



ASHBROOK ESTATE

2025 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 grapes are handpicked and wines crafted from only Estate grown fruit.

All processing, winemaking, bottling and packaging are done on site using Ashbrook’s private facilities. 2025 saw Ashbrook Estate complete its 47th 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



“This is another variety that Ashbrook has been championing for many years. This was a very good season for this variety, and it has produced some marvellous fruit characters. It certainly picks up the tropical note you expect with verdelho, but it also has a keen edge of lemony citrus that gives it precision and fineness. It will come together beautifully over the next couple of years and deliver terrific drinking.” Ray Jordan 2026 Wine Review

2025 VINTAGE

2024 winter rainfall was delayed until May 29th but finished strongly with a record 259mm in August, replenishing soil moisture and setting vines up well for the growing season. Moderate spring temperatures and 123.6mm of rainfall assisted the transition into summer with healthy canopies carrying decent yields. The summer months saw average daily temperatures in the mid to high twenties consistently accompanied by afternoon sea breezes. This long, even growing season allowed fruit to develop steadily, preserving acidity and freshness. Our biggest challenge this season was bird pressure. After an abundant Marri tree blossom in the summer of 2024, it fell absent this year. Netting was imperative to keep the Silvereye birds and other local wildlife at bay. Vintage 47 began on February 14th with Verdelho, followed by Riesling on the 15th and then Chardonnay not until the 19th due to crop size and a slower early ripening period. Leading into the red harvest, conditions remained ideal with classic, cool autumnal nights and mild to warm, sunny days. Our last Petit Verdot and Cabernet grapes were safely in the winery by March 25th before any real rainfall. In summary, thanks to a wet winter, beautifully moderate, dry growing season and harvest, the 2025 vintage is shaping up to be exceptional. Wines across the board are showing a balance of fruit purity, tannin ripeness and natural acidity reminiscent of 2018, albeit in less quantities.

VINEYARD

After collecting cuttings from one of the oldest vineyards in the Swan Valley north east of Perth in 1976 the “Old Block” Verdelho 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 spur pruned on a VSP trellis, the majority was converted to cane pruned lyre trellis in 2010 with immediate and brilliant results. Coupled with the application of composted mulch over the years, the vineyard shows remarkable health and balance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were handpicked over two days in the cool of the morning. Destemming and 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. This vibrant, unwooded style of Verdelho shows intense tropical and citrus aromas and flavours yet finishes crisp and dry with a refreshing length that makes it the perfect accompaniment to spicy, full-flavoured dishes. (VF)

REGION	Wilyabrup, Margaret River
VARIETY	Verdelho
HARVEST DATES	14 th & 20 th February 2025
BOTTLING DATE	9 th June 2025
CLOSURE	Stelvin+
TECHNICAL DATA	Alc 13.5% v/v