



## ASHBROOK ESTATE

2014 Semillon

### TASTING NOTES

Ashbrook Estate is one of the longest established wineries in the Margaret River region located in the heart of Wilyabrup. Family owned and operated since 1975, all wines are crafted from handpicked estate grown fruit. All processing, winemaking, bottling and packaging are closely controlled using the Estate's own private facilities.

James Halliday says: "This estate is one of the quietest and highest achievers in Australia, maintaining excellent viticulture and fastidious winemaking." ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



#### 2014 VINTAGE

A beautifully wet winter in 2013 provided a great start to the Spring growing season. Near perfect weather during flavour development with no heat waves or large rainfall events recorded and a total of 4.3mm falling between December 2013 – February 2014. Abundant Marri blossom before and throughout vintage saw no pressure or damage from silver eye birds with 2014 being a truly 'Classic' Margaret River weather pattern and an exceptional grape growing season.

#### VINEYARD

Obtaining cuttings from Bill Pannell's Moss Wood Vineyard in 1976 the world renowned Ashbrook Estate Semillon began. Due to its popularity & ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block was planted in 1988. Originally all VSP trellised and spur pruned, the majority was converted to cane pruned Lyre trellis in early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the Semillon variety has to offer while still incorporating the grassier flavours from the mixture of Spur and cane pruned VSP rows. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 8 years, the Vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

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A classic example of what this variety can achieve in a warm maritime climate. Made in an unwooded style to retain and enhance varietal fruit freshness. Staggered harvesting of fruit from a combination of estate sites and trellising systems allows expression of a spectrum of aromas and flavours from sweet grassiness to punchy ripe citrus in the finished wine. This complexity also provides exceptional structure and palate weight with considerable ageing potential. Cellaring for five or more years is rewarded with rich complex nut, straw and toast characters in harmony with ripe lemon and sweet grassy nuances while still retaining a pleasantly surprising level of freshness, vibrancy and length.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY** Semillon 100%

**HARVEST DATE** 17<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**BOTTLING DATE** 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

**CLOSURE** Stelvin

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	14.7% v/v
TA	7.1g/L
Residual Sugar	0.7g/L
pH	3.09