



# 2022

## THE PIRATE BLEND

### Vineyard

Portuguese varieties in Margaret River are rare. So rare that the 40 year old vineyard that we source fruit from, (originally planted to make port), is one of only three small vineyards within the appellation. This is one of the reasons that make it such an interesting and exciting wine to make. The vines are planted on gravelly loam soils on a north east facing slope overlooking Geographe bay. The blend is comprised of three Portuguese varieties: Touriga Nacional for structure, depth and flavour; Tinta Cao for aroma and finesse; and Souzao for colour and acidity.

### Winemaking

The fruit was picked by hand, chilled, then bunch and berry sorted. The individual berries were partial crushed and co-fermented for 20-30 days in open fermenters with regular hand plunging prior to pressing. The wine matured in oak for 18 months and was left to settle naturally in stainless steel for a further 2 months prior to bottling.

### Taste

Ruby red in hue. The wine displays notes of sweet spice, cinnamon, clove, plum compote, blueberry and dark chocolate. Soft silky tannins with an exotic mix of red berry fruit sweetness and cocoa on the palate. Long, complex and an intriguing finish.

*Why The Pirate blend? Pirates were the outlaws, the one's who broke the rules, the fighters, the one's who lust after life with gusto. They drank with a passion that was truly magnificent. For pirates liquor was the saviour; it soothed the heat of the sun and made the dark nights brighter. This blend is an ode to those salty sea dogs we left behind and those still sailing. Those willing to break the rules and live a life according to nothing but passion and the pursuit of personal desire.*

### Winery

Varieties	Touriga Nacional (65%) Tinta Cao (32%) Sousou (3%)
Vessel:	225l oak barrels
Time:	18 months
Closure:	Diam 10s / Wax
Fining:	None (Vegan Friendly)
Alc:	14%
Production:	350 doz

### Vineyard

Soil:	Gravelly loam
Elevation:	80m
Sub Region:	Yallingup, Margaret River
Vine Age:	40 years
Vines:	Lyre System
Sea:	2km away
Picks:	Two hand picks, 10 days apart.
Sorting:	Hand pick & bunch sorting & Berry Sorting

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