



Ashbrook Estate

# ASHBROOK ESTATE

## 2017 Verdelho

### 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. 2017 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 39<sup>th</sup> 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."



#### 2017 VINTAGE

A near perfect flowering and fruit set in Spring, followed by a Summer of warm, sunny days and cool nights resulted in a traditional late February start to harvest with optimal flavours forming at lower than usual sugar levels. Rainfall after the whites were harvested helped freshen up the red varieties and a perfect "Indian summer" allowed the grapes to ripen slowly through to late April/early May resulting in beautifully perfumed and flavoursome wines.

#### VINEYARD

After collecting cuttings during pruning season from one of the oldest Vineyards in the Swan Valley north east of Perth in 1976 the "Old Block" was planted on Ashbrook Estate. Due to its popularity a second block was planted in 1987 which is affectionately known as the "Verdelho over the creek". Originally all VSP grown, the majority was converted to cane pruned Lyre trellis in 2010 with immediate and brilliant results. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 9 years, the Vineyard shows remarkable health.

#### WINEMAKING

A vibrant, unwooded style of Verdelho with lashings of fruit aromas on the nose marrying with tropical fruit flavors and hints of spice on the palate. The wine stays focused and finishes crisp and dry yet has a powerful and refreshing length that makes this wine the perfect accompaniment to spicy, full flavoured dishes. Famous for its natural acidity, this variety ages beautifully. Cellaring for more than five years rewards with complex spice and honeysuckle and developing nutty and toasty characters.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY** Verdelho

**HARVEST DATE** 9<sup>th</sup> February - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**BOTTLING DATE** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**CLOSURE** Stelvin +

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	13.5% v/v
TA	7.5g/l
Residual Sugar	0.4g/l
pH	3.09