



2008 HAY SHED HILL SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

VINTAGE:	2008
GROWING REGION:	Margaret River
VARIETY:	Sauvignon Blanc 60% Semillon 40%
ALCOHOL:	12.4 per cent

The Hay Shed Hill vineyard lies in the heart of the acclaimed Willyabrup triangle in the Margaret River wine region. Hay Shed Hill is a classic site first planted in 1973 during the pioneer days of the local wine industry. Planted with the varieties that have established the reputation of Margaret River as a world class wine producing area the Hay Shed Hill vineyard produces low yields of outstanding fruit from fully mature vines, combined with world best practice winemaking to produce flavoursome wines of great depth that reflect the character and essence of this wonderful site.

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VINTAGE: While most of Eastern Australia experienced a very hot 2008 vintage producing super ripe grapes and high alcohol wines Western Australia in general and Margaret River in particular enjoyed a mild, even and relatively stress free 2008 vintage. Coming off one of the wetter winters for some time the ground was well hydrated for the start of spring. The weather throughout spring and summer was excellent with generally mild temperatures and good sunshine – great grape growing conditions. Sauvignon Blanc showed lovely tropical aromatics with Semillon being typically grassy and fresh. *Michael Kerrigan*

WINEMAKING: Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon grapes from the Hay Shed Hill vineyard were used in making this wine. Only free run juice was used, this component of the juice is the highest in quality with the most intense fruit expression and the lowest in undesirable phenolic skin characters. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks at low temperature without the use of oak preserved and highlighted the finer fruit characters of these aromatic varieties.

COLOUR: The wine displays fresh green tinges to a very pale straw colour .

NOSE: Typical cool-climate Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon aromas of lively tropical fruits and fresh herbaceous grassy characters make up an intense bouquet.

PALATE: The palate is fresh and lively with classic Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon characters and a fine structure that are an indication both of the quality of the vintage and of the use of only free-run juice.

