

John Fordham

'On the grapevine'

reviews Margan Reds

“Andrew Margan had a dream apprenticeship in the wine industry. For two decades, he had almost daily access to one of the Hunter Valley’s most astute vigneron, the late Murray Tyrrell. There could have been no better education for a budding winemaker.

Ten years ago, Margan moved to the Broke-Fordwich corner of the Hunter to establish his own vineyards and eponymous brand.

His mission was simple. “I wanted to make wines that I personally wanted to drink, wines that reflect my personality and style”, he says in a note accompanying his latest top-notch releases.

The fact he’s still locking the scrum aged 46 with the Pokolbin Reds rugby team—having taken on captain-coach duties this year—points to Margan’s unbridled energy and passion, qualities equally apparent in his winemaking.

Margan has just released six outstanding reds from the 2005 vintage (two shiraz, barbera, merlot, shiraz-mourvedre and cabernet-merlot) all from Broke Fordwich fruit.”

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