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ASHBROOK ESTATE  
WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

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## 2021 Semillon

### 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. 2021 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 43<sup>rd</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."



#### 2021 VINTAGE

The 2020/21 growing season began with mild spring conditions and reasonable rainfall making for a typical budburst and flowering. Cyclonic weather systems in the north of the state gave us a significantly wet November (13 days of rain) however December and January were warm and dry with cool nights. Vintage 43 at Ashbrook commenced on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February with our Chardonnay grapes. Unseasonal rain events across February (96.6mm) and March (67mm) extended the harvest period for some of the later ripening varieties but thanks to our open trellis and meticulous vineyard management all the white and red grapes had reached the winery in excellent condition by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Marri tree blossom was adequate to keep the silvereve birds at bay however nets were applied to much of the vineyard. Low to average yields across all varieties have assisted with incredible flavour at lower baumés (potential alcohols) with a surprising amount of retained natural acidity.

#### VINEYARD

Obtaining cuttings from Bill Pannell's Moss Wood Vineyard in 1976, Ashbrook's love affair with Semillon began. Due to its popularity & ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block was planted in 1988. Originally all spur pruned on a VSP trellis, the majority was converted to cane pruned lyre trellis in the early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the variety has to offer while still incorporating the grassier flavours from the mixture of spur and cane pruned VSP rows. Coupled with the application of composted mulch over several years, the vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

#### WINEMAKING

Our four blocks of Semillon grapes were hand-picked over a seven-day period in the cool of dawn. Destemming and careful pressing occurred immediately and the juice was cold settled and racked before inoculation and fermentation in stainless steel. Minimal fining with bentonite was carried out before cold stabilization, filtration and bottling. Made in an unwooded, dry style.

<b>REGION</b>	Wilyabrup, Margaret River
<b>VARIETY</b>	Semillon
<b>HARVEST DATES</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> February & 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
<b>CLOSURE</b>	Stelvin+
<b>TECHNICAL DATA</b>	Alc 13.5% v/v TA 7.1g/L pH 3.00