



# HAY SHED HILL

## MARGARET RIVER

### HAY SHED HILL CHARDONNAY 2016

The Hay Shed Hill Vineyard Series showcase the character of the fruit grown on this classic vineyard site with distinctive and expressive wines. Old Vines Modern Wines.

This wine showcases the strength of Margaret River for Chardonnay with a restrained, modern, elegantly structured wine from one of the great Margaret River vineyards.



**VINTAGE:** What a sweet vintage for Margaret River grape growers! Following a good winter was a mild and calm spring with generally good weather during the crucial flowering period, that is the stage at which the flowers are fertilized and begin to form individual grape berries. This stage can often be quite wild and stormy leading to significant loss of fruit.

The beginning of summer was mild, almost perfect growing conditions. There was a small rain event in January which may have caused consternation had it continued but it was mercifully brief leading to several months of virtually rain free weather. Chardonnay was harvested in early February. Pristine fruit with fresh flavours and good acidity.

Another great vintage for Margaret River.

**WINEMAKING:** Only free run juice from the old vine Gin Gin clone Chardonnay was used in the making of this wine, this component of the juice is the highest in quality with the most intense fruit expression and the lowest in undesirable phenolic skin characters. The clear juice was fermented in French oak barriques; 30% new with the balance being one, two and three years old. The wine was matured in the same barriques for a further 10 months. No lees stirring or malo lactic fermentation was allowed in order to preserve and highlight the purity of fruit expression. The objective was to make a wine that expressed the character of this superb vineyard in an elegant and restrained style of wine that would be bright, vibrant and fresh in its youth but benefit from medium term cellaring.

**COLOUR:** The wine displays fresh green tinges on a pale straw colour.

**NOSE:** The nose exhibits aromas of fresh cut pear and honey dew melon with some zesty citric notes. There are no overt woody or buttery aromas with the primary fruit characters expressed with clarity and definition.

**PALATE:** The palate is fresh and lively with clean crisp acidity complementing the vibrant fruity flavours. The palate has very good extension and ends clean and bright. This is a restrained style of Australian Chardonnay and highlights how far we have come with this style of wine over the last decade.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

Vintage: 2016

Growing Region: Margaret River

Variety: Chardonnay 100%

Alcohol: 13.0% Alc. Vol.

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