

MARGARET RIVER

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WINE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Our Location...

Located in the South West of Western Australia in the world-famous Margaret River region.

Internationally recognized as one of Australia's premier growing regions for savoury but supple reds and crisp whites of character and flavour – Margaret River is situated in a unique spot on the most western tip of Australia.

Surrounded by two oceans – the Indian Ocean and Southern Ocean – Margaret River is stunningly beautiful.

For the vineyards it is an exquisite environment - warm sunny mornings and cool afternoon breezes provide the best aspects of both warm and cool climates.

We consider it to be the greatest wine region in Australia.



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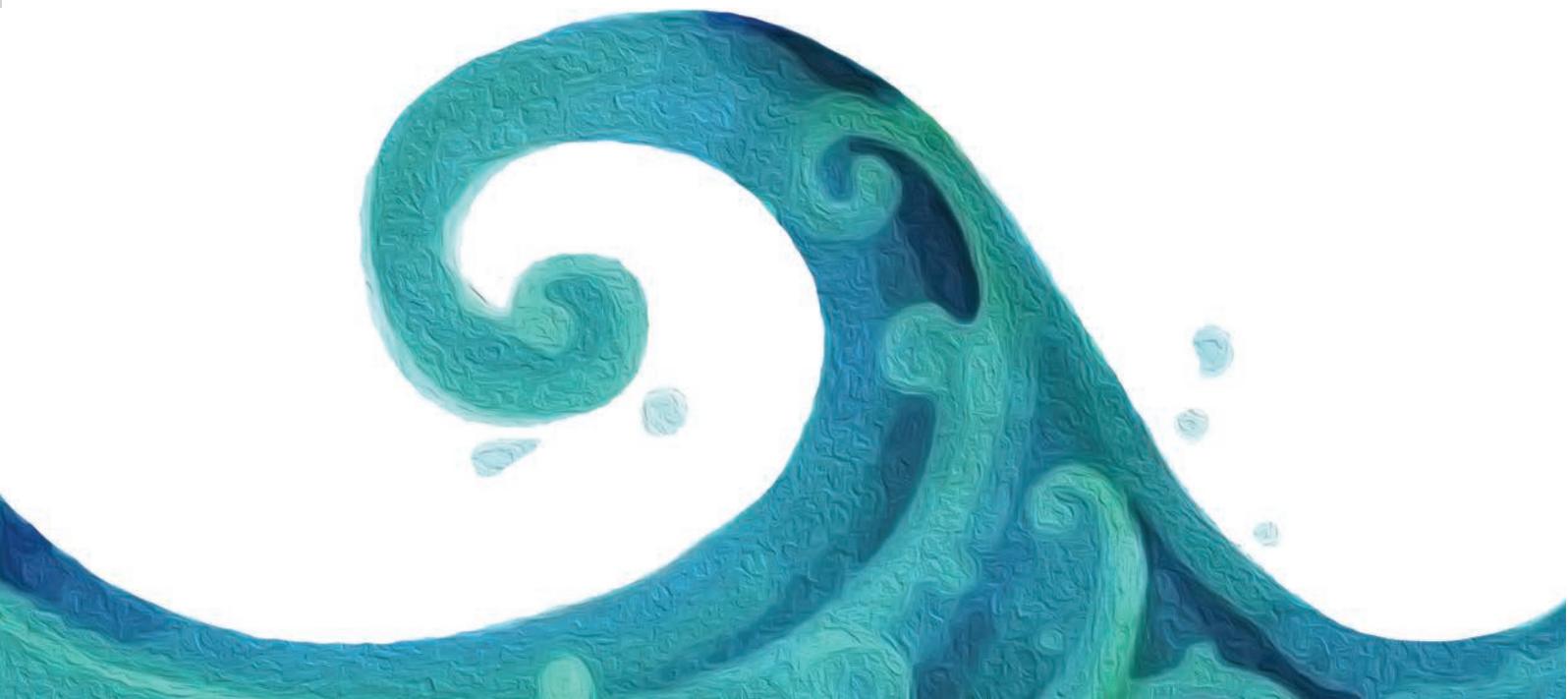
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About Us...

