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2014 Portuguese Pirate Blend

The grapes for the PPB are selected from 40 year old low yielding vines. Grown in the north of Margaret River, the vines are planted in gravelly loam soils and overlook Geographe Bay. The blend is comprised of three Portuguese varieties: Touriga Nacional for structure depth and flavour; Tinta Cao for aroma and finesse; Sousao for colour and acidity.

The fruit was handpicked in two separate batches two weeks apart; the first for aromatic subtlety and acidic structure; the second for depth, flavour and rounded tannins. The grapes cooled prior to hand-sorting the bunches and then hand-selecting the individual berries.

The must was left to cold soak for a week before fermentation in small open fermenters. The fruit was gently hand plunged every 4 hours over the fermentation process to extract further colour, soft tannins and flavour. To maximise the entire flavour spectrum of the wine the first batch was soaked on skins for 14 days with the second for 21 days. One special parcel remained with its skins and seeds in an oak barrel for 550 days, which is quite a long time.

After fermentation the must was gently pressed into aged oak and matured in barrel for 18 months, followed by 3 months in stainless steel. Bottled into French glass and sealed with a Procork. The unique bottle shape is a nod to the port varieties used in the blend.

Tasting Notes:

Episcopal purple 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. Made to age for up to 10 years; perfect with braised pork chops and crispy sage.

Varieties: Touriga Nacional 45%, Tinta Cao 45%, Sousao 10%
Vineyard: Yallingup, Margaret River
Quantity: 193 dozen produced
Winemaker: Nicolas Peterkin
Closure: Procork

RRP: About \$65 AUD



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