



Ashbrook Estate

# ASHBROOK ESTATE

## 2017 Riesling

### TASTING NOTES

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. 2017 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 39<sup>th</sup> Vintage, one of only 5 Margaret River wineries to do so!

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



#### 2017 VINTAGE

The 2017 growing season at Ashbrook was typified by warm sunny days and cool nights. A hail event in early Spring reduced the volume of the early varietals like Chardonnay but intensified characteristics. Once again disease pressure was minimal due to Ashbrook's predominantly lyre trellis system. A bumper and lengthy Marri blossom meant Silver-eye bird damage was negligible for the earlier varietals however all nets were unrolled for the later varietals as it unfortunately didn't carry through. All said and done the white varieties were harvested at optimum flavour ripeness. Yields were back to our traditional volumes but most importantly the quality was impeccable. The 2017 wines will have lower alcohol levels due to the lack of any heat waves before or during vintage so the result is wines with an elegance and fullness, magnificent!

#### VINEYARD

In the mid 1980's a small block of Riesling vines was planted on a north facing slope of a valley intensely protected by natural bush on both the Southern and Western sides. The gentle maritime climate provides excellent growing conditions for this delicate variety and the site is perfectly protected from late spring storms and strong winds which can upset flowering and fruit set. Cane pruned and arched to force even bud burst, all fruit is handpicked and hand pruned. Composted mulch has been spread throughout the vineyard since 2007 producing exceptional health and balance.

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Riesling is all about purity & this is one of the most unique in Australia. A pristinely clear rim, bright straw in colour with hues of green. Made purely from free run juice, this elegant yet full flavoured wine has an abundance of floral character on the nose and palate balanced by zesty citrus flavour and crisp clean mineral acidity. The complexity and structure of this Riesling ensures terrific cellaring potential.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY** Riesling

**HARVEST DATE** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**BOTTLING DATE** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**CLOSURE** Stelvin

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	12.4% v/v
TA	8.2g/l
Residual Sugar	0.9g/l
pH	2.83