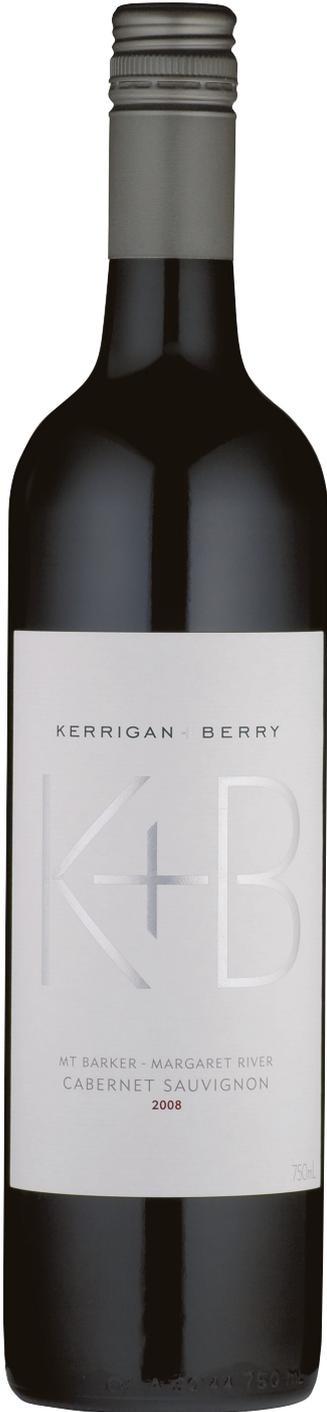




The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia. The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009



The 2009 KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon is made from two old vine vineyards situated in Mt Barker and Margaret River, the two premier grape growing regions of Western Australia. While Margaret River has earned an international reputation for this variety, Mt Barker has quietly long produced cabernets of great subtlety and complexity. This blend fuses the strengths of Mt Barker Cabernet Sauvignon with its classic berry cassis characters with the more fleshy robust structure of Margaret River.

2009 VINTAGE

Vintage 2009 across the Great Southern and Margaret River wine regions were as close to perfect as any farmer has the right to wish. There were some worries early in Spring with wild conditions across the south west of Western Australia but the weather improved and conditions remained ideal for the rest of vintage; cool but sunny, no rain to speak of and nice soft breezes to take the edge of the midday sun. In the end the main effect of the poor weather during flowering and fruit set was diabolically low yields in Cabernet Sauvignon. Of course low yields potentially produce the best quality fruit and such was the case in 2009. The 2009 vintage has produced some of the best parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit that we have seen in the last 20 years – making this one of the easiest wines we have ever made.

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 KERRIGAN + BERRY Cabernet Sauvignon has a dense blood red appearance with a black heart. The wine displays ripe berry aromas of great intensity from the Margaret River fruit with underlying dusty and earthy characters typical of Great Southern Cabernet Sauvignon. There is depth to the nose indicating there are reserves of complex aromas yet to develop and be exhibited in the wine. The palate is substantial with an intense and full flavour profile and ripe and fleshy sweet fruits fill the mid palate with long palate extension driven by ripe and mature tannin. The mouth feel is robust but the tannins are smooth.

CELLARING

This is a strong wine with ripe tannin and strong fruit depth, indicating it will benefit from careful cellaring. The expectation is that the wine would benefit from 10 years' maturation.