

The Swagman has long been a popular figure in Australian folklore. In by gone days they roamed the countryside seeking work and tucker (food), and camped out, often beside a billabong (a pool or backwater from a stream). They carried their meagre possessions in a “swag” (a tied bundle). A Swagman features in what is arguably Australia’s best-loved song, “Waltzing Matilda”. Swagman’s is a stylish, elegant wine with fresh, vibrant fruit flavours that reflect the cool, maritime climate and pollution free environment of the Margaret River region of Western Australia.



## Clairault Swagman’s Margaret River Shiraz 2003

100% Margaret River Shiraz

This is the second release of a Shiraz under the Clairault label. Margaret River Shiraz tends to have a broad range of flavours that covers the ripeness spectrum, from Indian spice to ripe red currant and Christmas pudding aromas. This wine delivers on all those aromas with purity and depth. The palate has generosity of sweet fruit combined with structure and length. Considered oak treatment lets the flavours of the region display themselves fully.

### Will Shields’ Winemaking Notes

80% of the fruit for this wine is from the warmer northern half of the Margaret River district which provides more of the ripe plum and dark cherry flavours. The remaining 20% is from the southern half of Margaret River giving more spice and pepper flavours. Vinification involved a portion of barrel fermentation in new French and American oak. The whole of the wine was matured in barrel both new and 1 year old, before blending.

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