



## Cherubino

The sum of our experiences and our best performing parcels of vineyard come to be expressed in our Cherubino range.

It's the best of what we do, from Margaret River to Pemberton, to the regions of the Great Southern: our top one per cent, and with each year, we improve the quality of our best.

Hand made, with attention to detail taken at every step of the winemaking journey.

They are our signature, the sign of our best work.

# 2021 Caves Road Chardonnay

#### THE VINTAGE:

A very challenging year with above average rainfall. Careful fruit selection and canopy management made all the difference with expressive white wines with longevity due to the long, slow ripening. The northern end of the Margert River, Wilyabrup and Yallingup experienced very different condition to the south. Reds are very perfumed and long in flavour with abundant tannins.

### THE WINEMAKING:

The fruit was hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed directly into 30% new French oak, 70% old French oak from a combination of forests – Vosges, Troncais and Allier. Juice naturally fermented in barrel with only 10% allowed to go through full malolactic fermentation.

## THE WINE:

Pale straw colour with aromas of roasted nuts, peach and sweet citrus blossom and complex oak spices. Flavours of citrus, mineral salts and a fine, long acidity.

Vineyard Various Year Planted 1986-2009 Location Margaret River, WA 1350-2200 Vines per Hectare Irrigation Yes Clone/s 95,96 Rootstock Own Aspect Northern

Various

Margaret River, WA Origin Chardonnay Variety Picking date March 2021 Sugar at picking 11.5 °Baume Alcohol: 12.0% 3.32 Total acidity  $6.40\,\mathrm{g/L}$ Residual sugar  $2 \, \mathrm{g/L}$ **Bottled** March 2022

**Cellaring Potential** 

Vegan N/A
Vegetarian N/A
Organic N/A
Biodynamic N/A
Allergens Low Sulphites

Soils

10 years