

HIGHER PLANE

MARGARET RIVER

THE HIGHER PLANE VINEYARD WAS CHOSEN FOR ITS GRAVELLY SOILS AND SUPERIOR LOCATION IN THE COOLER SOUTHERN AREA OF MARGARET RIVER. OUR VINES ARE PRUNED BY HAND AND MANAGED TO PRODUCE LOW YIELDS. THE FRUIT IS THEN HAND PICKED AND MADE INTO WINE WITH MINIMAL INTERVENTION.

2007 | MERLOT

750mL

The 2007 vintage was a terrific one with plenty of sunshine for close to perfect autumn ripening. There was no problem getting the Merlot grapes flavour and tannin ripe with balanced crops and canopies. The Higher Plane Merlot is only bottled in vintages where the wine has all the characters required to make it a stand alone varietal wine. With the structure depth and complexity of this wine the cellaring potential is at least 8 years.

VARIETY	94.1% Merlot, 3.7% Cabernet Franc, 1.8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 0.4% Malbec		
VINTAGE	2007	OAK	40% new French oak for 18 months
PICKING DATE	28 March, 2007	MONTHS IN OAK	17
BAUMÉ	13.8 Be°	ALCOHOL	14.5%
YIELD	7.1 t/Ha	pH	3.65
TRELLIS	VSP	TA	5.9 g/L
FERMENT	Cold soaked for 5 days, pumped over for extraction & pressed off after 35 days skin contact. 100% malo-lactic in barrel.	RS	<1 g/L



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