

EXCLUSIVE EVENT: BRUCE DUKES  
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Tasting Notes

FLAGSHIP RANGE

**Artus Chardonnay**

Artus is an artistic translation of our local Gin Gin clone into wine. It is a provocative, complex and textural wine exuding the seductive spirit of “old world” chardonnay.

The vines have been managed to allow only dappled light into the fruiting zone. This promotes flavour development, low tannins and bright levels of natural acidity. The fruit is farmed in the cool southern end of Margaret River. The tiny 100g Gin Gin clusters are hand harvested at first light to preserve freshness of fruit.

Flavours of fresh nectarines and candied pecan nuts are supported by aromas of poached pears and marzipan.

**Mortus Cabernet Sauvignon**

Our finest cuvee of Cabernet Sauvignon from the heart of Margaret River. A single vineyard selection of the prized “Roche clone” with plantings in 1978 and 1982. These fully mature and majestic vines are some of the oldest in the region, planted by the second wave of winegrowing pioneers. The gravelly soils of the vineyard are flanked by the dominant native hard wood trees named Jarrah. Jarrah trees are a favourable and exact biological indicator that the site is ideally matched to Cabernet Sauvignon.

Fruit expression from this site includes violets, cassis, and mulberry. Indeed, mulberry is a very attractive fruit character which is a unique part of the terroir expression of Margaret River Cabernet. This cuvee is named to reflect this unique mulberry character – *Morus australis* being the genus and species name for the mulberry tree.

Mulberry, cassis and cocoa flavours mingle with exotic spices, anise and a hint of aromatic violet. This wine has extraordinary fruit character displaying depth and poise. Elegantly structured with fine, silky ripe tannins, this wine is to be cherished and is destined to evolve over time. A finely detailed wine.

DIRECTION RANGE

**Sauvage Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon**

Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cultivars are well adapted to our gravelly soils and maritime climate. Sauvignon contributing fragrance and Semillon texture and capacity for aging. They are from the cooler southern end of Margaret River, which is renowned for its fragrant white wines. Bold aromas of red currant, passion fruit and orange blossom laced with exotic notes of lychee and clove. A creamy mouth filling palate delights the senses with an unexpected richness and depth of flavour.

**Floris Chardonnay**

Floris is a modern and engaging expression of our local clone into wine. This style is a coevolution of Modern Australian food and wine culture, which has great emphasis on balance, freshness and hedonistic pleasure. The sustainably farmed vineyard is in the cool southern end of Margaret River. Floris exhibits delicate textures and floral notes reminiscent of white jasmine flowers.

## **Rachis Syrah**

Margaret River Syrah is noteworthy because of its fragrance and attractiveness in its youth. A rachis (Latin botanical term) is the stalk to which the individual berries are attached to.

This cuvee is so named because of the inclusion of 1/3 whole bunches (rachis) in the cuvee. The rachis contributes perfumes, tannin and flavours additional to the grapes.

Spice | black pepper | gung pow tea | cherries

## **DISCOVERY RANGE**

### **Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon**

Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon are captured to highlight their attractiveness in youth.

Sauvignon offering lifted fragrances of gooseberry and lychee, with Semillon offering fig, white grapefruit and a mineral component. The portion of barrel fermentation introduces exotic spice and textural harmonisation.

### **Syrah**

Margaret River Syrah is noteworthy because of its fragrance and attractiveness in its youth.

Aromas of juicy black cherries and boysenberries with a grind of black pepper. The palate possesses a fine-grained texture comprising of ripe tannin which adds to the structure and depth of the wine.

### **Cabernet Sauvignon**

A classic and unhindered expression of Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon, sculpted tannins and lifted red berry perfumes. A paragon of personality, purpose and approachability for those who enjoy soft tannins, succulent red fruits and simply love wine.

Aromas of cassis, red cherries and bright red fruit underpinned by a seamless of palate of raspberries, plum skin, bright red fruits and silky, textured tannin on the finish.