



Ashbrook Estate

# ASHBROOK ESTATE

## 2015 Sauvignon Blanc

### 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. 2015 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 37<sup>th</sup> Vintage, one of only 5 Margaret River wineries to do so!



#### 2015 VINTAGE

Due to a colder than normal Spring, fruit set was adversely affected. Bunch numbers were in line with the previous vintage however bunch weights were well down. No heatwaves were experienced during the ripening period and warm sunshine and cool nights prevailed for the most part. This, coupled with smaller crops resulted in intensely flavoured and attractive wines. 50ml of rainfall after the white harvest in early March delayed the picking of the red grapes. This freshened up the red grapes and no deleterious effects were noticed in quality. Most red grapes were harvested before Easter and were in excellent condition. All in all, vintage 2015 in Margaret River will be remembered again for wines of outstanding quality albeit in lesser quantities.

#### VINEYARD

The first Sauvignon Blanc vines or "Old Sauv Blanc" as it is affectionately known were planted in 1976. Due to its popularity & ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block was planted in 1990. Originally all VSP trellised and spur pruned, the "Old Sauv Blanc" it was converted to cane pruned Lyre trellis in early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the variety has to offer. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 9years, the Vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

#### WINEMAKING

A delicious wine to drink with or without food. The nose is loaded with tropical and passion fruits, which follow through onto the palate. Delicious fruit sweetness balanced by focused acidity and freshness makes this a very moreish wine. The grapes for this unwooded style are picked slightly riper than most in order to eliminate green characters and maximize the flavours of the tropical fruit spectrum and to give the wine greater palate weight and length.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY** Sauvignon Blanc

**HARVEST DATE** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**BOTTLING DATE** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**CLOSURE** Stelvin +

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	13.6% v/v
TA	6.9g/l
Residual Sugar	1.7g/l
pH	3.18