

# Margan

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## Breaking Ground 2014 Margan Ripasso

### Description

Our Breaking Ground Range celebrates our focus on innovation and features our pioneering of alternative wines and wine styles.

Ripasso is the Italian term used in reference to the re-passing of a wine from one ferment over the skins of another. In our case we have passed some of our 2014 vintage shiraz from our 40 year old Timbervines vineyard over the skins of a number of different varieties from the 2015 and 2016 vintages. The mystery for the drinker is to figure out what skins we have used for the re-fermentation.

**Region** Broke Fordwich, Hunter Valley

**Vineyard** Timbervines Vineyard

**Tasting Notes** Medium bodied displaying a subtle combination of spice, plush black forest fruit and tobacco like characters which are typical of Hunter Shiraz coupled with nuances of violet and beetroot.

**Colour** Deep garnet with purple hue

**Nose** Blackberry, blackcurrant, violets, dark chocolate

**Palate** Velvety tannins integrated with intense red and blue fruit, with a long lingering finish.

**Food Match** Wagyu brisket, mushroom, celeriac and glazed onion

**Cellaring** From now until 2040

**Winemakers Notes** Only in very good vintages like 2014 do I keep a small volume of top quality shiraz in reserve in oak to re-ferment it over another later excellent vintage. It has to be a vintage where we get perfectly ripe fruit to ensure the finished wine has taken up only ripe tannins and fruit characters. The base wine from 2014 had plush fruit and elegant aromatics with medium tannins and it was re-fermented over both 2015 and 2016 vintages. This has given the wine lots of dense tannins and deep complex fruit characters. It has spent nearly 3 years in small new and 2 year French oak barriques.

**Alcohol** - 14.0 %

**pH**- 3.63

**TA** – 6.9 g/l

**RRP** \$75.00

**Winemaker** Andrew Margan

**Accolades**

5 Star James Halliday Winery



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