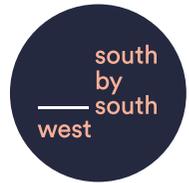




NV 'MISCELA'

TEMPRANILLO, CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC, MALBEC



A magical blend ('miscela' in Italian) of vintages, regions and varietals. This is our take on a red blend, and made up of Tempranillo, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. This multi varietal, multi regional, and multi vintage wine is a combination of warmer climate Geographe & Margaret River fruit, and spans 2018, 2019 & 2020 vintages. We wanted to present a food focused, savoury wine with some moreish dusty tannins.

The opportunity and freedom to be able to play with a blend of varietals over three different vintages and two different regions created so many options and possibilities. The ability to present a fresh new vintage varietal with an aged varietal presented us with flavours and structure we haven't been able to achieve in the past.

VINTAGE & VITICULTURE

2018 was a great year for grape growing and winemaking. Ideal climatic conditions and ripening weather combined with a one in one hundred year full blossom of the Marri Trees made an easy year for viticulturalists! The Tempranillo was sourced from the warmer climatic Geographe region which allowed the Tempranillo to not only get to sugar ripeness, but more so tannin ripeness and flavour ripeness on the vine earlier than normal. This fruit was machine harvested with a selective harvester in the evening.

2019 was a slightly unusual vintage for Margaret River, with a slow start as a result of the mild, cool spring weather. The restrained weather pattern made for elegant flavours across the board with the reds. The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the warmer and drier areas of the northern Margaret River sub-region Yallingup, where the vines consistently achieve ripe, flavoursome and high quality fruit. This fruit was hand harvested.

2020 was an unusual vintage for Margaret River. Harvest started almost a month earlier than normal years, yields were significantly lower, ripening conditions were near on perfect, the marri blossomed, and the last half of vintage was conducted in COVID-19 lockdown! Although the conditions were near perfect, with exceptional fruit quality, the downside was lower yields. The lower yields were due to the smaller berries and bunch sets, however, the small berries have provided exceptional fruit due to the concentration and the skin to flesh ratio which we saw especially with the Cabernet Franc and the Malbec. The favourable conditions and the naturally high acid levels of the fruit allowed us to let the fruit hang a little longer to achieve tannin ripeness and the optimal flavour profiles we were trying to achieve.

WINEMAKING

The oldest parcel of fruit, the 2018 Tempranillo was machine harvested and crushed direct to a stainless-steel tank where it was inoculated for fermentation. This wine was pressed after fermentation was complete and matured in a stainless-steel tank to maintain freshness during maturation. The Tempranillo forms the base, 65% of this blend.

The handpicked 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon as destemmed to an open fermenter where it was gently hand plunged three times daily over a 16 day wild ferment before being basket pressed to 1 year old French oak barrels and matured for 13 months. The Cabernet Sauvignon forms 15% of this blend.

The 2020 Cabernet Franc was handpicked, destemmed and crushed into an open fermenter with a small amount of Malbec where they were co-fermented on skins with indigenous yeast for two weeks with some gentle plunging before pressing into older French oak barrels. The Cabernet Franc portion represents 15% of this overall blend, and the Malbec 5%.

The three parcels of wine were mindfully blended as per the percentages listed above, cross flow filtered, and bottled in winter 2020.

APPEARANCE, NOSE & PALATE

In a glass the wine presents with vibrant purple and red, with lively and aromatic with spicy cherry briar aromas. Our 'Miscela' is a fruit-driven mouth-feel wine, balanced by beautiful dusty tannins you would expect from the predominant Spanish varietal. A hint of spicy plum reaches the mid palate, with a savoury and earthy flavour and noticeable grip on the finish. In three words - savoury, earthy and balanced.

Region	Margaret River and Geographe
Alcohol	13.8%
Drinking Best	2020 - 2026