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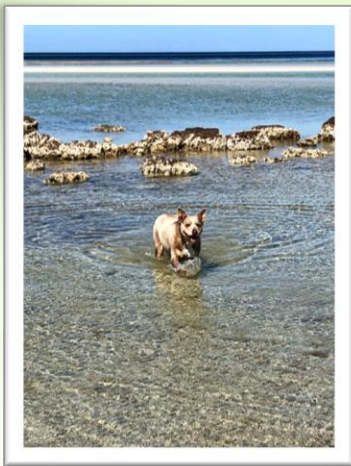
ASHBROOK ESTATE NEWS

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Welcome!

To Ashbrook's 2019 Summer edition newsletter.

Bringing you all the festive season news from our little pocket of vineyard paradise.



Vines enjoying summer holidays...

So far we have experienced a cool, gentle ripening with temperatures only reaching above 30°C nine times. A rain event on January 22nd purely served to refresh the vines as the wind blew and the sun shone in the immediate days to follow. Hedging and the application of bird netting commenced in the last week of January once canopy growth stopped and fruit ripening took over in the earlier varieties. We anticipate harvest to be underway by the last week of February. In the meantime, we are putting together our picking team, preparing the winery equipment and machinery, monitoring calving, feeding hay rolls to cattle, processing wine orders and managing the cellar door!

Also in this issue;

Ray Jordan's Wine Guide

Ray rates our 2017 Chardonnay & 2015 Cabernet.

Sakura Wine Awards

Six double golds, golds and silvers!

Merv Hughes

The Aussie cricket icon on tour at Ashbrook!

2018 Gourmet Escape

Ashbrook aligns with the stars!

Halliday reviews Petit Verdot

Exciting points for Ashbrook's first ever Petit Verdot!

Merv Hughes

The Australian cricket icon pays us a visit

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When a legendary Australian quick drops by for a tasting you can't really say "aahh can you come back later?" even if you ARE in the middle of a bottling run!

Unable to keep the subtle quotes of Billy Birmingham's The 12th Man and out of our heads we chuckled our way through the tasting lineup with some great stories, good humour and cricketing memories!

A larger than life character who is a self-confessed "beer man" but fortunately also loves a good red!



Halliday rates 2016 Petit Verdot 96 points

Estate grown, hand harvested fruit. Unfiltered for the truest expression of variety and terroir. The latest ripening of all the Bordeaux varieties, Petit Verdot thrived in this warm sunny vintage on our open lyre trellis. Unusually delicate acid and tannin at optimal flavour development left us no choice but to create this unique and intriguing wine. RRP \$45 per bottle.

"A single barrel (only 25 dozen) made of this beautiful petit verdot. It has a perfumed bouquet and a supple, silky palate with both blue and black fruits held in a near-invisible network of tannins ex fruit and oak. A great illustration of what the variety can do."

James Halliday 01 January 2019 winecompanion.com.au





Ashbrook Estate at Gourmet Escape 2018

The Margaret River Gourmet Escape was held from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th November and for the fourth year running we were selected to provide wines for the Opening Night at Castle Rock Beach. Our Shiraz and Semillon were two of the few wines on pour for VIP guests, sponsors and celebrities all coming together to enjoy the wonders of the Margaret River region.

A six course degustation dinner at Margaret River's Secret Garden topped off the weekend with some amazing pairings of wine and food with local chef George Cooper (Food by the Chef & Tiller Dining) & Ashley Palmer-Watts (Dinner by Heston Blumenthal).



The 6th Sakura Japan Women's Wine Awards 2019



Double Gold

2017 Ashbrook Estate Chardonnay

2015 Ashbrook Estate Shiraz

Gold

2015 Ashbrook Estate Reserve Chardonnay

Silver

2016 Ashbrook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

2017 Ashbrook Estate Riesling

2016 Ashbrook Estate Semillon



Ray Jordan reviews

2015 Ashbrook Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

One of the most complete and expressive of any of the cab merlots Ashbrook has released in its long history. The vibrant fruit is beautifully expressed with a great balance of oak and fine grainy tannins. Impeccable through the middle palate to a sustained finish. Impressive wine. 95/100

2017 Ashbrook Estate Chardonnay

Another very tidy chardonnay showing the significant progression at Ashbrook in recent years. The focus on quality oak and clever winemaking is resulting in high-class chardies, of which this is one. Nutty cashew and citrus with a creamy nectarine character. The palate has a zingy vibrant mouthfeel which will evolve with further ageing. Very promising wine.

Viceroy Bali visits

After a great 'members tasting' at Viceroy Resort Bali, Anthony decided to bring the family to Margaret River for a holiday! Although the visit was brief it was fantastic to meet his family and we are absolutely honoured to have a large range of our wines available in the #1 Resort in the World as rated by Condé Nast Traveler 2018!

www.viceroybali.com



Danish Importers visit

Denmark is one of our furthest wine markets so it was great for Brian Jacobsen to 'check-in' during his recent holiday in November. Thanks to Brian, the Danes now have access the full range of Ashbrook wines and it is great to see steady growth in our newest international market!

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Hello world!

Just before Christmas we welcomed Abigail Eliza Devitt into the family. A happy, healthy little girl, Richard and Debra's second child and Brian and Carol's seventh grandchild.



Eyes on the vines

We sign off in excited anticipation of our 41st vintage and wish all our importers, exporters, wholesalers, distributors, retailers, business associates, customers and friends a prosperous 2019!



Cheers from all at Ashbrook Estate

