# ASHBROOK ESTATE

## 2019 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. 2019 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 41<sup>st</sup> Vintage, one of only five Margaret River wineries to do so! James Halliday AM says: "This estate is one of the quietest and highest achievers in Australia, maintaining excellent

viticulture and fastidious winemaking."



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WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

#### **2019 VINTAGE**

For vignerons who have been in the district a while, 2018/19 will be remembered as a quintessential, mild Margaret River growing season. Temperatures were slightly cooler than the 10-year regional average from budburst all the way through to the end of ripening. Although no frost damage occurred, we estimate around 10% of our Chardonnay vines experienced a short delay in ripening due to a rare cold snap in mid September. A timely rain event in January served to recharge the vines during the long ripening. Unlike last vintage, Red Gum blossom was scarce and the application of nets from January onwards was imperative to keep the silvereye birds at bay. As a result of the long, mild ripening, vintage started in late February, two weeks later than recent vintages, and there was no break in harvest between the whites and reds. The 2019 vintage saw good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity, perfumed aromas and elegant flavour profiles, reminiscent of the 2017 vintage.

## 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.

### TASTING NOTES

Riesling is all about purity & this is one of the most unique in Australia. A pristine, clear rim, bright straw in colour with hues of green. Made purely from free run juice, this elegant yet flavoursome wine has delicate citrus blossom aromas on the nose, attractive lemon and lime sherbert characters on the palate and crisp clean mineral acidity. The complexity and structure of this Riesling ensures terrific cellaring potential.

REGION	Wilyabrup, Margaret River
VARIETY	Riesling
HARVEST DATE	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019
BOTTLING DATE	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019
CLOSURE	Stelvin
<b>TECHNICAL DATA</b> Alc TA pH	12.5% v/v 7.8g/l 2.93
<b>RRP</b> \$25	