



# BROWN HILL

## 2019 Croesus Reserve Merlot



### Wine Specs

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| <b>Vintage:</b>  | 2019                       |
| <b>Varietal:</b> | Merlot                     |
| <b>Harvest:</b>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 |
| <b>Acid:</b>     | 6.0 g/L                    |
| <b>pH:</b>       | 3.52                       |
| <b>Bottled:</b>  | November 2020              |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>  | 14.0%                      |

### Tasting Notes

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| <b>Colour:</b> | Ruby red                                    |
| <b>Nose:</b>   | Violets, cinnamon and raisins               |
| <b>Palate:</b> | Dried cherries, cranberries and mixed spice |
| <b>Cellar:</b> | 10 years                                    |

### Vineyard Notes

The 2019 vintage in Margaret River was milder than average. High bird pressure and humidity were mitigated through careful crop management and the early application of bird netting. The cooler season lengthened the ripening of grapes, giving us picking windows for optimal grape development. This favoured the intensity of flavour and aroma profiles of the finished wines

### Production Notes

Coming from the small Merlot block located on our single site vineyard, this is a perfect example of how merlot can stand alone. Being hand harvested and processed over the sorting table where any imperfections are discarded allows for the fruit to shine and show off what Merlot can do. Spending 18 months in a mixture of new and older French barriques allows for silky smooth tannins and great flavour integration.

### Food Pairing Notes

Pan roasted pork loin with roasted cherry tomatoes and shallots

**Winemakers:** Nathan Bailey, Angus Pattullo