



# BROWN HILL

## 2019 Trafalgar Cabernet Merlot



### Wine Specs

<b>Vintage:</b>	2019
<b>Varietal:</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
<b>Harvest:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> April – 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Acid:</b>	6.0 g/L
<b>pH:</b>	3.57
<b>Bottled:</b>	June 2020
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.0%

### Tasting Notes

<b>Colour:</b>	Dark red
<b>Nose:</b>	Blackcurrant, mulberry and coffee beans.
<b>Palate:</b>	Lush dark plum, blackcurrant and blueberries with black olives and structural silky tannins.

**Cellar:** 10 years

### Vineyard Notes

The 2019 vintage in Margaret River was milder than average. High bird pressure and humidity were mitigated through careful crop management and the early application of bird netting. The cooler season allowed slow ripening of grapes and longer picking windows for optimal grape development favouring intensity of flavour and aroma.

### Production Notes

The Merlot was hand harvested first followed by the Cabernet Sauvignon which was picked just a few days later. All grapes were destemmed and hand sorted on the same day. After fermentation, the wines were pressed and malolactic fermentation was completed in French oak. The wine was aged for 12 months in French barriques of which 18% were new. The two varieties were blended post barrel maturation to 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Merlot.

### Food Pairing Notes

Slow roasted beef ribs with a red wine jus and garlic potatoes

**Winemaker:** Nathan Bailey & Angus Pattullo