



# JUNIPER E S T A T E

MARGARET RIVER



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### **Juniper Estate Margaret River Shiraz 2011 - 97 Points**

From the best of the dry-grown vines planted in '73; hand-picked, destemmed, sorted and cold-soaked prior to fermentation, matured for 18 months in French hogsheads (40% new) before a final barrel selection to create this wine. Deep, dense purple-crimson; it has a startling depth and density of flavour, reflecting the low yield, an excellent vintage, and adroit work in the winery. The waves of luscious blackberry and blackcurrant fruit are vibrant, sidelights of spice, licorice and pepper joining with ripe tannins and cedary oak to complete an outstanding wine. Outrageous value. To 2041.

*\*Highest point rated Shiraz from the Margaret River Region*

### **Juniper Estate Margaret River Aquitaine 2012 - 96 Points**

An estate-grown blend of equal quantities of semillon and sauvignon blanc, whole bunch-pressed and wild yeast barrel-fermented in French barriques (25% new) followed by 10 months maturation. It has remarkable intensity and length, lemon rind ex the semillon giving a laser-like feel to the bigger picture of the palate profile, and also contributing to the length and vibrancy of the palate. The endpoint is one of harmony joined at the hip. To 2022.

### **Juniper Estate Margaret River Semillon 2012 - 95 Points**

Barrel-fermented in French barriques (33% new), half wild yeast-fermented, half inoculated, and aged on lees for 10 months. Barrel maturation and 18 months in bottle have made the wine every bit as complex as the making would suggest, with smoky oak following behind intense lemongrass, citrus and the first signs of honey starting to appear on the back-palate. To 2022.

### **Juniper Estate Margaret River Chardonnay 2012 - 94 Points**

Composed of 60% Mendoza and 40% Dijon 95 clones, whole bunch-pressed directly to barrel for free range (wild) yeast fermentation and 2 months lees stirring; spent 11 months in new French barriques and puncheons (40% new). A very elegant and fresh chardonnay, with grapefruit and nectarine fruit, crisp lemony acidity giving length to the finish. To 2022.

### **Juniper Crossing Margaret River Shiraz 2012 - 94 Points**

Produced from dry-grown estate vines planted in '73; 2.8% of viognier was co-fermented with one of the batches picked between Mar 12 and 23; spent 14 months in French oak (15% new). Immediately asserts its quality and distinct personality on the bouquet, the palate building on the bouquet through to the finish and aftertaste, black fruits are inextricably married with licorice, spice, pepper and tar, cedary oak adding to the overall flavour profile, the viognier seeming to lift and brighten the lively feel of the medium-bodied palate; tannins, too, make a positive contribution to both flavour and texture. Easy to enjoy now, but with a life as long as that of your patience. Top value. To 2027.

### **Juniper Crossing Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon 2011 - 93 Points**

First release of a varietal cabernet sauvignon under this label. There's nothing flashy about it but it has a presence. Peanuts, blackcurrant, leather and dried Italian herbs. Bright acidity and bright fruit, but firmly tethered by tannin. Does enough to impress. To 2022.

### **Juniper Crossing Margaret River Cab Sauv Merlot 2011 - 92 Points**

Soft fruit but serious tannin. Can be consumed young but is best suited to the mid-term cellar. Reductive blackberry and mulberry fruit notes meet dry straw/grass characters. Modest input from cedary/smoky oak adds polish. Includes 5% malbec and 5% cabernet franc. To 2022.

### **Juniper Crossing Margaret River Chardonnay 2013 - 91 Points**

Estate-grown, the clonal composition 60% Gingin (Mendoza), 20% 76, 10% 95 and 10% 277 clones; barrel-fermented in barrels of three sizes (15% new French), 15% wild yeast-fermented, the remainder inoculated; 5% mlf, and the wine spent 9 months in oak. A lot of work went into a wine at this price, and while it has good length and drive, it doesn't quite have the mid-palate complexity I expected. To 2018.