

CHIEF WINEMAKER VIRGINIA WILLCOCK



VASSE FELIX

All Vasse Felix winemaking is led by Virginia Willcock who has over two decades experience of Margaret River vintages. Virginia's regional knowledge and expertise has been ideal for harnessing the true potential of Margaret River's first vineyard and winery.

Perth-born Virginia's interest in winemaking began as a teenager when she spent time working at her parent's small vineyard north of Perth. It was here she saw first-hand the happiness and joy that wine brought to her parent's dinner table after a hard day's work. This ignited the passion that has guided her from those days through to becoming Chief Winemaker at Vasse Felix.

Immediately after completing highschool, Virginia studied her Bachelor in Oenology at Roseworthy College. She worked a couple of vintages while studying and following this, made wine at Redgate, where she fell in love with Margaret River.

After four vintages in the region, Virginia took her winemaking international as a flying winemaker where she worked vintages in Albania, Northern Italy, Sicily and New Zealand.

In 1997 Virginia returned to Margaret River for a position as Winemaker/Manager of Selwyn Winery. During this time she continued making wine internationally with a vintage as consultant winemaker in Abruzzo, Italy. When Evans & Tate purchased Selwyn Wines mid 2000, she became the Senior Winemaker. In late 2003, Virginia became Group Winemaker of Australian Wine Holdings and was responsible for Alexandra Bridge, Hayshed Hill and Chestnut Grove Wines.

On 16 October 2006 Virginia joined Vasse Felix as Chief Winemaker. Her passion, philosophy and experience has been a key driver of the winery's refined focus.

