WEST CAPE HOWE
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WEST CAPE HOWE CABERNET FRANC 2011

The West Cape Howe Premium wines are from our Estate vineyards, made with minimal winemaking intervention to ensure best possible varietal flavour and regional expression.

VINTAGE: The 2011 vintage will be remembered for near perfect weather conditions. Warm, sunny days and cool, rainless nights characterised the ripening season. This allowed for slow, even ripening and optimal flavour development with no disease pressure.

WINEMAKING: This new varietal in our Regional Range is harvested from a single vineyard in Margaret River. The fruit was picked at optimal flavour ripeness and crushed to a small open fermenter where it underwent a 10 day temperature controlled ferment with twice daily pumpovers. When we were satisfied with the intensity of colour, flavour and balance of tannin, the wine was pressed off skins before spending 16 months in new and old French oak. With a further 8 months maturation in bottle, the wine is ready to drink upon its release.

COLOUR: Deep inky red with a youthful bright hue.

AROMA: Lifted floral aromas coupled with bright red fruits of cranberries and redcurrant.

PALATE: Lighter in body than Cabernet Sauvignon, the palate is alive with an amazing level of fruit intensity and mid palate sweetness. The soft tannin component balances out the palate to give a lingering finish with a persistence of flavour.

CELLAR POTENTIAL: 3 - 5 years.

FRUIT SOURCE: Margaret River

FRUIT MATURITY: Fruit was picked at 14° Be.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:
P.H: 3.39
T.A.: 6.7 g/L
Alcohol: 14.5%
Residual Sugar: 1g/L

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