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ASHBROOK ESTATE
WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

MUSEUM RELEASE

2018 GOLD LABEL RIESLING

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 crafted from hand-picked, only Estate-grown fruit. All processing, winemaking, bottling and packaging are done on site using the Estate's own private facilities. 2018 saw Ashbrook Estate complete its 40th consecutive vintage, one of only five Margaret River wineries to do so!

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



2018 VINTAGE

The 2017/18 growing season was up there with one of Margaret River's best. Our Wilyabrup weather station recorded higher than average rainfall from June to September. Warm temperatures, low rainfall and moderate winds in October and November were perfect conditions for flowering and fruit set across all varieties. Rain events in December and mid-January helped refresh the vines and were followed by dry, warm conditions. Thanks to Margaret River's quintessential cool summer nights and no heat events, maximum temperatures remained below average from early December until early April ensuring a steady ripening period. Ample Red Gum blossom and the application of nets kept the Silvereve birds away. The result, good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity and very impressive flavour profiles.

VINEYARD

In the mid 1980's a small block of Riesling vines was planted on the north facing slope of a valley intensely protected by natural bushland 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.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked in the cool of the morning on 13th February 2018. Destemming occurred immediately and only free-run juice was collected off the press, cold settled and racked before inoculation and fermentation in stainless steel. The wine was stabilized and filtered before bottling under screwcap on May 15th 2018. Made in a dry style (VF) 12.5% v/v

WINE REVIEWS

"Hand-picked and planted on a north-facing slope to maximise the virtues of the maritime climate, this has been a favourite Australian riesling since my teens... All free-run, a stream of quince and ripe citrus tones are flecked with ginger candy. The finish is long and mineral-defined." 94 points and 'Special Value' Ned Goodwin MW, 20 June 2021, winecompanion.com.au

"Now with five years bottle maturation, youthful apricot blossom and citrus notes have morphed into aromas and flavours of beeswax, honey, spice, lemon candy and citrus preserve. This beautiful vintage Riesling is a rare gem thanks to impeccable fruit quality, bountiful natural acidity and minerality reflective of its terroir." Catherine Edwards, winemaker, 03 July 2023.