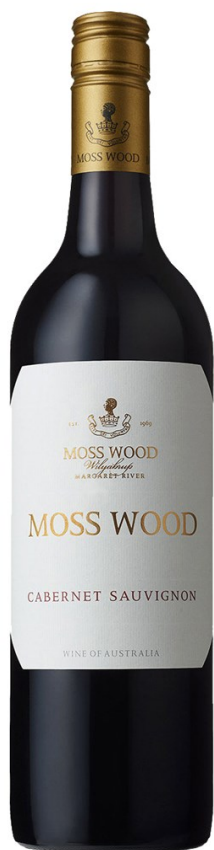




Moss Wood

Showcasing the terroir of Wilyabrup with clarity, this wine seamlessly marries ripe fruit with precision winemaking and a nuanced oak framework.



Ribbon Vale Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Margaret River, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Moss Wood's Ribbon Vale vineyard is situated in **Wilyabrup**, a prized subregion within **Margaret River**, Western Australia. This coastal winegrowing zone is heavily influenced by maritime conditions, with cooling breezes from the Indian Ocean moderating summer temperatures and providing optimal diurnal range—crucial for retaining acidity and freshness in Bordeaux varieties.

The 2021 vintage followed a near-ideal 2020 growing season, albeit with higher humidity during the ripening phase. Spring brought mild temperatures and moderate rainfall—conditions conducive to healthy flowering and fruit set. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot yielded above-average crop loads, thanks to ideal spring weather that promoted large bunches. Ripening was prolonged due to cool summer conditions and sporadic rain, pushing harvest into March and April, allowing full flavor development while maintaining balance.

Winemaking

The **Ribbon Vale Cabernet Sauvignon** is a classic **Bordeaux blend**, primarily **Cabernet Sauvignon**, supported by **Cabernet Franc**, **Merlot**, and **Malbec**. The wine was crafted using traditional vinification techniques under careful temperature control to preserve varietal integrity and encourage structure-building tannins.

Fermentation proceeded in small, open fermenters with hand plunging to extract fine tannins and color. The wine was then aged in **French oak barrels** (exact percentage of new oak is typically modest at Moss Wood to preserve freshness), allowing the various components to marry and integrate. Bottled in March 2022, the wine saw approximately **18 months of maturation**, enhancing its aromatic complexity and mouthfeel.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 94% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 2% Merlot, 2%
Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep crimson with a vibrant purple hue.
- **Aroma:** Elegant and perfumed with cassis, blackberry, and redcurrant at the fore, underpinned by leafy tobacco, bay leaf, cedar, dark chocolate, and hints of graphite and clove.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied, the wine displays supple yet assertive tannins wrapped around layers of black fruit, dark plum, and earthy spice. Fresh acidity lends vitality, while well-integrated oak contributes polish and length.

Did you know?

The Ribbon Vale vineyard was acquired by Moss Wood in 2000. Originally established in 1977, it has been progressively revitalized under the guidance of Keith and Clare Mugford, Moss Wood's proprietors, to reflect the estate's broader philosophy: a pursuit of elegance, balance, and terroir-driven expression in every bottle.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast lamb with rosemary:** A natural match, amplifying the herbaceous undertones and tannin structure.
- **Beef Wellington:** The savory pastry and tenderloin combination complements the wine's finesse and richness.
- **Aged cheddar or Comté:** The creamy saltiness enhances the fruit and supports the wine's tannins.
- **Mushroom risotto with truffle oil:** Brings out the earthy, savoury dimensions of the blend.



Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2019)

Moss Wood's 2019 Ribbon Vale Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon looks remarkably similar to the 2017, with floral aromas, red berries and a crisp finish. It's medium-bodied and silky in texture, not a blockbuster, but refined, elegant and easy to drink.

