The Real Review 2026
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ASHBROOK ESTATE

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 own private facilities. 2026 saw Ashbrook Estate complete its 48th 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**



Light and bright in the glass expressing layers of citrus blossom, white flowers and lemon zest on the nose. The palate has a delicate blush of ripe citrus, attractive mineral notes and fine acidity. Beautiful as a young wine, will develop richness and complexity with age.

ASHBROOK ESTATE GOLD LABEL RIESLING 2026

2026 VINTAGE

After one of our wettest winters on record, a mild spring and a warm, dry summer with cool afternoon sea breezes, the mild Mediterranean climate of Margaret River once again delivered a superb vintage. Vines were refreshed and healthy and bird pressure kept at bay with a decent Marri blossoming. Five consecutive weeks of hand-picking and processing began on the 12th February with our Verdelho. Semillon and Riesling harvests followed and then thanks to its excellent dormancy, the Chardonnay was our fourth variety to enter the winery this year. There was no break in picking between whites and reds with the last of the Sauvignon Blanc harvested on the 3rd and the Shiraz harvest beginning on the 4th of March. The last of the Cabernet and blending varieties were in the winery by March 20th, a week before any rain events. Warm days and cool nights during harvest produced fruit with excellent depth of flavour, preserved freshness and varietal purity.

VINEYARD

In the mid 1980's a small block of Riesling vines was planted on the 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. The vines are cane-pruned on a VSP trellis and all fruit is handpicked. Composted mulch has been spread throughout the vineyard since 2007 producing exceptional health and balance. Now 41 years of age, our Riesling block is one of Wilyabrup's last remaining.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were handpicked in the cool of the morning. Destemming occurred immediately and free-run juice was collected off the press, 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 a dry style, beautiful as a young wine and will develop richness and complexity with age. (VF)

REGION	Wilyabrup, Margaret River
VARIETY	Riesling
HARVEST DATE	18th February 2026
BOTTLING DATE	13th May 2026
CLOSURE	Stelvin+
TECHNICAL DATA	Alc 12.5% v/v