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## **RHAPSODY IN RED**

The Redgate property is one of the southernmost vineyards in the Margaret River Region, situated just 3 km from the Indian Ocean. First planted in 1977 by the Ullinger family the vines are grown on soil varying from gravelly loam to sand with a clay base. Redgate now consists of some 55 acres of dry grown vines that are handpicked at a time determined by flavour and ripeness.

### **VINEYARD**

Rhapsody in Red is made entirely from Redgate's 26 year Cabernet Franc fruit to add further depth and complexity to the final blend. The Cabernet Franc is picked extremely ripe (14 -15 Baume) to promote the natural spiciness of this variety and thus fills the middle of the palate.

### **WINERY**

Grapes are crushed directly to open stainless steel fermenters and warm fermented to extract both colour and flavour. Fermentation is initiated by the addition of selected aromatic yeast strains and continues until dryness. The finished wine is pressed and then moved to one and two year old French and American barrels in readiness for its malolactic fermentation and consequent barrel aging. Bottled under stelvin closures to ensure retention of the rich fruit flavours.

### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

Colour: Rich, deep red.

Bouquet: Dark berries and plums with some soft spice.

Palate: Rich with berries and spice and soft round tannins and a lingering finish.

Ageing: Designed and made to be enjoyed now.

Alcohol: 13.0% vol.

Oak: French and American hogsheads.

Residual Sugar: <24 g/L

Cases Produced: 300

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