

DEVIL'S LAIR 9TH CHAMBER



Devil's Lair Margaret River 9th Chamber Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

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 9th Chamber 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is the inaugural release of this single vineyard wine. This wine is made only in exceptional vintages and Margaret River was blessed with a stunning 2011 season.

This exceptional parcel of cabernet was fermented and soaked on skins for 6 weeks and then pressed into 100% seasoned 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

It was an early start to the vintage. Winter rains were average and an unusually dry, hot December and January followed. This led to a definitive Margaret River autumn: even, warm days and moderate cool nights. Cabernets had masses of ripe supple tannins and great concentration with lovely poise and elegance. A great Margaret River vintage.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date

March 2011

pH

3.52

Acidity

6.8

Alcohol

14.5

Bottling Date

Sep 2012

Peak Drinking

2015 to 2030

Grape Variety

Cabernet Sauvignon

Maturation

This wine was small batch fermented over ten days and left on skins for a further five weeks. The wine was pressed and racked into 100% new seasoned French oak. Wine was matured for 18 months and then bottled.

Colour

Dense purple with garnet hues.

Nose

Quintessentially Margaret River Cabernet... Think cassis and dark cherry, with subtle dried herb, sandalwood and star anise from the 100% new oak.

Palate

Beautifully ripe tannins give the wine excellent texture and length. Liquorice, star anise and dark cherry linger on the palate.