



The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia.

The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2014



The KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon is made from two old vine vineyards situated in Mt Barker and Margaret River, the two premier grape growing regions of Western Australia. While Margaret River has earned an international reputation for this variety, Mt Barker has quietly long produced cabernets of great subtlety and complexity. This blend fuses the strengths of Mt Barker Cabernet Sauvignon with its classic berry cassis characters with the more fleshy robust structure of Margaret River.

2014 VINTAGE

The grape growers in Western Australia have it easy compared to the rest of Australia with 2014 continuing a long run of outstanding vintages.

The 2014 vintage commenced in a very similar vein to the last three vintages with hot and dry conditions in January and February leading to an early harvest of white varieties. In contrast, however, to recent vintages the season cooled considerably in March leading to a long and extended ripening for the red varieties with Shiraz being harvested two to three weeks later than the previous four vintages with warm days, cool nights and a total absence of rainfall providing a slow and steady ripening allowing all the colour and flavour components to develop. In many respects the 2014 vintage was a throwback to the 1990's with many vineyards going all the way through to the end of April. No early fishing trips for grape growers in 2014.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense blood red appearance with a black heart. The wine displays ripe berry aromas of great intensity from the Margaret River fruit with underlying dusty and earthy characters typical of Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon. There is depth to the nose indicating there are reserves of complex aromas yet to develop and be exhibited in the wine. The palate is substantial with an intense and full flavour profile and ripe and fleshy sweet fruits fill the mid palate with long palate extension driven by ripe and mature tannin. The mouth feel is robust but the tannins are smooth.

CELLARING

This is a strong wine with ripe tannin and strong fruit depth, indicating it will benefit from careful cellaring.

The expectation is that the wine would benefit from 10 years' maturation.