – nutmeg and star anise, and a hint of vanilla.

PALATE – Just like the nose ... lots of sweet berries, particularly mulberries, blueberries and blackberries up front, with the same spices providing a savoury balance. Velvety soft tannins from the seamless integration of French oak combine with the acid to give a beautiful structure and lead to a gentle lingering finish. A wine that will age gracefully for at least another ten years from the vintage date.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.8%

Acidity 7.06 g.l

pH 3.52



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. The team of owner Peter Prendiville and winemaker Hope Metcalf have taken the wines in an exciting new direction.”
Ray Jordan’s 2015 WA Wine Guide, published November 2014, page 122

“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.