

STELLA BELLA

2022 Cabernet Merlot



This Cabernet Merlot packs a punch! Bright and charming, the perfume of Cabernet Sauvignon strikes you first, followed swiftly by its precise and structured palate. With its partner in crime Merlot providing the palate weight, with fruit generosity and richness.

Appearance

Dark red with purple hues.

Abundant aromas of...

Dark plum and fresh raspberry lift out of the glass. Backed by delicate hints of violet perfume and subtle star anise.

Palate

Soft and supple and full of flavour. Cherry red fruits, red currant and plum are accompanied by soft, powdery tannins that coat the palate. The refreshing acidity balances the supple tannin and red fruits for an extremely smash-able wine that leaves you wanting more.

Enjoyment

A platter of freshly shaved meats of your choice.

Wine Specs

Blend	86% Cabernet 14% Merlot
Oak	10% New
Cellar	5+ years
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.58
Acidity	5.95

Place

Our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot vines are planted throughout our Southern Margaret River vineyards with the majority coming from the Luminosa vineyard. The cabernet from this site is intense and perfumed, whilst the Merlot is open and voluptuous, resulting in a soft generous wine.

Vintage 2022

Ripening conditions couldn't have been better, low rainfall and a warm summer provided fast ripening and a small picking window. Temperatures cooled late in the season allowing that much loved hang time for our red varieties, helping to develop those lovely intense, plush and dense flavour profiles in all of our red fruits. This was a great year to be in the cooler part of town.

Winemaking

The Cabernet Sauvignon component was held on skins for 10 days to help build structure. The Merlot was pressed earlier to retain bright fruit aromatics. 10% new French oak was used to complement the fruit while providing some subtle mocha and vanillin oak sweetness. 12 months maturation in oak and tank.