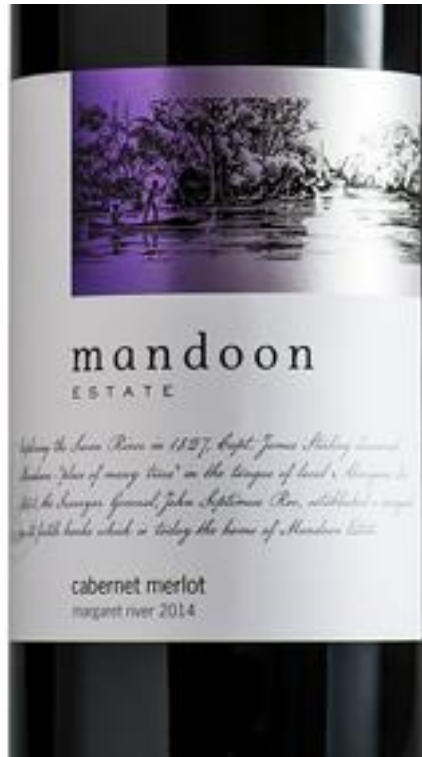


**2016 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON
AWARDS
Cabernet Blends**

Margaret River once again dominated the cabernet blends section. The “Bordeaux” blends offered much higher quality than the “Classic Australian” cabernet sauvignon and shiraz combo. It seems that the large companies, rather than small vigneron, produce the heavyweights in the classic blend category.



2014 Mandoon Estate Margaret River Cabernet Merlot Purple-red colour. Plenty going on – blackcurrant, leaf, chocolate, mint, vanilla. Very generous, beautifully balanced palate with an excellent follow-through. (\$30.50) ★★★★★
<http://shop.mandoonestate.com.au/reds/>

2012 Rosily Vineyard Margaret River The Cartographer A vibrant red with excellent fruit and extract. There’s no shortage of blackcurrant and red fruits aromas and flavours, and the fine tannins provide just-right balance. (\$23.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.rosily.com.au/order/>

2014 Windance Estate Margaret River Cabernet Merlot Bright colour. Red fruits and cassis aplenty, enhanced by hints of leaf and spice. The palate is long, firm and fine. (\$28.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.windance.com.au/collections/all/estate-range>

2015 Mandoon Estate Margaret River Cabernet Merlot (\$30.50) ★★★★★

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- 2005 Redman The Redman Coonawarra (\$70.00) ★★★★★
- 2013 Redman Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot (\$36.00) ★★★★☆
- 2013 DogRidge Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Petit Verdot (\$40.00) ★★★
- 2014 MoFro Wines Shiraz Cabernet (60%/40%) (\$20.00) ★★★
- 2014 Juniper Crossing Cabernet Merlot (\$21.50) ★★★
- 2014 Credaro Family Estate Kinship Cab Sauv Merlot (\$32.00) ★★★
- 2015 After Hours Cabernet Merlot (\$22.00) ★★★
- 2015 Cannibal Creek Cabernet Merlot (\$35.00) ★★★
- 2013 Twisted River Baci Merlot Cabernet ★★★
- 2014 Sons of Eden Pumpa Eden V Cab Sauv/Shiraz (\$29.00) ★★★
- 2014 Sandhurst Ridge Cabernet Merlot (\$28.00) ★★★☆
- 2014 Higher Plane Cabernet Merlot (\$25.00) ★★★☆
- 2012 Ross Hill The Griffin (\$95.00) ★★★☆
- 2011 Federation Hill Cabernet Shiraz (\$25.00) ★★
- 2015 Sanguine Est Cab Sauvignon, P Verdot, Cab Fr, Mer (\$24.95) ★★
- 2012 Higher Plane The Messenger (\$65.00) ★★
- 2013 Juniper Estate Aquitaine Rouge (\$37.50) ★★
- 2013 Koppamurra Wines Cabernet Shiraz (\$23.00) ★★
- 2013 Gibson Wines Isabelle Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot (\$29.00) ★★
- 2014 Sandhurst Ridge Fringe (\$24.00) ★★
- 2015 Dominique Portet Fontaine (\$22.00) ★★
- 2015 Twisted River Cabernet Merlot ★★
- 2010 Harcourt Valley V'yards Cab Sauv /Franc/Malbec (\$100.00) ★★
- 2013 Rosily Vineyard The Cartographer (\$23.00) ★★
- 2015 Ulupna Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon Cellar Reserve (\$35.00)

Mandoon Estate adds to its magnificent record in the Small Vigneron Awards. Apart from the Margaret River dominance, the other factor that stands out is the excellent value for money offered by the top few wines. Not only are all of them very well made, they will easily cope with a decade's cellaring.

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