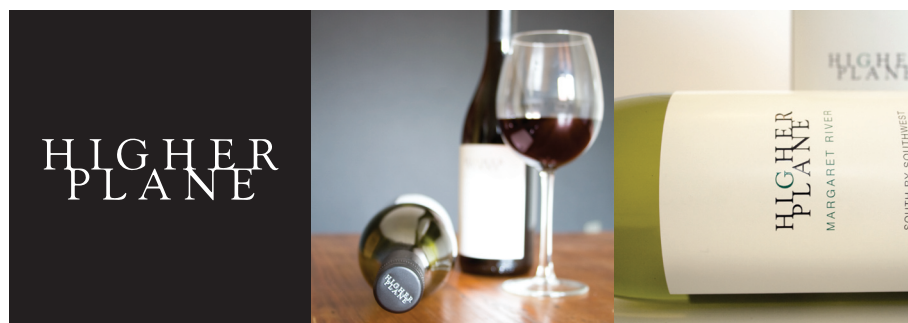


The 2007 vintage in Margaret River was a memorable one with plenty of sunshine resulting in close to perfect autumn ripening. As our Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot carried balanced crops and canopies, the fruit achieved both tannin and flavour ripeness without a struggle. 2007 proved to be a particularly good year for Merlot hence the high percentage in this year's blend. The 2007 Higher Plane South by Southwest Cabernet Merlot is made as a bright fruit driven style with very moderate oak influence. It is a wine to enjoy now and over the next 7 years.

VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon 57 %, Merlot 43 %		
VINTAGE	2007	OAK	15% new French barriques
PICKING DATE	9 to 28 March, machine & hand picked	MONTHS IN OAK	14
BAUMÉ	13.0 to 13.9 Be°	ALCOHOL	14.5%
YIELD	5 to 7 t/Ha	pH	3.56
TRELLIS	VSP	TA	6.1 g/L
FERMENT	10 to 35 days pumped over	RS	<1.0 g/L



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