

2017 CLASSIC DRY WHITE



A classic Margaret River blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. This popular, pure-fruit style has been made by Vasse Felix since 1987. It is zesty, fresh and crisp.

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE Brilliant straw green.

NOSE Cool vintage thistle and peppermint characters are supported by traditional lemon/lime freshness, ginger spice and a hint of paw-paw richness.

PALATE Crisp tropical fruit and tangy citrus flavours dominate the entrance and mid palate, while the mouth-watering acidity supports excellent length. The finish is soft and delicious, yet super clean, making for a wonderfully versatile white wine.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Semillon's citrus and floral notes are complemented by the tropical passionfruit aromatics of Sauvignon Blanc. These varieties are picked at reasonably low Baume, capturing fine high-note aromas, crisp primary fruit flavours and good acid structure. The Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc juices are then fermented under cool conditions using specially selected yeasts to ensure the varietal characters are accentuated. This wine was fermented without the use of oak for pure fruit expression.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

2017 was a cooler and later vintage than the previous 10 years; a year of elegant, perhaps slightly lighter bodied wines, though ripe in flavour, vibrant and very perfumed. Higher than average yields in combination with a cooler season contributed to delayed ripening of the fruit and good acid retention. Some timely warmth and sunshine occurred throughout January, although February temperatures remained moderate with some rainfall. With the cooler weather, canopy management and fruit thinning was imperative to mitigate disease pressures and allow for even, persistent ripening. There was a warm start to March to finish the white harvest, followed by the driest April since 1982, finishing the reds beautifully.

VARIETIES 58% Semillon, 42% Sauvignon Blanc

HARVESTED February - March 2017

OAK Nil

TA 6.3g/L **PH** 3.22

RESIDUAL SUGAR 3.08g/L

ALCOHOL 12.0%

BOTTLED July 2017

CELLARING Drinks beautifully now.