



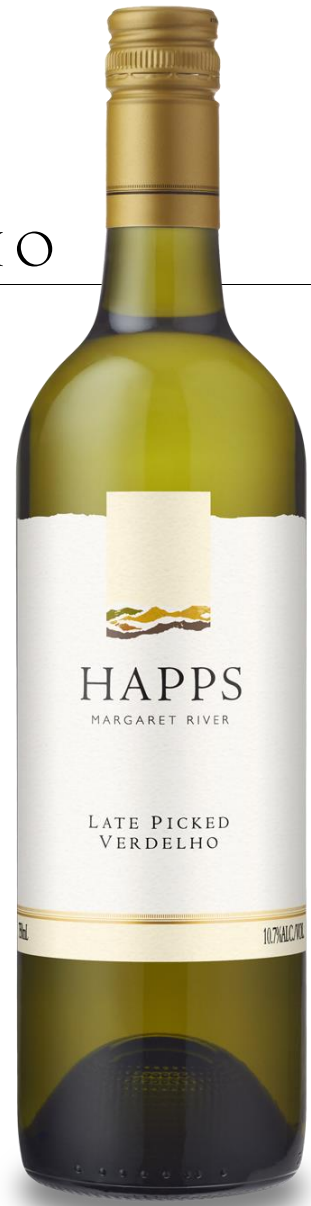
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## 2019 LATE PICKED VERDELHO

### Background:

Verdelho is best known in Madeira and Portugal where it makes great fortified wines. The grape was one of the early imports into this state. Settlers coming via the Cape of Good Hope probably found it growing in Cape Town and brought cuttings to Western Australia. The really notable grape of the time was Muscat a Petit grains which came from the famous Constantia vineyard. Vines from those early imports are still growing at Layman House in Wonnerup to the east of Busselton.

In recent times Verdelho has become more popular for dry and semi sweet styles of table wine especially in New South Wales. People in Sydney know Verdelho. In Margaret River it was championed by Barry Thompson the first manager of the Sandalford Vineyard at a time when Dorham Man was winemaker. It was also taken up by Kevin Squance of Willespie. Verdelho had been an ingredient of Jack Mann's Houghton White Burgundy and was popular in the Swan. Unfortunately the grape is highly susceptible to powdery mildew and terrible to pick because of its tiny straggly little bunches. This accounts for the fact that people are not keen to plant it in Margaret River. However, it makes great sweet wine and that is why we persist with it.



### Current Release: 2019 Vintage

#### Viticultural & vinification notes

<b>VINTAGE CONDITIONS</b>	A low yielding challenging vintage that rewarded only those who were diligent in the vineyard.
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Dunsborough Hand pruned to rods Hand picked
<b>GRAPE VARIETY</b>	100% Verdelho
<b>MATURATION</b>	Wholly fermented in stainless steel and matured in bottle under screw cap to maintain freshness.
<b>WINE ANALYSIS</b>	Alc/Vol: 9.8% Acidity: 5.4 g/l pH: 3.46 Residual Sugar 60 g/l

#### Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

<b>COLOUR</b>	
<b>NOSE</b>	To be completed closer to release
<b>PALATE</b>	

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