

## 2018 Petit Lot Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

This wine is our somewhat more layered and complex take on Margaret River's classic white blend. The Semillon is the dominant wine in this blend, making up 68% proportion of the blend. The focus with this wine is on picking the grapes when the vineyard's canopy was in good condition and the juice's natural acidity still high. The Semillon component comes from our main vineyard planted on an Ironstone/laterite ridge and contributes beautiful grassy, citrus characters to the blend. The Sauvignon Blanc (27%) on the other hand was grown in soil with a greater clay/quartz component, providing fresh and zesty aromatics and a mineral acidity to the final blend. A small proportion of Chardonnay (5%) brings an unapparelled degree of depth. All components have been fermented with natural yeasts and a portion of the final blend has been aged for 9 months in French barriques, providing a texture and complexity to the wine., whilst still delivering a fresh finish. A complex textural wine that will age gracefully for 5+ years and will develop richness with time in the bottle.

### Third highest score SSB/SBS blend in Margret River

*"There's the slightest touch here of something herbaceous, but it's well matched with just-picked apricots and citrus. Bright and steely on the medium-bodied palate, this finishes fresh" – James Suckling*

### Top Ranked Real Review – Top 3 Semiloon blends in Australia, 2018 vintage

*"Bright, light yellow colour, with a fresh, lifted bouquet of varietal sauvignon blanc fruit and nicely harmonised spicy oak. A Graves-like aroma, it's intense and refined; jumpy acidity keeps it fresh and alive. Clean, dry finish." Huon Hooke*

### 4.5/5 Stars

*"A powerhouse, where citrus flavours shine through, added to by sensitive use of oak." Fergal Gleeson*

### Past vintage ratings:

2017, 95/100 | James Halliday

2016, 95/100 | James Halliday

### 2018 Vintage

Following a wet winter Margaret River saw ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set in spring. The dry and calm conditions during flowering resulted in a healthy and evenly distributed crop with lots of small berries across all varieties and Cabernet Sauvignon in particular. This would eventually result in excellent concentration and flavour development down the track. Temperatures were moderate throughout the growing season without any severe heat waves, and the vines received just the right amount of rain at regular intervals. Unlike the 2017 vintage disease pressure was minimal, and the Marri trees on our property were flowering at the right time thus keeping the birds away from the fruit. The canopies remained very healthy without showing any signs of stress throughout. The entire vineyard was looking so healthy that in the days leading up to harvest it seemed like there was an almost luminescent glow about it. Overall, the summer was a relatively mild one allowing for a long growing season, the extended hanging times facilitating the development of outstanding depth of flavours and aromatics in the musts. The resulting wines are layered and showing unparalleled complexity even at a very early stage. There can be little doubt that 2018 will be remembered as one of Margaret River's all-time vintages.