

2023 Blackwater – Cabernet Shiraz Malbec

Fermoy has earned its place in the Margaret River wine story, quietly building a reputation for crafting critically acclaimed wines of refinement, precision and elegance.

Founded in 1985, Fermoy’s first vintage was a resounding success, confirming Wilyabrup as the ‘sweet spot’ of Margaret River. Grown in an enviable location by the Wilyabrup Brook, Fermoy’s fruit ripens in conditions beautifully moderated by the nearby Indian Ocean. A mild, Mediterranean climate, afternoon sea breeze and ancient gravel soils make it perfect for growing Bordeaux and Burgundy grape varieties.

The winery experienced a revival under new ownership and the stewardship of senior winemaker Jeremy Hodgson. Jeremy’s expertise brought a renewed focus on sustainability, small-batch winemaking and crafting site expressive wines, positioning Fermoy for its rise to global recognition.

This rise was marked by two major Decanter World Wine Awards wins. Fermoy’s Reserve Chardonnay earned Best in Show in 2019, followed by the same prestigious title in 2024 for its Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

With consistently beautiful fruit, a stellar winemaking team and enviable location, Fermoy’s name as a world-class producer will continue to grow.



Wine Name	Blackwater – Cabernet Shiraz Malbec
Namesake	The town of Fermoy, located in County Cork, Ireland, from which our name is derived, sits on the banks of the river Blackwater.
Vintage	2023 – a milder vintage, allowing for gradual ripening of red varieties. Wines show a wonderful freshness and vibrancy.
Varietals (%)	54% Cabernet Sauvignon; 24% Shiraz; 11% Malbec; 11% Petit Verdot.
Oak Detail	Components were matured in French oak barriques for 15 months prior to blending. The final blend saw 15% new oak, with the balance in seasoned barrels. The blend spent some a month in tank to integrate and harmonise prior to bottling.
Cellaring	Can be drunk now or cellared for up to 6-8 years.
Alcohol Volume	14.5%
Acidity	pH 3.55; TA 6.10g/L
Residual Sugar	<1.0g/L

Appearance	Vibrant rich red with black tints.
Aroma	Intriguing aromas of black plum, mulberry, sour cherry, and mint. Complexing notes of cedar and five spice.
Palate	Structural yet juicy, this wine is bright and refreshing. Plum, cherry, bramble fruits lead into the structure and complexity of oak, exotic spice and ferrous tannins.
Food Pairing	Flame-grilled rib eye steak served with redcurrant reduction.
Awards & Ratings	Silver 93pts. 2024 Western Australian Boutique & Single Vineyard Wine Show.