



# BROWN HILL

## 2018 Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon



### Wine Specs

Vintage: 2018  
Varietal: Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon  
Harvest: 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018  
Acid: 6.2 g/L  
pH: 3.7  
Bottled: November 2019  
Alcohol: 14.5%

### Tasting Notes

Colour: Deep garnet with red hues  
Nose: Raspberry jam and ripe plums with hints of cassis.  
Palate: A complex layered palate, jam packed with cherries, mulberries and blueberry notes, finishing with dense chalky tannins  
Cellar: 10 years

### Vineyard Notes

Many critics already regard 2018 as one of Margaret River's best in decades. A higher than average yield meant that some early fruit thinning was required to keep the vines in balance however reliably warm, dry weather through the season provided the luxury of a low risk year. Lacking other pressures, grapes could be hand harvested at their ideal ripeness for the best flavours.

### Production Notes

All grapes were handpicked after being allowed to ripen several weeks longer than others until they had begun to turn to raisins. After being processed, the fruit was fermented in half ton open fermenters where it was hand plunged to encourage tannin and colour extraction. This wine completed malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels where it was allowed to mature for approximately 18 months.

### Food Pairing Notes

Braised beef cheeks in red wine and pepper jus.

Senior Winemaker: Nathan Bailey

