

SUMMER 2019/20



BROWN HILL
MARGARET RIVER

Welcome Drinks

As 2019 draws to a close and we gear up for our 25th year growing grapes in Margaret River, we are reflecting on the year that was...

Each year seems to pass by in a hurry and 2019 has been no different. Another great vintage kept our wines in the spotlight, and the maturity of our vineyards means that Brown Hill's wines are entering their prime.

We have enjoyed hosting events throughout the year, including a wine dinner in June at La Sosta, a lunch for Twist Wine Club at Juniper and Bay as well as showcasing our Margaret River wines at the Good Food and Wine Show in Perth. Our next wine dinner takes place on Thursday 14 November at Friends Restaurant in Perth.

The festive season is always a special time as friends gather, new wines are discovered and celebration fills the air. We love helping with your wine inspiration, so in this edition we've shared some Christmas gift ideas for family, friends or valued colleagues.

At Brown Hill, Christmas will feature a long lunch with a fresh, summer menu that makes the most of local produce from Margaret River. We like to pair each course with a Brown Hill wine – you can as well if you snap up our special festive dozen.

Our cellar door is open throughout the break from 10am to 5pm, with the exception of Christmas Day. Drop in for a tasting to sample our latest releases if you're in town, we'd love to see you. We've recently been working with the Margaret River Dairy and will have some tasty local cheeses to enjoy with our range of wines. Head to our website to see our calendar of cheese and wine pairings during December.

Don't forget our website is also jam-packed with suggestions of where to stay, places to eat and insider tips of how to make the most of your time in our backyard.



All the best,
Nathan Bailey



Left and top right: Brown Hill Wine Dinner at La Sosta Fremantle; bottom right, Gwen Bailey, Haydn Millard, Chiara Bailey, Nathan Bailey.

A WORD OF WINE ADVICE

What's so special about oak? The use of oak in winemaking has a long and cherished history. Here's why we still choose to age our red wines in oak barrels.

There are many good reasons why oak has traditionally been used to age and store wine, and why the ancient craft of cooperage (barrel-making) remains revered. It wasn't until the 1600s that glass bottles were available; until then, wine was aged, stored and sold in oak barrels.

Nowadays the fermentation is often carried out in both stainless steel tanks and oak barrels. This is because oak's flavour compounds – think vanilla, clove spice and charred wood – add their own layers of complexity to a wine's taste, texture and aroma.

Oak's porous structure helps to introduce oxygen incrementally into the wine, resulting in a smoother, more rounded finish to the wine. This structure varies from species to species, and is why winemakers may prefer French oak over American oak, or vice versa, depending on the desired wine style or type of grape.

French, or European, oak has a tight, dense grain, meaning less oxygen is integrated, leading to a subtle flavour profile and tighter tannins. This makes it suitable for more elegant styles. American oak, with its more open grain, allows in more oxygen, therefore imparting more of the oak's characteristics and producing 'bigger', textured wines.

At Brown Hill, all our red wines from all our ranges go into oak barrels, including our Prospector's Range. We use barrique and hogshead barrels (225 litres and 300 litres respectively) that are brand new or up to four years old. The younger the oak, the more flavour it imparts, so it's not just grapes that are blended in winemaking; the oak can be too.

For example, our Signature wines go into a minimum of 50% new oak; our Reserves, 35% and Prospector's, 25%. Even the French

oak styles have variations that bring specific characteristics. So, for our cabernets, we use Bordeaux oak; and our shiraz, Burgundy oak. Among the coopers who supply our barrels are Taransaud, St Martin, Louis Latour, Nadalie, Seguin Moreau and François Frères.



The Brown Hill Village

THE HERALD

Going the extra mile: proudly announcing the release of our new Golden Mile Signature Shiraz, 25 years in the making.

Hand-picked and hand-sorted from the best parcels of shiraz grapes on our single-site vineyard, the Golden Mile Signature Shiraz is the latest addition to the Brown Hill portfolio of superb red wines.

Given that 2020 will mark Brown Hill's 25th anniversary, we wanted to make a Signature Shiraz utilising everything we've learned over a quarter of a century of grape growing. In effect, the Golden Mile Signature Shiraz has been 25 years in the making.

While Margaret River is known predominantly as a cabernet region, the Brown Hill site is particularly good for shiraz, and our winemaker Nathan Bailey has been working on this latest release for some years, trialling a combination of different oak barrels. The Burgundy oak barrels he finally chose are a combination of Louis Latour, Seguin Moreau and François Frères, which together bring a range of complex flavours and textures to the wine.

Made from Brown Hill's best fruit and aged in 100% brand new oak for 18 months, then in the bottle for 12 months so far, this very special, straight shiraz style will benefit from up to 15 years' cellaring.

This wine is named after the Golden Mile in Kalgoorlie/Boulder, which was once considered the richest square mile on earth, having produced 60 million ounces of gold and counting – the name is a reflection of the sheer quality of our shiraz, as well as our family's heritage. Just 95 cases will be available, and our Wine Club customers will be first in line, so make sure to enquire when you visit us here in Margaret River, or check in online to avoid the 'gold rush'!



