



PITCHFORK

2015
MARGARET RIVER
SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC



VINTAGE: It has been a carefree run for winemakers in Margaret River over the last eight seasons with perfect season following one after another, and then 2015 came along and took us out of our comfort zone.

The growing season really starts in September/October of the year before. In the late part of 2014, in October particularly, we experienced some of the wildest windiest weather for decades, unfortunately just when a number of grape varieties were flowering, and it is these flowers that when set become berries. The spring of 2014 was one of the worst flowerings on record with windy and wet conditions seriously compromising fruit set with the result that the yields of 2015 were the lowest that I have experienced in 23 years of growing grapes in the South West. Ouch.

The season itself was quite warm in the early part, and very dry. Easy conditions that produced very excellent quality white grapes but in quantities well below expectations.

WINEMAKING: The wine is unwooded, with fermentation occurring in stainless steel tanks and then bottled at an early age. A low temperature, protective regime was adopted during its production, thereby preserving the finer fruit characters of these aromatic varieties.

COLOUR: Brilliant appearance, pale straw with green hues.

NOSE: Classic lifted semillon and sauvignon blanc aromas. Lemon/lime, gooseberry, pine needles, green mango and passion fruit with distinctive grassy edge.

PALATE: Intensely flavoured, pristine fruit with a clean and zippy palate. Fresh fruit flavours of lemon, passionfruit and pineapple. The palate is long and lingering with a tight acidic backbone and clean dry finish.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

VINTAGE: 2015 VARIETY: Semillon 60% Sauvignon Blanc 40%

ALCOHOL: 12.5% GROWING REGION: Margaret River

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