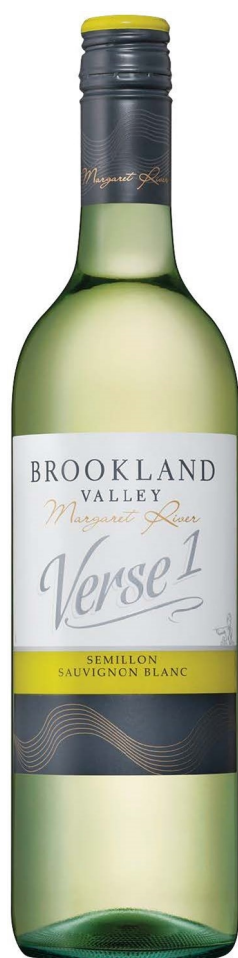


## `Verse 1` Margaret River Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc 2014

Margaret River, Western Australia, Australia



### PRODUCER

Given the strength of our portfolio in Margaret River, we weren't looking for anything new from this area. When we tasted the wines from Brookland Valley, however, we felt they complemented our other producers, and strengthened our offering from Western Australia. David visited Brookland Valley, idyllically situated in Wilyabrup, about 15 years ago and was struck more by its beauty than by the quality of its wines. Today, the wines are outstanding, and offer excellent value. Winemaker Courtney Treacher has secured quite a haul for her wines this year, winning four gold medals at both the International Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards.

### VINEYARDS

The Verse 1 wines are made with fruit bought in from other growers in Margaret River. The rectangular cape stretching some 120 kilometres north to south and 40 kilometres east to west, dwarfing both the Barossa and Coonawarra. The influence of the merging Southern and Indian Oceans means that temperatures never reach the extremes experienced in continental regions.

### VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was a reflection of warm and dry conditions throughout the season. The winter of 2013 was characterised by above average temperatures and below average rainfall. In the spring that followed, Margaret River received above average rainfall & temperatures, beginning a trend for the growing and ripening periods of the vines. These conditions meant that berry development was rapid with early flavour accumulation.

### VINIFICATION

Individual parcels were fermented separately in stainless steel with selected yeasts at cool temperatures to retain varietal aromatics. Extended contact with light yeast lees prior to blending provides further complexity, texture and palate length.

### TASTING NOTES

Very pale straw with a youthful green hue, the nose is intense with lifted aromatics of citrus blossom and lemongrass combined with herbaceous undertones reminiscent of freshly cut grass. Juicy tropical fruit flavours dominate the palate, with passionfruit, guava and fresh lime citrus. Fine acidity offers length and persistence.

Grape Varieties **57% Semillon**  
**43% Sauvignon Blanc**

Winemaker **Courtney Treacher**

Closure **Screwcap**

ABV **12.5%**

Residual Sugar **1.6g/L**

Acidity **6.2g/L**

Wine pH **3.33**

Bottle Sizes **75cl**