



## ASHBROOK ESTATE

### 2011 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Ashbrook Estate is one of the oldest established wineries in the Margaret River region located in the heart of Wilyabrup. Truly family owned and operated since 1975, all wines are handpicked and crafted from only estate grown fruit. All processing, winemaking, bottling and packaging are done on site using the Estate's own private facilities. 2015 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 37<sup>th</sup> Vintage, one of only 5 Margaret River wineries to do so!



#### 2011 VINTAGE

Margaret River had the precise opposite to the weather of the eastern states: very warm (the hottest March on record) and dry, resulting in a very early vintage but of very high quality producing red wines that are rich in flavour while showing beautiful integration and approachability.

#### VINEYARD

The “Old Cab” Houghton clone cuttings were collected from the Agricultural Department ‘Source Block’ in the Swan Valley and planted in 1976. Due to its ultimate suitability to the region and increased demand, the “Young Cab” was planted in 1998 from the original vines on the Estate. The “Old Cab” was originally all VSP grown but converted to cane pruned, with +90% Lyre trellis in 1998 with immediate and brilliant results. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 8 years, the Vineyard shows remarkable health and balance producing super premium fruit year in year out.

#### WINEMAKING

Hand-picked from some of the oldest Cabernet vines in Wilyabrup (planted 1976), the berries are cold soaked, gently plunged and temperature controlled in 4 tonne parcels in open fermenters for gentle and full extraction. The wine is matured in 100% French oak barriques (40% new) for 2 years, then further stored in our underground climate controlled cellar for 2 years before release. This is a limited release and the second Ashbrook Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon following in the footsteps of the highly acclaimed and successful 2010 Reserve.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY**

Cabernet Sauvignon	86%
Cabernet Franc	7%
Merlot	4%
Petit Verdot	3%

**HARVEST DATES** 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

**CLOSURE** Stelvin

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	14.5% v/v
TA	6.4g/l
Residual Sugar	0.5g/l
pH	3.73