



Ashbrook Estate

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2014 Shiraz

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 39th 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." ★★★★★



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

With the climate north of the Margaret River townsite being ideal for producing a Rhone style red, Ashbrook planted Shiraz in 1998. The vines were trellised on a lyre system and cane pruned to promote canopy/fruit balance, uniform sunlight penetration, eliminate green characters and allow for optimum flavour and tannin ripeness. As part of Ashbrook's desire to follow an organic grape growing approach, the vineyard is liberally composted at a rate of 10m³/ha. This has occurred each year in late winter/early spring since 2006 and has been important in preventing soil acidification as well as promoting beneficial microbial activity.

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Hand-picked over several days 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 (26% new) for 2 years, then further stored in our underground climate controlled cellar for 18 months before release. The inviting nose bursts with ripe raspberry, redcurrant and cherry plum fruit leather aromas with hints of violet and sweet spice. Fine tannins, a succulent depth of flavour and balanced acidity result in a wine that is extremely easy to drink and a wonderful food wine. An exciting wine to lie down too!

REGION Wilyabrup, Margaret River

VARIETY Shiraz 100%

HARVEST DATE 10th March - 20th March 2014

CLOSURE Stelvin+

TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	15.4% v/v
TA	6.6g/L
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
pH	3.61