

Madfish Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot / Cabernet Franc 2001

The wild setting of Madfish Bay in the far southern reaches of Western Australia is tranquil and untouched, characteristics mirrored in the pure, fresh, fruit driven Madfish wines. Often seen gracing the tables of cafes and at backyard barbeques from Broome to Rottnest Island on the coast of Western Australia, Madfish wines offer a contemporary, cool climate style with an emphasis on enjoyment and drinkability.

REGION

Great Southern, Margaret River, Pemberton

WINEMAKING

The grapes were sourced from the top three grapegrowing regions in Western Australia; the Great Southern, Margaret River and Pemberton, giving a complex array of regional characters. Fermentation in open vessels with traditional pumpovers produced a wine with loads of fruit flavors and background tannin providing structure. Maturation in French oak barriques for 10 months adds further complexity and structure without dominating the fruit.

COMMENTS

This traditional blend of three classic grape varieties is designed to produce a wine with a complete palate profile. Cabernet Sauvignon is structurally the strongest variety with good flavor in the early and late part of the taste spectrum backed up by fine tannin. Merlot has less flavor persistence than Cabernet Sauvignon but has a wonderful mid palate fleshiness giving a sweet fruit centre to the wine. Cabernet Franc is highly aromatic providing a very attractive addition to the bouquet as well as contributing to the flavor early in the palate profile. The 2001 MadFish Cabernet Merlot Cabernet Franc is a bright plum red colour with a dark heart and a youthful purple rim. The nose is intense with ripe berry fruits and lovely background spice. The palate is intense with rich sweet fruit flavours supported by fine tannin and cedary oak. This is the most complete MadFish Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot / Cabernet Franc produced to date.