Margaret River is world famous for its stunning coastline and award winning wines, along with it's world class surf breaks – many of these surf breaks are the biggest draw card for the locals who are lucky enough to call Margaret River home.

Margaret River with its exceptional climate, fertile soil and our proximity to the ocean make this the perfect place for our vineyards. Our vineyards are so close to the coast you can almost smell the sea air. It is an exquisite environment - warm sunny mornings and cool afternoon breezes provide the best aspects of both warm and cool climates. Our vineyards thrive here, producing exceptional fruit vintage after vintage.

Aspiring to make great wines that reflect the beauty of Margaret River, our very talented winemaker (who is also an avid surfer) works along side the vigneron team to extract the very best from our vines. We hope to capture a small part of this beautiful region in each and every wine we produce! Cheers!





Our Winemaker

Rory Clifton-Parks grew up in the beachside suburbs of Perth's North Beach, Trigg's and Scarborough, Rory developed an early love of the salt, sand and sun that his coastal surroundings enveloped him in.

With aspirations to start his own landscape gardening business, he completed TAFE certificates in Horticulture and Small Business upon graduating from high school.

It was through taking time out after completing his study to embark on a working holiday in the South West where Rory retreated to nature and found himself camping at Yallingup and working in a vineyard for the first time. After absorbing his new surroundings - which offered a beautiful balance of beach and bush - Rory came to realise that the South West offered the perfect lifestyle and this inspired him to commence studying Viticulture at Curtin University so he could one day return and settle in the region.

An enthusiastic interest in the science of winemaking saw Rory complete his Oenology degree and in 2006 he visited Sonoma in California where he worked for a small family owned and operated winery. Besides making and drinking extremely good wine he surfed northern California on his time off and managed to sneak in a surf trip to Mexico.

Upon returning to WA, and just as planned, Rory's chosen career path enabled him to relocate to the south and between 2007-2011 he worked as a winemaker for Evans and Tate and Boar's Rock.

Having recently commenced winemaking for Franklin Tate Estates, Rory strives to make high quality wines which reflect the Terrior of the region. With some of the best facilities Margaret River has to offer at his disposal, Rory gets great satisfaction from seeing fruit processed through to the final bottled product.

It is no surprise that Rory's palate is biased towards Margaret River varietals and styles and he can often be found indulging in a well deserved glass or two of Chardonnay, Shiraz or Cabernet Sauvignon after a long day at the vineyard.

Spending his time immersed in a natural environment and surfing the enviable breaks of the Margaret River coastline, Rory's passion for his region is surpassed only by his passion to bottle the beauty of Margaret River and share it with the rest of the world.



Our Vigneron

Coral Beeck grew up on a farm in the South West of Western Australia. A true country girl at heart, from a young age she knew what she wanted to do – she loved the land and wanted to make her life within it.

Over 20 years ago, she moved to Margaret River – arguably Australia’s most famous wine region. The decision to move here was a simple one – she felt it was the most gorgeous place on earth. Coral loves the coast line, and makes the most of what her home has to offer. Not only is she a Vigneron, she is an experienced sea diver and fisherwoman.

Since 2001, Coral has managed some of Margaret River’s most famous vineyards. These have included over 10 James Halliday five star rated wineries’ vineyards. Indeed, it is arguable that much of the greatness in the wines of the aforesaid wineries is attributable to the care provided by Coral and her team.

In a vocation traditionally dominated by men, Coral has well and truly made a mark for herself earning both respect and admiration from her peers in the industry and for the quality of the grapes coming off the vineyards she cares for- with the fruit from those vines having created many five star and trophy winning wines.

As they say – ‘from great vineyards, come great wines’ - and this has certainly been the case. Coral’s immaculate eye for detail leaves no vineyard stone unturned to produce the very best fruit in the region and the results speak for themselves.

Moreover, Coral has the ultimate respect for what nature gives her – the ‘terroir’ of the region. The soil, the climate, the environs and the inter-relationship with these components together with mankind, science and a little faith – true teamwork at its best!





