



Pierro

The Pierro Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot is a sophisticated blend showcasing the best of Margaret River's winemaking prowess. This wine combines elegance and power, delivering a truly memorable experience for any wine enthusiast.



Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot 2020

Margaret River, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Pierro vineyards are situated in the renowned Willyabrup sub-region of **Margaret River**, Western Australia. This area is celebrated for its exceptional terroir, benefiting from a maritime climate that is ideal for growing premium Bordeaux varietals. The vineyards are located on north-facing slopes, which receive ample sunlight, contributing to the ripening of the grapes. The **rocky soils** and the close proximity to the Indian Ocean provide a unique microclimate that enhances the complexity and intensity of the fruit.

The vines at Pierro are over 30 years old and are meticulously managed to ensure low yields and high quality. The canopy management practices ensure that the grapes develop with optimal sun exposure and airflow, resulting in concentrated flavors and balanced acidity. The unique high-density narrow rows further contribute to the richness and complexity of the wines produced from these vineyards.

Winemaking

This vintage of the Pierro Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot is a **blend dominated by Cabernet Sauvignon (86%), complemented by Merlot (7%), Cabernet Franc (6%), and a touch of Malbec (1%)**. The grapes were handpicked during the late March to early April harvest period, ensuring only the finest fruit was selected.

Post-harvest, the grapes underwent a rigorous hand-sorting process to remove any imperfect berries. Fermentation took place in open fermenters, with the must being plunged by hand three times daily. This traditional method enhances the extraction of color, flavor, and tannins. A portion of the wine was left to macerate for an extended period of **30-40 days**, which further added to the structure and complexity of the final blend.

Following fermentation, **70% of the wine was aged in new French oak barrels for 18 months**. This careful oak aging imparted additional layers of flavor and helped to soften the wine's tannins, resulting in a well-integrated and harmonious wine.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 82% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 1%
Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Medium-depth ruby with a faint purple hue.
- **Aroma:** An inviting bouquet of mellow red and blue fruits, intertwined with aromas of cedar, tobacco, and mossy undergrowth.
- **Palate:** The palate is rich and full-bodied, with flavors of blackberry, mulberry, blackcurrant, and plum. Subtle hints of spice add complexity, while the fine, supple tannins provide structure and length. The wine is balanced with a delicious fruit sweetness, leading to a long, satisfying finish.

Did you know?

The Pierro Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot is crafted from the estate's **oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines**, which contribute to the wine's profound depth and complexity. The winery's commitment to quality is evident in their meticulous vineyard and winemaking practices, ensuring each vintage expresses the unique characteristics of the terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

The Pierro Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon - Merlot pairs beautifully with hearty dishes such as **grilled Margaret River beef**, cooked over coals. The robust flavors of the wine complement the rich, smoky notes of the beef, while the fine tannins cut through the meat's fat, enhancing the overall dining experience.

For a vegetarian option, consider pairing this wine with a **wild mushroom risotto**. The earthiness of the mushrooms mirrors the wine's mossy undergrowth aromas, and the creamy texture of the risotto complements the wine's rich, full-bodied palate.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2019)

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Reserve leads with a charry, dark, resinous nose, which belies what I know will be delicate and detailed fruit beneath; there always is. Delicacy, that is one of the calling cards of the Pierro reds, in my mind. With boysenberry, bay leaf, sweet pea, cassis, strawberry, roast beef crust and violets, there's an array of flavors that may not seem cohesive in a list, but the wine pulls together nicely in the mouth. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (in the majority), Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. Matured in new French oak. 14% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.



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