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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**




# ASHBROOK ESTATE SEMILLON 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**

Obtaining cuttings from Bill Pannell's Moss Wood Vineyard in 1976, Ashbrook's love affair with Semillon began. Due to its popularity and ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block was planted in 1988. Originally all spur pruned on a VSP trellis, the majority was converted to cane pruned lyre trellis in the early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the variety has to offer while still incorporating the grassier nuances from the mixture of spur and cane pruned VSP rows. Coupled with the application of composted mulch over the years, the vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

**WINEMAKING**

Our four blocks of Semillon grapes were hand-picked over two days in the cool of dawn to capture the full spectrum of flavour this variety can achieve in Wilyabrup, encompassing the grassy, lemony and tropical characters. Destemming and careful 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. Made in an unwooded, dry style. Delicious as a young wine and has the fruit purity, palate weight and length to age beautifully. (VF)

*"A variety that Ashbrook has been making for decades and it is always one of their most popular."* **Ray Jordan 2026 Wine Review**

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| REGION | Wilyabrup, Margaret River |
| VARIETY | Semillon |
| HARVEST DATES | 16th & 26th February 2026 |
| BOTTLING DATE | 9th June 2026 |
| CLOSURE | Stelvin+ |
| TECHNICAL DATA | Alc 13.5% v/v |