Star Wine

2017 FIMISTON RESERVE SHIRAZ

One of our most popular premium releases, the Fimiston Shiraz is one to enjoy now or patience will be rewarded in years to come.

Aromas of the Fimiston Shiraz:
black fruit, dark chocolate

Taste profile of the Fimiston Shiraz:
silky, concentrated fruit, graphite tannins and fine-grained oak



Single price: \$40 per bottle
Dozen price: \$35 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027

BROWN HILL'S CHRISTMAS MENU

Do you spend Christmas Day in the kitchen? Take a leaf out of our book and you won't have to. The dishes below can all be prepared in advance and pair beautifully with our festive dozen (see opposite).



Barbecued Garlic Prawns

Barbecued garlic prawns can be peeled and marinated ahead of time then thrown on the barbecue when the crowd descends. They are perfect eaten straight off the grill with a cold glass of Brown Hill's Golden Horseshoe Chardonnay in hand.

Farm House Margaret River Free Range Christmas Ham

There are few things as festive as a Christmas ham. Whether studded with cloves and served alongside our Fimiston Shiraz, or lathered with Hot English Mustard and served with our Oroya Malbec, ham is undeniably the king of the feast.

Roast Lamb with Mint Sauce

A roasted rack of lamb with mint sauce is the perfect addition to any Christmas lunch. Let the oven do the work, while you spend time with your loved ones. This is best enjoyed with a smooth glass of our Ivanhoe Cabernet.

Pavlova Wreath with Berries and Cream

Crispy on the outside, gooey on the inside, light as a feather, and laden with colourful fruit, pavlova is summer staple. Try it with our Charlotte Sauvignon Blanc, the tropical fruit flavours pair beautifully with the sweet berries, while the acidity of the wine cuts through the rich cream and meringue.

BROWN HILL MAKES CHRISTMAS EASY

Whether you're looking for a selection of wines for the family to share over the festive season, or a gift for valued clients or colleagues, we can help with the perfect gift selection.



SHIRAZ CABERNET SIX-PACK

Do you have a red wine lover in your life? Order them this special six-pack featuring Brown Hill's premium reds, complete with a handwritten card.

2 x 2017 Perseverance Cabernet Merlot
2 x 2017 Fimiston Shiraz
2 x 2016 Ivanhoe Cabernet

Includes free shipping Australia wide



BROWN HILL'S FESTIVE DOZEN

Brown Hill's Festive Dozen is full of wines guaranteed to please everyone at your table. Going away over the break? We can deliver this dozen, or any assortment of wine, to your holiday destination so you don't have to lug it with you.

2 x 2019 Charlotte Sauvignon Blanc
2 x 2017 Golden Horseshoe Chardonnay
2 x 2017 Chaffers Shiraz
2 x 2016 Ivanhoe Cabernet
2 x 2018 Oroya Malbec
2 x 2017 Fimiston Shiraz

Includes free shipping Australia wide

CHOOSE YOUR OWN DOZEN

Go on your own wine journey by heading to our website and selecting the wines you'd like to enjoy – or perhaps put away for a special occasion. You can mix and match and we'll send any mixed dozen wherever you choose with free shipping Australia wide

GIFT VOUCHERS

Give the gift of choice by heading to Brown Hill's website to order an electronic gift voucher ranging in price from \$50 to \$500.

Pssst... place your order before the postal cut-off dates to ensure your wine arrives before Christmas Day:

- WA – order before Tuesday 17 December
- Eastern states – order before Thursday 12 December

Brown Hill's Prospector's Range

The Prospector's Range is your preview of Brown Hill's distinctive Margaret River style in approachable everyday wines. A great selection to have as your staple go-to wines!



2019 Charlotte Sauvignon Blanc

The nose bursts with passionfruit aromas and dances with a beautiful perfume of tropical fruit. The palate is deliciously crisp, with pink grapefruit undertones and a flinty mineral backbone. A great wine to serve with oysters and seafood.



2018 Lakeview Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

This release is crisp and refreshing with aromas of lime and passionfruit. The racy palate is alive with tropical fruit flavours and lemony creaminess, and its finish is charged with a zesty crunch that begs another sip.

James Halliday, 93 points
Special Value For Money Wine



2018 Jubilee Semillon

A pale, bright gold colour, with brioche, honeysuckle and subtle sherbet aromas, and a palate redolent of lemon curd, jasmine and yellow peach. A creamy, yet fresh style with a clean, well-structured finish.



2017 Morning Star Dry Light Red

Brown Hill makes two expressions of rosé, both made from shiraz and cabernet. This version is the drier of the two, with vibrant crimson hues and berry aromas by the cupful. Be lifted into berry heaven on the palate, and get ready for a spice kick, ending on a smooth dry note.

