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2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

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. 2019 saw Ashbrook Estate complete its 41st vintage, one of only five Margaret River wineries to do so!

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



"Blackcurrant, mulberry and cocoa nibs on the nose. The time in oak has left a structuring footprint on the wine, testament to the quality of the fruit...." Erin Larkin
Halliday Wine Companion

"There's a lovely core of fruit supported by a line of spicy oak. This is a classy wine with some welcome bottle age." Gabrielle Poy
The Real Review

2019 VINTAGE

For vignerons who have been in the district a while, 2018/19 will be remembered as a quintessential, mild Margaret River growing season. Temperatures were slightly cooler than the 10-year regional average from budburst all the way through to the end of ripening. Although no frost damage occurred, we estimate around 10% of our Chardonnay vines experienced a short delay in ripening due to a rare cold snap in mid-September. A timely rain event in January served to recharge the vines during the long ripening. Unlike the previous vintage, Red Gum blossom was scarce and the application of nets from January onwards was imperative to keep the silvereye birds at bay. As a result of the long, mild ripening, vintage started in late February, two weeks later than recent vintages, and there was no break in harvest between the whites and reds. The 2019 vintage saw good yields across all varieties, slowly ripened fruit with retained natural acidity, perfumed aromas and elegant flavour profiles, reminiscent of the 2017 vintage.

VINEYARD

Our "Old Cab" block *Houghton* clone cuttings were collected from the Agricultural Department 'Source Block' in the Swan Valley and planted (1976) on the gravelly uplands of Wilyabrup's Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge. Originally all dry-grown on a VSP trellis, 90% of this block was converted to a cane-pruned, lyre trellis in 1998 with immediate and brilliant results. Due to its ultimate suitability to the region and increased demand, the "Young Cab" block was also planted (1998) using cuttings from the original vines which were trained up to a cane-pruned, lyre trellis. Coupled with the application of composted mulch, the Vineyard shows remarkable health and balance producing super premium fruit year in year out.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-picked over several mornings to capture the full flavour spectrum of each site. Bunches were immediately destemmed and the berries put across our vibrating sorting table. Four-tonne parcels of pure berries were then cold soaked, inoculated with carefully selected yeast strains and gently plunged every three hours in temperature-controlled, open, stainless-steel fermenters. After desired extraction the wine was gently pressed off skins and completed MLF in stainless steel tanks prior to ageing in 100% premium French oak barriques (15% new) for 23 months. After blending, filtration and bottling the wine was further matured in our underground, climate-controlled cellar until release. Ashbrook Estate has made this traditional Bordeaux-style blend since 1984.

REGION

Wilyabrup, Margaret River

VARIETIES

Cabernet Sauvignon	85.0%
Petit Verdot	6.7%
Cabernet Franc	4.8%
Merlot	3.5%

HARVEST DATES

22nd March & 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 11th & 12th April 2019

BOTTLING DATES

16th-19th August 2021

CLOSURE

Stelvin+

TECHNICAL DATA

Alc	14.0% v/v
TA	6.1g/l
pH	3.45