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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 straw colour with hues of green. Perfumed fresh passionfruit aromas with attractive grassy undertones, ripe English gooseberry and tropical fruit flavours. Lovely, long and refreshing.

ASHBROOK ESTATE SAUVIGNON BLANC 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

Ashbrook's first Sauvignon Blanc vines, the "Old Sauv Blanc", were planted in 1976. Originally all spur pruned on a VSP trellis, they were converted to cane pruned on a lyre trellis in early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the variety has to offer. Due to its popularity and ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block, the "Young Sauv Blanc", was planted in 1990. The open nature of our lyre trellis effectively eliminates greener characters and allows harvesting at optimal flavour ripeness at a lower Baumé. Coupled with the application of composted mulch over the years, the vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked over two days in the cool of the morning to capture the optimal flavour profile of each block. 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 filtration and bottling. Our lyre trellis and the Wilyabrup locality allows expression of riper characters such as fresh passionfruit and English gooseberry along with the typical varietal herbaceous, grassy nuances. When balanced by refreshing acidity, this full spectrum of flavours give this variety exceptional length and palate weight. A delicious wine to drink with or without food. (VF)

REGION	Wilyabrup, Margaret River
VARIETY	Sauvignon Blanc
HARVEST DATES	27th February & 3rd March 2026
BOTTLING DATE	27th May 2026
CLOSURE	Stelvin+
TECHNICAL DATA	Alc 13.5% v/v