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## SPARKLING CHENIN BLANC

### 2018 MARGARET RIVER

Marri Wood Park is a boutique family run and owned, Demeter certified biodynamic vineyard. Established 1992 in Yallingup, Western Australia, located on Caves Road, a stone throw from Smiths Beach.

Our biodynamic philosophy utilises sustainable, chemical free practices. Applying the timing and movement of celestial objects to predicate pruning, live animal fertilising, and picking; complementing our natural and introduced bio-diversity as an ecologically beneficial approach to farming.

#### Tasting Notes

2018 was a stand-out vintage in the Margaret River region, producing some stunning wines in all categories, and the sparkling wines are no exception. We make our Sparkling Chenin Blanc in the classic méthode traditionnelle - spending over five years in bottle on its lees, quietly adding levels of complexity and autolytic character, this 2018 Sparkling Chenin Blanc is showing classic Chenin Blanc aromas of crunchy green apple and bright, zesty lemon on both the nose and palate. The fine mousse and dry, elegant finish combined with delicate toasted biscotti notes and high yet balanced acidity, all make this a fresh,

crisp glass of bubbles that is perfect as an aperitif, but also has enough palate weight and complexity to be a beautiful accompaniment to any celebration or as part of meal. It's drinking perfectly now, however we are also excited to see how this 2018 vintage continues to develop in the bottle.

#### Winemaking

Heavy rainfalls deeply recharged soil moisture levels. The weather was settled during fruit set and moderate crop levels were on average. While the growing season felt like a cool one, it was in fact warmer across day time average temperatures in the lead up to harvest. We were treated to a spectacular "mega blossom" of the Marri trees, the most blossom in living memory which kept bird pressure to almost zero.

#### Viticulture Notes

This single vineyard site slopes to the north-west on gravelly, well-drained loamy soil. As is our custom, the vines received no irrigation or fertilisers, producing what we think are tight, intense flavours. The grapes were very healthy with little to no disease pressure, and were hand-picked and sorted.

#### Quick Notes

Winemakers: Nic Peterkin  
Grape Variety: 100% Chenin Blanc  
Disgorged: March 2022  
Growing Area: Margaret River  
Alc %/Vol: 13.2%  
Titratable Acidity: 11.25 g/l  
PH: 3.07  
Cellar Potential: 10+ years

Awards: Best Sparkling Wine -  
Australian Chenin Blanc Challenge  
2023 - Gold Medal

