

STELLA BELLA

2023 Cabernet Merlot



This Cabernet Merlot packs a punch! Bright and charming, the perfume of Cabernet Sauvignon strikes you first, followed swiftly by its precise and structured palate. With its partner in crime Merlot providing the palate weight, with fruit generosity and richness.

Appearance

Dark red with purple hues.

Abundant aromas of...

Violet and rosehip florals lift out of the glass, layered with savoury hints of dark olive and aniseed. A swirl reveals deeper notes of ripe plum and mulberry.

Palate

Medium bodied and packed with flavour. Plum, mulberry and dark olive flavours are supported by serious, gravelly tannins that coat the palate, providing structure and ageability. The fresh, natural acidity balances the tannin and red fruits for an extremely smash-able wine that leaves you wanting more.

Enjoyment

A platter of freshly shaved meats of your choice.

Wine Specs

Blend	80% Cabernet 20% Merlot
Oak	10% New
Cellar	5+ years
Alcohol	14.0%
pH	3.47
Acidity	6.03

Place

Our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines are planted throughout our Southern Margaret River vineyards with the majority coming from the Luminosa vineyard. The cabernet from this site is intense and perfumed, whilst the Merlot is open and voluptuous, resulting in a soft generous wine.

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, accentuating the delicate flavours of the harvest, with red varieties displaying a perfect tannin ripeness and magnificent colour.

Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon component was held on skins for 10 days to help build structure. The Merlot was pressed earlier to retain bright fruit aromatics. 10% new French oak was used to complement the fruit while providing some subtle mocha and vanillin oak sweetness. 12 months maturation in oak and tank.