



Tasting notes

DEVIL'S LAIR MARGARET RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2008

With a unique combination of climate (maritime), geography and geology, Devil's Lair celebrates wines of great clarity, delicacy of fruit and elegant structure. The philosophy of Devil's Lair is to make wines that define the region, respect the variety and above all, make complex, interesting wines. The Devil's Lair Cabernet Sauvignon gains complexity from the terroir of individual vineyards and the winemakers handle and blend each batch of fruit to make a wine that best represents the Devil's Lair style.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS BY OLIVER CRAWFORD

VINEYARD REGION

Margaret River.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Unlike vineyard regions in South Australia and the Eastern Seaboard, Margaret River experienced a higher level of rainfall through winter and spring than in previous years. This was balanced by a warmer, drier summer than during the average harvest period. While yields were down overall, the quality achieved was very good.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Harvest Date March – April 2008

pH 3.51

Acidity 6.4g/L

Alcohol 13.5%

Residual Sugar 0.3g/L

Bottling Date September 2009

Peak Drinking Now – 2020

GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon (86%), Merlot (14%).

MATURATION

This wine was matured for 15 months in 100% French oak barrels – 40% new with the remainder in seasoned barrels.

COLOUR

Good depth of colour with vibrant purple hues.

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Layered and complex. A compote of fragrant fruit florals typical of Margaret River. Hints of cigar-box and melted dark chocolate.

PALATE

Classic Cabernet cassis sits alongside smokey spicy oak. The palate has depth of flavour - roasted cocoa beans and freshly picked blackcurrants dominate the mid palate.

The tannins from the Merlot component provides silky texture and length.

This wine is concentrated yet elegant. A classic Margaret River wine from a classic vintage.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

97 POINTS – RAY JORDAN'S 2011 WA WINE GUIDE.

