



## Woodlands 'Margaret'

Margaret River - Australia 2014

Woodlands vineyard was established in 1973 by David & Heather Watson on Caves Road in Wilyabrup, and was one of the first five vineyards to be planted in the Margaret River Wine Region. David and Heather aimed to create wines to emulate the great vineyards of Bordeaux.

Woodlands came to fame early on with the release of the 1981 'Andrew' Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine won trophies for 'Best Red Wine' at the Perth Wine Show, the Mt Barker Wine Show, and the National Wine Show. This wine was the first from Margaret River to achieve a National Red Wine Trophy.

There are iconic vineyards throughout the world where you can literally 'see' greatness. Think about Niederhäuser Hermannshöhle, Reynard, Montrachet, Pétrus, Monfortino, Romanée-Conti, etc. Woodlands is a vineyard when you look at the surrounding areas of Margaret River, it just exudes greatness. So much of the area sits on lower lying and almost concave soils while woodlands ascends into the horizon with the Indian Ocean just a mile to the west.

This is sourced entirely from the Woodlands Vineyard. The Cabernet Sauvignon portion comes from a slope on the south of Woodlands that wraps around a 90-degree radius from east to north. The fruit on this slope receives a great deal of direct sunlight from morning to mid-afternoon, leading to rich full-bodied wines. The Merlot and Malbec plots that make up the remainder of 'Margaret' come from our west-facing slope of deep loam soil. This slope receives the most direct afternoon sunlight at Woodlands, and produces more exotic fruit characters in the finished wine.

Wilyabrup is famous for yielding some of the finest Cabernet in the world and Woodlands take aim at creating a wine that emulates the great vineyards of Bordeaux. Grapes are hand picked in mid March, sorted, destemmed and crushed into small closed fermenters. Vinification begins quickly and musts are pumped over four times daily. Upon completion, the Cabernet component is treated to thirty days on skins, followed by transfer of all batches to French oak barrels for a full malolactic and eighteen months maturation before assembling into the finished wine.

### Composition

79% Cabernet Sauvignon - 13% Merlot - 8% Malbec

### Soil Type

Heavy Loam over Clay & Gravel

### Élevage

18 months in French barrique (44% new)

### Vine Age

17 years old

### Yield

2.5 tons per acre

### Production

600 cases

### Tasting Notes

“ Very deep purple-black in color with lovely blackcurrant, blackberry, cedar, violet, cloves and cinnamon stick notes plus a touch of chocolate. Medium-bodied, taut and muscular, this blend has commendably firm tannins with a very long baking spice laced finish. A very classy Bordeaux Blend indeed. ”

### Reviews

The Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown) | 95+ points