

# STELLA BELLA

## 2023 Shiraz



Spicy and medium bodied, our Shiraz is a hallmark of the Margaret River region. Elegant, aromatic fruit and delicate spice, Stella Bella Shiraz is sophisticated, stylish and absolutely... moreish.

### Appearance

Dark red with crimson hues.

### Abundant aromas of...

Dark red fruits, plum, star anise and cloves lead the way, lifted by a vibrant freshness from whole bunch fermentation. Subtle earthy and savoury characters add depth and intrigue.

### Palate

A classic cool climate Shiraz - medium bodied with a vibrant, juicy core of blackcurrant, star anise and subtle spice. Silky tannins and delicate earthiness bring refinement and balance. Whole bunch fermentation adds a savoury edge and layers of complexity, building to an intense, mouth-filling finish that lingers long after the last sip.

### Enjoyment

Your favourite cut of beef cooked to perfection, with freshly cracked black pepper.

### Wine Specs

Blend	100% Shiraz
Oak	10% new
Cellar	10+ years
Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.54
Acidity	6.57

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### Place

Grown to perfection in the gravelly loam of our Forest Grove vineyard, a place made for elegant, spicy shiraz.

### Vintage 2023

An epic Southern Margaret River vintage, a cool October and November gave way to a warm summer, accelerating ripening across all varieties. March brought a refreshing coolness, allowing that perfect hang-time for all red varieties, accentuating the delicate flavours of the harvest. Shiraz was a stand out with beautifully ripened tannins, vivid colour and exceptional spice.

### Winemaking

Fruit for this wine is selected and handpicked almost exclusively from our Forest Grove vineyard. Bunches with good lignification of bunch stems (or rachis) are selected for use in whole bunch (20%) fermentation. Fermentation is fast and hot to ensure fruit is off skins in close to 8 days. Pressed at close to zero Baume and transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation and maturation. French oak Barriques (10% new) support the fruit through maturation for 8 months.