



# Wildberry Estate

## Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

**Winemaker:** Damon Eastuagh

**Appellation:** Margaret River

**Varietal:** 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot

**Yields per Acre:** 2.5 tonne per hectare

**Cases Produced:** 170

**Filtration and fining:** Sterile filtered, light egg fining

**Wood treatment:** Blend of 1 and 2 year old French Barriques.

**Length of barrel maturation:** 15 months

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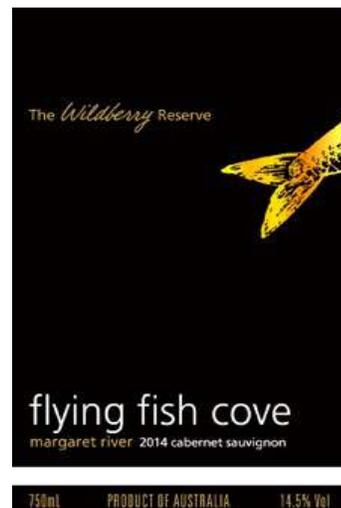
**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Total Acid:** 7.09

**Free/Total Sulfur:** 49/158

**pH:** 3.42

**Residual Sugar:** Dry



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**Viticultural Practices:** Harvest Date: 24/03/2014 / Sub-Region: Wilyabrup / Harvest Method: Machine Harvest Analysis: / 14.6 Baume / 3.66pH / 5.8g/L. Machine Harvested fruit is delivered to the winery where it is crushed and destemmed to a fermenter. Selected yeast is added and a controlled fermentation is conducted over a 14 day period. During fermentation the wine is pumped over the skins twice a day to facilitate color and tannin extraction. A period of post fermentation maceration on-skins has been employed for this batch to further ameliorate and soften the tannin profile of this wine. Following fermentation and extended skin contact the wine is matured in 45% new and 55% one year old French oak barriques. After maturation the wine is assembled before a light egg fining and filtration prior to bottling.

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**Winemaker Notes:** Appearance: Deep Crimson. Nose: The wine opens with classic aromas of Mulberry, Cassis and Cedar. Palate: The palate is rich and powerful showing generous redcurrant, mulberry and dark chocolate flavors. A soft and supple backbone of tannin gives this Cabernet a long and precise evolution through the palate. Cellaring: 10-12 years.

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**Score(s): 92 pts Vinous** - Glass-staining ruby. Ripe, spice-accented cherry, blackberry, incense and a touch of cigar box on the highly perfumed nose. Sweet, expansive red and dark fruit flavors show a hint of candied licorice, and a smoky mineral quality adds energetic lift and focus. Rich yet lively, with no rough edges. The very long, sweet finish is framed by slow-building, silky tannins. -- Josh Reynolds

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**91+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate** - Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon opens with a spicy, cinnamon stick and incense scented nose over a core of crushed blackberries, blueberries and plums with cigar boxes and bay leaves going on in the background. Medium-bodied with commendable elegance and sophistication, there's a good mid-palate here of ripe fruit and firm, grainy tannins leading into a long earth and spice laced finish.