



**FERMOY**  
ESTATE

— MARGARET RIVER —

## Fermoy Estate 2014 Vintage Report

The 2014 vintage in Margaret River was the 8<sup>th</sup> successive vintage of very favourable conditions and gave us very little to complain about!

Early season conditions were warmer than average, meaning that whites came in thick and fast, although a random hail event did impact on our estate Chardonnay crop for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running – greatly reducing our yield. Otherwise, whites were strong – displaying a good level of natural acidity and bold fruit flavours across the board.

The aromatic varieties of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc were characterised by a crisp and crunchy acid line through the palate with intense lime and tropical fruit characters on the nose. Similarly, Chardonnay showed great acid lines, with soft, focused phenolics and classic grapefruit and white peach fruit characters.

The red vintage was characterised by a vibrant fruit ripe intensity and well balanced tannin profiles. A mild autumn pattern allowed reds to hang on the vine, and good Marri blossom kept the bird pressure to a minimum.

Dry conditions throughout ensured no disease pressure influenced picking decisions, allowing all red varieties to develop through to full phenological ripeness. Shiraz showed good colour intensity, bold black fruits on the nose and a soft, textural tannin profile while Cabernet offered classic Margaret River characters of ripe, dark fruits and a savoury, bay leaf edge.

Good concentration and weight will ensure the 2014 vintage will be one for the longer term.

Winemakers Vintage Rating: ★★★★★

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