Single price: \$25 per bottle
Dozen price: \$20 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2023

Single price: \$25 per bottle
Dozen price: \$20 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2022

Single price: \$28 per bottle
Dozen price: \$23 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2023

Single price: \$25 per bottle
Dozen price: \$20 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2021



2017 Desert Rose Light Red (slightly sweet)

This refreshing light red is a blend of shiraz and cabernet grapes with a slightly sweet flavour profile. Its magenta colour is a precursor to the ripe sweet berries on the palate, which lead to a soft acid finish. Team it with dried fruit and cheese.

Single price: \$25 per bottle
Dozen price: \$20 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2021



NEW
RELEASE

2017 Chaffers Shiraz

The nose is fragrant and intense with cherry fruit flavours. Well integrated fine tannins on the palate let sweet berry flavours evolve in the glass. A great value shiraz. You can't go wrong with this crowd pleasing drop.

Single price: \$27 per bottle
Dozen price: \$22 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027



2017 Hannans Cabernet Sauvignon

Enjoy aromas of cherry and mint, then savour the elegant palate of plums, dark red fruits, supported by firm tannins and smooth oak integration. The 2015 and 2016 vintage of Hannans sold out in record time – so be sure to grab the 2017 vintage before it sells out.

Single price: \$27 per bottle
Dozen price: \$22 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027



2018 Trafalgar Cabernet Merlot

Two red varieties work in harmony to produce a rich, deep red blend of balanced oak and tannins. The soft suppleness of the merlot combined with full-bodied cabernet offers plum, mulberry and cocoa notes on the nose, while the palate is lush plum, blackcurrant and silky tannins.

Single price: \$27 per bottle
Dozen price: \$22 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2028

Brown Hill's Reserve Range

The Reserve Range represents Brown Hill's wines of elegance – they are made with an intention to age but also with the finesse and sophistication to be enjoyed now.



NEW
RELEASE

2017 Golden Horseshoe Reserve Chardonnay

A fine example of Margaret River chardonnay. Aromas of white peach and melon lead to a well balanced palate with layers of flavour. The oak is well integrated with slightly toasty flavours on the palate.

Halliday Wine Companion 2020, 93 points
The Real Review, 90 points

Single price: \$40 per bottle
Dozen price: \$35 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027



2016 Ivanhoe Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

A classic example of the variety. The rich, silky palate of concentrated fruit, with aromas of black fruit and dark chocolate, is balanced by graphite tannins and fine-grained oak that lead to a dry finish.

Ray Jordan, 93 points
Halliday Wine Companion 2020, 92 points

Single price: \$40 per bottle
Dozen price: \$35 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2026



2016 Croesus Reserve Merlot

A medium-bodied merlot that is both elegant and sumptuous, with a deep, dark ruby colour. Layers of violet and dry spices on the nose, lead to a palate of mulberry and blackberry flavours with an earthy finish.

Single price: \$40 per bottle
Dozen price: \$35 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2026



NEW
RELEASE

2018 Oroya Malbec

Inky black in colour this is an interesting wine and an uncommon varietal to find in Margaret River. A heady mélange of spice fills the nose and a bold, succulent palate follows. Vibrant and juicy, it finishes with a soft, lingering flavour.

Single price: \$45 per bottle
Dozen price: \$40 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2028

Brown Hill's Signature Range

Brown Hill's Signature wines cannot be purchased outside the winery or our wine clubs – they are our flagship reds that represent the ultimate in winemaking excellence.



2017 Great Boulder Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

A marriage of four varieties, each bringing its own signature character to the blend. Deep red in colour, this wine offers up aromas of blackcurrant, cherry, leather and pepper, with a complex, textured palate of plum, red cherry and hints of black olive.

Single price: \$45 per bottle
Dozen price: \$40 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027



NEW
RELEASE

2017 Perseverance Cabernet Merlot

This wine displays rich black cherry and chocolate aromas with a beautiful oak lift. A silky smooth palate loaded with succulent sweet fruit follows. Savoury ripe tannins balance a long finish. A classic wine that will cellar well over the next decade.

Single price: \$75 per bottle
Dozen price: \$70 per bottle
SAVE: \$60 per dozen
Drink: now to 2027



SOLD
OUT

2016 Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet

Our signature wine displays powerful and intensely concentrated fruit flavour. Cassis aromas are complemented with hints of liquorice and spice leading to a dense palate showcasing complexity.

Ray Jordan, 97 points
Ray Jordan, Runner Up Best Red Blend

The 2018 Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet will be released January 2020. Join our Signature Wine Club to receive a bottle in your first shipment or contact us to go on the waitlist.

JOIN OUR SIGNATURE WINE CLUB

Have you considered joining one of Brown Hill's wine clubs? Members receive guaranteed access to our limited release wines, such as the Bill Bailey, and Perseverance Cabernet Merlot, both of which have sold out soon after release. Join the Signature Wine Club to ensure delivery of these wines and more, including invitations to our exclusive wine dinners and events.

Signature Wine Club members receive quarterly shipments of:

- Bill Bailey Shiraz Cabernet
- Perseverance Cabernet Merlot
- Great Boulder Cabernet Shiraz Merlot Malbec

Cost is \$165 per quarter with free delivery Australia wide – visit our website, brownhillestate.com.au, to become a wine club member.



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