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**ASHBROOK ESTATE**  
WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER

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## 2018 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. 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 silveryeyes away. The result, good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity and elegant flavour profiles.

#### 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** 8<sup>th</sup> February -19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**BOTTLING DATE** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

**CLOSURE** Stelvin +

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	13.0% v/v
TA	7.5g/l
Residual Sugar	2.4g/l
pH	3.00