



The Yard

Channybearup, Riversdale, Justin, Acacia—within each of these vineyards is The Yard: the place where we break ground in single vineyard wines.

The magic of wine is its ability to express provenance. This is why, for us, making wine means growing grapes.

It’s much harder to improve the vineyard than it is to employ a change in winemaking technique. From the big things like travelling the world in the hunt for grape clones which we believe would be well suited to our vineyard sites, to the little things like dropping the height of the cane from 1.2m to 400mm, every step counts.

We don’t use herbicides. We employ fish and seaweed application. We make our own compost to support the whole vineyard biology. It’s not just about better water retention, but about healthy soils with good microbial activity. It’s a whole ecosystem thinking to make healthier, disease-resistant vines. Continuous within The Yard is our work to translate and transmit terroir.

The wines made here offer a first look into the future of the Cherubino tier range.

2018 Cane Cut Semillon

THE VINTAGE:

A wet spring gave way to mild and dry conditions throughout the summer with a long slow ripening period. White wines have strong flavours supported by lively acidities and red varieties have fine tannins and deep colours. This vintage could go down as one of the best in the last 25 years for the region.

Vintage Rating—9.75/10

THE WINEMAKING:

The canes were cut and the fruit was left to hang on the vines to concentrate flavours and sugars. The fruit was then hand harvested and left on skins for 48 hours prior to pressing. It was then fermented in French oak barrels and bottled.

THE WINE:

Aromas of lemon curd, white flowers and peach are carried through to the palate. The sweetness is well balanced by a fine acidity.

Vineyard	Caves Road	Origin	Margaret River, WA	Vegan	N/A
Year Planted	1997	Variety	Semillon	Vegetarian	N/A
Location	Margaret River, WA	Picking date	May 2018	Organic	N/A
Vines per Hectare	2000	Sugar at picking	18° Baume	Biodynamic	N/A
Irrigation	Yes	Alcohol	13%	Allergens	Low Sulphites
Clone/s	..	pH	3.28		
Rootstock	..	Total acidity	6.57 g/L		
Aspect	North	Residual sugar	110.0 g/L		
Soils	Gravelly loam	Bottled	November 2018		
		Cellaring Potential	10 years		