



Ashbrook Estate

ASHBROOK ESTATE

2015 Verdelho

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. 2015 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 37th Vintage, one of only 5 Margaret River wineries to do so!



2015 VINTAGE

Due to a colder than normal Spring, fruit set was adversely affected. Bunch numbers were in line with the previous vintage however bunch weights were well down. No heatwaves were experienced during the ripening period and warm sunshine and cool nights prevailed for the most part. This, coupled with smaller crops resulted in intensely flavoured and attractive wines. 50ml of rainfall after the white harvest in early March delayed the picking of the red grapes. This freshened up the red grapes and no deleterious effects were noticed in quality. Most red grapes were harvested before Easter and were in excellent condition. All in all, vintage 2015 in Margaret River will be remembered again for wines of outstanding quality albeit in lesser quantities.

VINEYARD

After collecting cuttings during pruning season from one of the oldest Vineyards in the Swan Valley north east of Perth in 1976 the "Old Block" was planted on Ashbrook Estate. Due to its popularity a second block was planted in 1987 which is affectionately known as the "Verdelho over the creek". Originally all VSP grown, the majority was converted to cane pruned Lyre trellis in 2010 with immediate and brilliant results. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 9 years, the Vineyard shows remarkable health.

WINEMAKING

A vibrant, unwooded style of Verdelho with lashings of fruit aromas on the nose marrying with tropical fruit flavors and hints of spice on the palate. The wine stays focused and finishes crisp and dry yet has a powerful and refreshing length that makes this wine the perfect accompaniment to spicy, full flavoured dishes. Famous for its natural acidity, this variety ages beautifully. Cellaring for more than five years rewards with complex spice and honeysuckle and developing nutty and toasty characters.

REGION Wilyabrup, Margaret River

VARIETY Verdelho

HARVEST DATE 12th February 2015

BOTTLING DATE 6th May 2015

CLOSURE Stelvin +

TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	13.3% v/v
TA	7.1g/l
Residual Sugar	1.0g/l
pH	3.16