

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

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 Wilyabrup 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.

## VINTAGE

The 2023 Vintage was a throwback to the 90's. A lovely wet winter opened to a mild spring with budburst in the early varieties being up to two weeks later than recent vintages. The spring weather was fine so the late budburst and slower development was not a problem for the early and mid season varieties, but it did cross a few minds that late season varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon might be very late indeed which always carries risk of rain.

However, such concerns were mollified as the season continued into March with fine weather and mild conditions that were ideal for steady, consistent ripening. Chardonnay came off a few weeks later than usual but in perfect condition and looked potentially to be the star variety of the whites.

I believe we will see brilliant whites and mid bodied, more elegant reds from the 2023 vintage reminiscent of some of the great vintages in the 1990's.

## TASTING NOTES

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# TECHNICAL

Growing region: Margaret River Alcohol: 11.5% Vintage: 2023 Variety: Chardonnay 100%



