



Ashbrook Estate

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2016 Riesling

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 handpicked and crafted from only Estate grown fruit. All processing, winemaking, bottling and packaging are done on site using the Estate's own private facilities. 2016 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 38th Vintage, one of only 5 Margaret River wineries to do so!

James Halliday says: "This estate is one of the quietest and highest achievers in Australia, maintaining excellent viticulture and fastidious winemaking." ★★★★★



2016 VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season at Ashbrook was typified by warm sunny days and cool nights with no harsh weather events recorded. Three inches of rain two weeks prior to harvest gave the vines a healthy boost and resulted in no disease pressure at all due to Ashbrook's predominantly lyre trellis system. A bumper and lengthy Marri blossom also meant Silver-eye bird damage was negligible which was well received by the vineyard team after a hectic 2015 season juggling netting. All said and done the white varieties were harvested at optimum flavour ripeness. Yields were slightly below average but the quality was impeccable. An inch of rain before the red harvest was again beneficial for the vines and grapes were picked in perfect condition. Yields were of average size with the 2016 vintage characterised by flavours developing at lower sugar levels across all varieties.

VINEYARD

In the mid 1980's a small block of Riesling vines was planted on a 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. Cane pruned and arched to force even bud burst, all fruit is handpicked and hand pruned. Composted mulch has been spread throughout the vineyard since 2007 producing exceptional health and balance.

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Riesling is all about purity & this is one of the most unique in Australia. A pristinely clear rim, bright straw in colour with hues of green. Made purely from free run juice, this elegant yet full flavoured wine has an abundance of floral character on the nose and palate balanced by zesty citrus flavour and crisp clean mineral acidity. The complexity and structure of this Riesling ensures terrific cellaring potential.

REGION Wilyabrup, Margaret River

VARIETY Riesling

HARVEST DATE 23th February 2016

BOTTLING DATE 22nd April 2016

CLOSURE Stelvin

TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	12.5% v/v
TA	7.3g/l
Residual Sugar	0.3g/l
pH	2.90