

### 2013 Cabernet Merlot

Both the Cabernet and Merlot portions were sourced from single vineyard blocks on the far eastern edge of the Wallcliffe sub-region (Rosa Brook).

Open-fermented in stainless vats, pressed into aged and new French oak. Racked only once post-malo, unfined, lightly filtered.

Vibrant black/red colour. On the nose dark mint chocolate leaps from the glass, tobacco leaf, mocha and cedary oak. Dense and chewy black-currant aromas join spicy plum, coconut and star anise. A potpourri of exotics.

The palate shows satsuma plum and eastern spices. The creamy mouthfeel is generous and inviting, soft acid and gentle tannin assisting. Briary red/black-fruits to lead to a long finish.

There's nothing better than rich, dark chocolate and dense blackcurrant with a touch of mint rounded out by some stylish French oak. Add a touch of red-berried Merlot to flesh it out and cabernet merlot by brad is hard to beat.

#### Technical Information

Harvest: Late March 2013

Bottled: December 2014

Alcohol: 13.5% TA: 6.15q/l

pH: 3.5

Vineyards: Rosa Park Vineyard, Rosa

Brook,

Preveli Vineyard, Rosa

Brook

Region: Margaret River

### Awards and Accolades

## Nick Stock, The Suckling Report 90 points

This has lots of hot stone aromas with black currants and black berries. Full body, integrated fruit and tannins and a medium finish.

# James Halliday, Wine Companion 90 points

Curranty wine with inflections of dark chocolate and bay leaf. Clean, well weighted and generally satisfying.

### Ray Jordan, The West Australian Wine Guide 2017

This is such a consistent value for money that always over delivers. Loads of black current aromas with a dusty chocolaty oak component. The palate is lush and plummy with oodles of generous flavours. Sinewy tannins with a little minerality add a defining touch to the finish.

**Royal Perth Wine Show - GOLD** 



Pizza, pasta, beef, lamb or cheese ...enjoy!