Our Favourite Vineyards

Situated 6km's down a winding back road off Yallingup's Bussell Highway; Alexanders Vineyard has 65 hectares of fully mature vines. With Miamup Vineyard not too far away, located in the south of the Willyabrup growing area. This area has been described as possessing all of the Bordeaux's strengths and none of its drawbacks.

Both vineyards are located inside the prime Margaret River grape-growing appellation, which recently saw two of the region's Chardonnays ranked in the top 3 of the prestigious 'Judgement of Montreal', a blind-tasting competition that adjudicates the world's best wines.

While universally regarded as having some of the best grape-growing country in the world, the Margaret River region is actually made up of a fairly diverse range of soil types and micro-climates. For this reason each plot of land is distinct. Even within the same property there can be marked differences between the quality and style of neighbouring vines. Identified prior to even the first vine being planted as an area of rare quality, the loamy gravelly soil is the kind of nutrient-rich base that produces uniformly outstanding fruit.

Add to this the attention lavished onto these particular blocks, such as bird netting the vines to guard from Silver-eyes and the use of a specially designed selective harvester and it becomes apparent why these rows produce such special fruit.

For visitors to the vineyard walking through these rows seems to be quite inspiring for them, something their guides – vineyard managers Craig and Dave, love to see – even if their own admiration is somewhat muted by the knowledge of just how much work goes into achieving fruit of this quality. The vines demand and receive everything except a goodnight kiss (something Dave would surely give if he thought it might actually help.)

Few of the visitors get to see a harvest in action, the midnight and pre-dawn hours not exactly conducive to such things. They do, however, have the chance to witness a different sight: that of Craig & Dave's boss navigating her way across a sodden vineyard in high heels. More than one first-time visitor has been caught out by Frank introducing the very 'unburly' woman in heels and business dress as the 'Vineyard Manager' – Coral Beeck.



Alexander's Vineyard

Vineyard land area – 320 acres

Varieties planted:

- Chardonnay
- Sauvignon Blanc
- Verdelho
- Semillon
- Shiraz
- Cabernet
- Merlot

Miamup Vineyard

Vineyard land area – 200 acres

Varieties planted:

- Chardonnay
- Sauvignon Blanc
- Viognier
- Shiraz
- Petit Verdot
- Cabernet
- Merlot





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2013 SAUVIGNON BLANC

Appellation: Margaret River

Varietals: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Alc/Vol: 13.0%

Cellaring: Drink now!

Appearance: Pale Straw

Nose: Intense aromatics of passion fruit, lemon-lime citrus and nettle.

Palate: Vibrant flavours of tropical fruits with fresh citrus characters on the finish.

Contains Sulphites. Fined with the use of milk and fish products, traces may remain.



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2013 SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

Appellation: Margaret River

Varietals: 70% Semillon
30% Sauvignon Blanc

Alc/Vol: 12.8%

Cellaring: Drink now!

Appearance: Pale Straw

Nose: Lifted aromas of lemon grass,
passion fruit and hint of gooseberry
fruit characters.

Palate: This light fruit filled style presents a
range of fruit flavours with good intensity,
mineral characters and fresh, crisp acidity.

Contains Sulphites. Fined with the use of
milk and fish products, traces may remain.



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2012
SHIRAZ

Appellation: Margaret River

Varietals: 100% Shiraz

Alc/Vol: 14.8%

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar for
up to 5 years.

Appearance: Vibrant Ruby Red

Nose: This wine shows very attractive red
fruit characters with layers of spice and toast.

Palate: The palate resembles the cool climate
of Margaret River and displays a typical spicy,
peppery edge with soft red fruit flavours, and
chewy round tannins.

Contains Sulphites. Fined with the use of milk
and egg products, traces may remain.





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2012 CABERNET MERLOT

Appellation: Margaret River

Varietals: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon
40% Merlot

Alc/Vol: 14.8%

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar for
up to 5 years.

Appearance: Medium to deep purple red

Nose: Displays lifted aromas of black fruits, mint
and subtle leafy notes combined with cherry/
chocolate characters from oak maturation.

Palate: The palate is medium bodied with good
length and depth of flavour. The wine is balanced
and approachable with soft savoury tannins.

Contains Sulphites. Fined with the use of milk and
egg products, traces may remain.



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