



THE WINE FRONT

Marq Malbec 2013

Posted on 26 August 2014.

Malbec has a keen history in Margaret River and is often seen as the secret ingredient of some of the region's most prominent reds. Here it's stand-alone.

This release makes an impact. Weight of fruit, grunt of tannin, imposition of length. It's dusty, chocolatey, caked with smooth blackcurrant and leather-like fruit, then clove and herbal through the finish. There's some glory to be had here. The price is very attractive.

Rated : 95 Points
Alcohol : 14.2%
Price : \$28
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2015 - 2024+



Marq Cut and Dry Shiraz 2012

Posted on 26 August 2014.

Shiraz made using Amarone methods. That is, the grapes were harvested then left to dry on straw mats before being fermented.

It's a bold, warm style, as you would expect. Alcohol is certainly a key kicker in this wine. It tastes of intense black berries, asphalt, desiccated cherries, wood spice. It pays faithful homage but its main appeal is as a warm, voluminous, simple red.

Rated : 90 Points
Alcohol : 15.5%
Price : \$35
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2015 - 2025



Marq Wild Ferment Chardonnay 2012

Posted on 26 August 2014.

Mark Warren is the man behind Marq. He's the man behind a lot of Margaret River wine; he's a contract winemaker of widespread renown.

This chardonnay offers pure Margaret River fruit but wraps it in steels chains. It's spicy, mealy, steely, well cut but itching to let itself go. It's beautifully controlled but there's a lot going on. Flinty aftertaste is a highlight. Once again: not your usual Margaret River fare.

Rated : 93 Points
Alcohol : 12.6%
Price : \$28
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2015 - 2020+





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Marq Wild & Worked Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2013

Posted on 26 August 2014.

Beautifully packaged new label out of Margaret River.

This wine pushes the boundaries. It's a lot more than just straight-up fruitiness. It's smoky, gravelly, grassy and pulpy. It tumbles over itself a bit, all dry and textural. It's interesting; it needs food; it's squeaky clean but it doesn't walk the straight road.



Rated : 92 Points
Alcohol : 12.7%
Price : \$25
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2014 – 2016

Marq Gamay 2011

Posted on 12 August 2014.

Interesting red out of Margaret River. Not your usual fare.

Light- to medium-bodied, smoky, grippy, fleshy. Excellent wine to drink. The opposite of a blockbuster. Light on its feet, but insistent. Undergrowth, game, snapped twigs and cherries. Great wine for the dinner table.

Rated : 91 Points
Alcohol : 13.8%
Price : \$25
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2014 – 2018

Marq Fiano 2013

Posted on 12 August 2014.

This fiano isn't a bad wine but it's the least of the current Marq range; which says more about the quality of the other wines than it does of this.

It has a dry, textural appeal and boasts a reasonable linger of flavour. There are subtle notes of orange blossom and woodspice but it's mostly about sure, sound delivery of nectarine and white peach flavour. Competent, crisp and dry.

Rated : 88 Points
Alcohol : 12.7%
Price : \$25
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2014 – 2015



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Marq Vermentino 2013

Posted on 12 August 2014.

There's a high strike rate of success with the current range of Marq wines.

This is dry and briny, and highly food-friendly. It injects spice into salty seaspray notes, though a current of citrus and grapefruit flavours keeps it moving juicily through your mouth. There's finesse here. Poise. It's very good.

Rated : 93 Points
Alcohol : 11.3%
Price : \$25
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2014 - 2015

Marq Tempranillo 2011

Posted on 10 August 2014.

Marq is the label of Mark Warren. He makes the wine, among other places, at Happs in Margaret River; he therefore has plenty of experience with "alternative varieties".

This mid-weight red is a loose-knit, fruit-filled wine. It's jubeey, tarry, fractionally warm, then blessed with cola and dark chocolate notes through the finish. It's a good provider of enjoyment.

Rated : 89 Points
Alcohol : 14%
Price : \$28
Closure : Screwcap
Drink : 2014 - 2019