

## Ringbolt Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon Australia 2020

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2020

**GRAPE** Cabernet Sauvignon/  
Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Not Europe

**COUNTRY** Australia

**LARGER REGION** Western  
Australia

**SMALLER REGION** South West  
Australia

**SUB REGION** Margaret River

### Rationale

Western Australia's Margaret River may be one of the more under the radar places for fine wine—anywhere. It's remote, even by Antipodean standards, lying several automotive hours south of already remote Perth in the far western coast of the nation continent and distant from cities like Sydney and Melbourne. Famous for having a more "European" wine style than its counterparts across the country, Margaret River has made its name through its unusually refined Cabernet Sauvignon (often blended with Merlot), gamey Shiraz, intensely citrusy Chardonnay, and refreshingly grassy "SSB" blends of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Its unprotected heavily maritime-influenced climate contributes to trademark wine styles that are both restrained and complex.

Specifically, Margaret River Cabernets are powerful-yet-elegant wines with complex and concentrated, medium bodied, very perfumed and elegant in style, with powdery fine tannins and crisp acidity. The wines are suited to long term cellaring. Many of the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in the region are based on the Heritage "Houghton" clone selection which produces low crops of very small berries with particularly fine tannin structure.

While most of the Margaret River stars (Vasse Felix, Cullen, Leeuwin, etc) make both red and white wines of their choice vineyards, Ringbolt's Heather Fraser only makes Cabernet off a few choice plots. The name? As treacherous as it is beautiful, Western Australia's rugged southwest coastline is littered with shipwrecks – the wreck of the Ringbolt being one of them, sunk in the late 1800s in what is now known as Ringbolt Bay.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Deep

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Ruby  
*Stained Tears: Medium*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Med+

**TANNIN** Med+

**TEXTURE** Phenolic / Astringent

**FINISH** Long

**COMPLEXITY** High

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Currant • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Pomegranate *Condition: Ripe*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Cherry • Black Currant / Cassis • Black Plum • Blackberry • Mulberry *Condition: Ripe*

**FLORAL** Lavender • Violet *Condition: Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Dark Leafy Greens

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Cola Nut • Beet / Beet Root • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise

**HERBAL** Sage • Tobacco Leaf • Laurel / Bay Leaf • Tea Leaf / Bergamot

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Black) • Chinese Five Spice • Green Peppercorn

**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor • Truffle / Mushrooms • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock • Graphite

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Cedar / Cigar Box • Cacao / Chocolate • Coffee / Bean • Toast

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Walnut