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ASHBROOK ESTATE  
WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

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## 2018 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. 2018 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 40<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."



#### 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. Low rainfall, warm temperatures and moderate winds in October and November were perfect conditions for flowering and fruit set across all varieties while a rain event in December helped refresh the vines and was followed by dry, warm conditions, as was a mid-January rain event. 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 silveryeyes away. The result, good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity and elegant flavour profiles.

#### 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** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**BOTTLING DATE** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**CLOSURE** Stelvin

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	12.5% v/v
TA	8.4g/l
Residual Sugar	0.9g/l
pH	2.97