



# BROWN HILL

## 2020 Croesus Reserve Merlot



### Wine Specs

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| <b>Vintage:</b>  | 2020                        |
| <b>Varietal:</b> | Merlot                      |
| <b>Harvest:</b>  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020 |
| <b>Acid:</b>     | 5.5 g/L                     |
| <b>pH:</b>       | 3.51                        |
| <b>Bottled:</b>  | July 2021                   |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>  | 14.0%                       |

### Tasting Notes

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| <b>Colour:</b> | Ruby red  |
| <b>Nose:</b>   | Cranberries, cinnamon and nutmeg                              |
| <b>Palate:</b> | Red fruits and Christmas spices backed by soft subtle tannins |
| <b>Cellar:</b> | 10 years  |

### Vineyard Notes

The 2020 vintage in Margaret River was one of the best the region had seen in many years. With lower rainfall and higher than average temperatures it allowed for a perfect growing season. No early bird pressure and precision crop management gave the fruit optimal opportunity to achieve flavour ripeness. Having the great growing season can be seen in the fruit profiles that these wines display.

### Production Notes

Coming from our 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 impurities are discarded allows for the fruit to shine. Spending 18 months in a mixture of new and older French barriques, silky smooth tannins and great flavour integration are displayed.

### Food Pairing Notes

Chorizo and gorgonzola penne

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