

# DEVIL'S LAIR 9<sup>TH</sup> CHAMBER



## Devil's Lair Margaret River 9<sup>th</sup> Chamber Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

Forty years ago archaeologists stumbled upon a hidden cave in Margaret River, Western Australia. They came across signs of early human occupation and the remains of a Tasmanian devil, thus giving the Devil's Lair cave its famous name. The winemakers at Devil's Lair have sought out some of the finest vineyards hidden within Margaret River to create this exemplary range of wines.

Devil's Lair 9<sup>th</sup> Chamber Cabernet Sauvignon is made only in exceptional vintages and Margaret River was blessed with a stunning 2017 season. One of the latest on record this stunning parcel of grapes revelled in an extended ripening that gave great richness and depth of flavour.

This outstanding parcel of cabernet was fermented and soaked on skins for 3 weeks and then pressed into 100% new French oak barriques. This wine will continue to mature gracefully for many years and will benefit from decanting prior to enjoying.

### Winemaker Comments Ben Miller

---

#### Vineyard Region

Margaret River

#### Vintage Conditions

Consistent and mild spring weather produced conditions for even flowering and excellent berry set for Cabernet Sauvignon. Winter rains were average with plenty of soil moisture yielding balanced canopies and phenology. Autumn experienced warm days and moderate cool nights, interspersed with a couple of small rain events allowing extended time for tannins to soften and classic cassis like flavours to develop. The best Cabernet's had masses of ripe supple tannins and great concentration with lovely poise and elegance. A truly great Margaret River vintage of elegance and power

#### Technical Analysis

##### Harvest Date

April 2017

##### pH

3.50

##### Acidity

6.4g/L

##### Alcohol

14.0%

##### Bottling Date

Sep 2012

##### Peak Drinking

2017 to 2030

#### Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Maturation

This wine was small batch fermented over ten days and left on skins for a further 3 weeks. The wine was pressed and racked into 70% new and 30% older seasoned French oak. Wine was matured for 17 months and then bottled.

#### Colour

Dense purple with garnet hues.

#### Nose

Classically modern Margaret River Cabernet. Violets, pastels and cassis aromas with a regional hint of dried bay leaf.

#### Palate

An elegant and richly textured palate of dark cherries, crème and spice. Supple and layered with a focussed and lingering delicious aftertaste.