



BROWN HILL

2018 Trafalgar Cabernet Merlot



Wine Specs

Vintage:	2018
Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
Harvest:	30 th March – 08 th April 2018
Acid:	6.2 g/L
pH:	3.6
Bottled:	July 2019
Alcohol:	14.0%

Tasting Notes

Colour:	Dark red
Nose:	Blackcurrant, plum, mulberry and cocoa.
Palate:	Lush dark plum and blackcurrant with silky 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

The Merlot was handpicked first followed by the Cabernet Sauvignon which was picked over ten days. All grapes were destemmed and hand sorted on the same day they were picked. After fermentation, the wines were pressed to both French oak barrels and stainless tanks where malolactic fermentation was completed. The wine was aged for 15 months in French oak barriques of which 25% were new. The two varieties were blended post maturation the following year.

Food Pairing Notes

Welsh rarebit with garlic and rosemary potatoes

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