



SANDALFORD

2014 Sandalford Margaret River Range Cabernet Merlot

VARIETAL BREAKDOWN

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot

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

The fruit for this wine was machine harvested during the cool of night in mid-March. After crushing the must was inoculated with selected strains of yeast and fermentation proceeded at an even pace for two weeks until dryness. The resultant wine was then drained and pressed. After MLF the wine was matured for 10 months in 20% new French oak, before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR - Dark cherry red

NOSE – Red berries and dusty plums, with notes of cedar and nutmeg.

PALATE- Sweet blackberries, red currants and plums up front, opening up to reveal a mix of stewed rhubarb and marzipan with nutmeg and vanilla spices. Silky smooth, yet firm tannins add great length to the finish. This is a rich blend that will continually evolve in the glass as you enjoy every sip.

Medium term cellaring will only add to the complexity.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol 14.5 %

Acidity 6.62 g/l

pH 3.53

MEDALS / AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL – 2016 Perth Royal Wine Show

GOLD MEDAL – 2016 Margaret River Wine Show

TROPHY – 2016 Wine Show of Western Australia, Mt Barker

GOLD MEDAL – 2016 Wine Show of Western Australia, Mt Barker

SILVER MEDAL – 2016 Royal Adelaide Wine Show

GOLD MEDAL – 2015 Qantas Western Australian Wine Show in Mt Barker

GOLD MEDAL – 2015 Langtons Margaret River Wine Show

James Halliday's Top 100 Wines 2015, Reds Under \$20

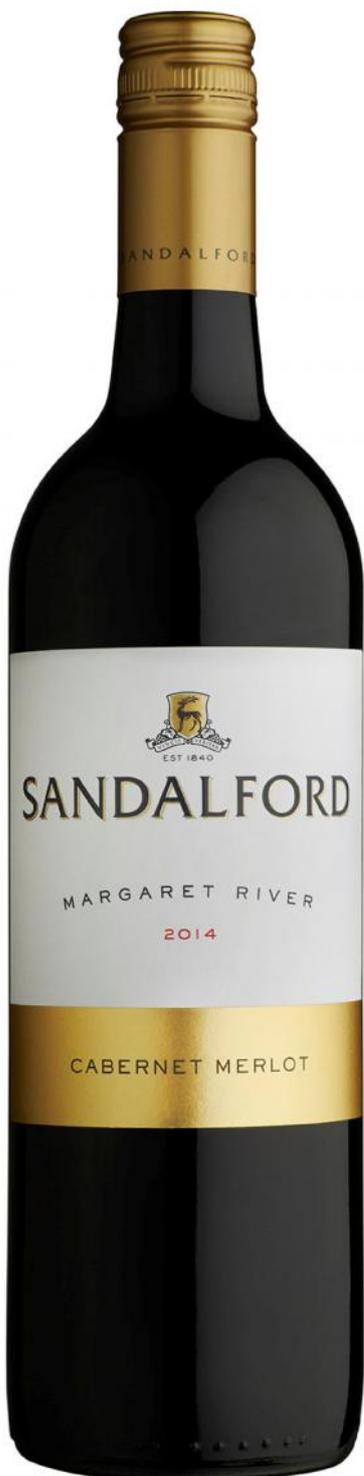


JAMES HALLIDAY RED 5 STAR WINERY 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011

“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 4th August 2016.

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RATINGS / ACCOLADES / REVIEWS

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Halliday Wine Companion 2017 Edition, James Halliday, released 4th August 2016, page 578

“The Bordeaux kingpins, cabernet sauvignon and merlot, enjoy commanding status as stand-alone varieties. But they also make great bed partners, a vinous marriage from heaven for lovers of fine red wine. Put simply, merlot is the centrepiece of the cabernet sauvignon “doughnut”, adding a special infusion of flavour to round out the wine. Cabernet Merlot has become the modern age red partnership, following in the footsteps of foundation cabernet shiraz blends, and the 2014 Sandalford Margaret River Range Cabernet Merlot (\$20) is an excellent example as any. A dual gold medal winner, its rich, silky integrated flavours roll ever so invitingly over the palate, a measure of winemaker Hope Metcalf’s skill in delivering optimum result.”

The Sunday Telegraph, John Fordham, 17 July 2016

“Dark plum and berry fruits with hints of fresh herbs. Nicely balanced medium-bodied sweet fruit palate with slightly chalky tannins.”
Winestate Magazine May/June 2016 issue, page 70

“★★★★½ (4.5/5 stars)”

Winestate Magazine, Best of New Release, The Annual Edition 2015

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Winestate Magazine, November/December 2015 issue



“Best Value” *Winestate Magazine, November/December 2015 Issue*

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James Halliday Top Cellaring Selections 2016, released May 2016, page 65; and

The Weekend Australian Magazine, James Halliday’s Top 100, 21 November 2015, page 31

“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.