

2018
XANADU EXMOOR
SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

VARIETY: 77% Sauvignon Blanc 23% Semillon

REGION: Margaret River, W.A.

TECHNICAL: pH: 3.18
Alc.: 13.0% v/v
TA: 7.5g/L
Free SO2: 38 ppm
Residual Sugar: 2.27 g/L
VA: 0.22g/L
Total SO2: 128 ppm



TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Pale straw with slight green tinge.

BOUQUET: The vibrant bouquet exhibits fresh passionfruit and citrus characters, with dried herbs of lemon thyme and hints of guava in the background.

PALATE: Medium bodied, the zesty palate offers freshly squeezed lemon/lime flavours combined with tropical fruits and a touch of zesty spice. An easy drinking 'classic' Margaret River wine style with wonderful purity – crunchy, fruit driven, lip-smacking dry with crisp acidity and a clean, refreshing finish.

CELLARING POTENTIAL:
A 'drink now' style - best consumed while bright, zesty and youthful.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2018 growing season began with good, even budburst after average Winter rainfall. The mild Spring which followed ensured that there was good flowering and fruit set. A moderate start to Summer, with no heat extremes, set up the harvest well with white varieties offering great flavour intensity and bright acidity. There was an incredible display of Marri blossom (tagged as a once in a generation 'mega-blossom') which meant bird pressure was practically non-existent whilst the whites were harvested. A minor rain event occurred in mid-March, which was followed by fine warm conditions which prevailed right through to the middle of April allowing all red varieties to achieve great flavour and tannin ripeness. In summary, 2018 will be remembered as an outstanding vintage!

This wine was 100% sourced from the Xanadu Boodjidup vineyard.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was crushed, destemmed and chilled before pressing. The settled, clean juice was then fermented at 15°C in stainless steel tanks using aromatic yeast strains to retain fresh varietal characteristics. The final components are then selected and assembled prior to stabilisation and bottling under screwcap closure.