

KERRIGAN + BERRY



The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia.

The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY CHARDONNAY 2019

The noblest white wine variety has found its New World home in Margaret River. From old vine 'dry grown' Gin Gin clone Chardonnay vines in the heart of Margaret River's famed Willyabrup sub-region this wine showcases why Margaret River is renowned for complex yet bright and refreshing Chardonnay. The K+B wines are all capable of developing increased complexity over time and this Chardonnay is no exception. It is in its youth, a tightly structured lean Chardonnay with more of the mineral and citric notes rather than traditional tropical fruits. The wine will develop gradually and reward the serious Chardonnay drinker.

2019 VINTAGE

Margaret River experienced a warm and dry winter, this led to a very early initial budburst in August. It is never good to burst that early as spring in Margaret River can be quite wild with wet and windy conditions which can be devastating during the grapevine flowering period. And so, it proved this season with hail, wind and heavy rain during the critical flowering period which was detrimental to fruit set with compromised vineyard yield to the extent that the 2019 vintage is the smallest harvest the vineyard has experienced.

The challenges remained as we entered the summer part of the growing season with several rain episodes and generally mild conditions. This made ripening slow, which is not a bad thing except that we had pressure from the two main pests in grape growing in Margaret River, birds and kangaroos.

The accountant would doubtless judge 2019 as a very poor year, but when you toast the vintage with a glass of Hay Shed Hill from 2019 you will be grateful that not all decisions are made from a financial basis.

TASTING NOTES

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CELLARING

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TECHNICAL

Growing region: Margaret River



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