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ASHBROOK ESTATE
WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

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2019 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 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. 2019 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 41st 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."



2019 VINTAGE

For vigneron 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 silveryeye 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

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 nine years, the vineyard shows remarkable health.

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A vibrant, unwooded style of Verdelho with lashings of tropical and passion fruits with hints of spice on the nose and palate. The wine stays focused and finishes crisp and dry yet has a powerful and refreshing length that makes it 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.

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| REGION | Wilyabrup, Margaret River |
| VARIETY | Verdelho |
| HARVEST DATE | 27 th February, 11 th - 12 th March 2019 |
| BOTTLING DATE | 18 th June 2019 |
| CLOSURE | Stelvin + |

TECHNICAL DATA

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| Alc | 13.5% v/v |
| TA | 7.1g/l |
| pH | 3.09 |