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## 2022 Grenache

A tiny, very gravelly section of dirt within the Grenache block at Hazel's Vineyard. On the nose intriguing aromas of blood orange, star anise and red cherries are complemented by savoury dry herbs such as lavender and saltbush. The palate is juicy, with crunchy natural acidity and a frame of long, gravelly tannins, a benchmark characteristic for this fascinating grape variety.

### VINTAGE REPORT

A season that slowly escalated into a very hectic but also exciting harvest. A cooler and wet Spring saw vine growth delayed in development, and we were set for a late start of harvest. But then Summer came, and it was full of sunshine, dry and warm through December, January, and February with warm days and some warm nights. The red harvest started about a week after the end of the whites, giving our busy cellar team very little time to catch their breath. Yields were lower than expected across red varietals as well, however the warm and dry weather created desirable conditions for our reds that are already showcasing fantastic tannin ripeness, concentration, and vibrancy of colour.

#### WINE MAKING

This batch of certified Biodynamic fruit was hand-harvested and fermented with whole clusters in a sealed fermenter. Maceration lasted for 7 days and then the fruit was gently pressed to large format oak and concrete vessels for malo-lactic and maturation on its lees which lasted for just over 10 months. A further 24 months maturation in bottle followed before release.

#### VINEYARD

100% Hazel's Vineyard - biodynamically farmed and our southernmost vineyard. Hazel's combines cooling Southern Ocean influences (12km from the ocean) with a northerly aspect and plenty of sunshine.

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN 100% Margaret River

GRAPES 100% Grenache

ANALYSIS Alc 13.8%

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