



# ASHBROOK ESTATE

## 2018 Semillon

### 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. 2018 sees Ashbrook Estate complete its 40<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."



#### 2018 VINTAGE

The 2017/18 growing season was up there with one of Margaret River's best. Our Wilyabrup weather station recorded higher than average rainfall from June to September. Low rainfall, warm temperatures and moderate winds in October and November were perfect conditions for flowering and fruit set across all varieties while a rain event in December helped refresh the vines and was followed by dry, warm conditions, as was a mid-January rain event. Thanks to Margaret River's quintessential cool summer nights and no heat events, maximum temperatures remained below average from early December until early April ensuring a steady ripening period. Ample Red Gum blossom and the application of nets kept the silvereyes away. The result, good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity and elegant flavour profiles.

#### VINEYARD

Obtaining cuttings from Bill Pannell's Moss Wood Vineyard in 1976 the world renowned Ashbrook Estate Semillon began. Due to its popularity & ultimate suitability to the Margaret River region a second block was planted in 1988. Originally all VSP trellised and spur pruned, the majority was converted to cane pruned Lyre trellis in early-1990s chasing more of the primary fruit flavours the Semillon variety has to offer while still incorporating the grassier flavours from the mixture of Spur and cane pruned VSP rows. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, for the past 10 years, the Vineyard shows exceptional health and balance.

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A classic example of what this variety can achieve in a warm maritime climate. Made in an unwooded style to retain and enhance varietal fruit freshness. Staggered harvesting of fruit from a combination of estate sites and trellising systems allows expression of a spectrum of aromas and flavours from sweet grassiness to punchy ripe citrus in the finished wine. This complexity also provides exceptional structure and palate weight with considerable ageing potential. Cellaring for five or more years is rewarded with rich complex nut, straw and toast characters in harmony with ripe lemon and sweet grassy nuances while still retaining a pleasantly surprising level of freshness, vibrancy and length.

**REGION** Wilyabrup, Margaret River

**VARIETY** Semillon 100%

**HARVEST DATE** 21<sup>st</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**BOTTLING DATE** 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**CLOSURE** Stelvin

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	13.0% v/v
TA	7.3g/L
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
pH	3.02