



Family owned, distinctly Margaret River.

THE MARGARET RIVER WINE GROWING REGION

Once a quiet rural community dominated by dairy farms and timber production with striking natural beauty and endless rolling surf, Margaret River Wine Region has grown over the last 30 years to become Western Australia's most renowned and premium producing wine regions.

This incredible transformation was the result of a recommendation in 1965 by agronomist Dr John Gladstone and Californian viticulturalist Professor Harold Olmo, citing the region compared in soil type and climate to that of Bordeaux. By 1966, the first trial of vines was planted, and by 1967 the first commercial vineyard was established. The region now boasts over 60 established vineyards and over 40 wineries. Responsible for only one per cent of Australia's wine production, the region supplies no less than 10 per cent of the premium table wine market.



Surrounded by water on three sides, the region runs 110kms from Cape Naturaliste to Cape Leeuwin in the south, and 27km's east to west. This vast region is formed by 6 varied sub regions located in the valleys of Wilabrup, Wallcliffee, Carburnup, Yallingup, Karridale and Treeton.

The Leeuwin Naturaliste Ridge, an ancient granite land mass over 2000 million years old, runs along the region. This ancient bedrock and outcrop of limestone have decomposed to produce gravelly loam topsoil over clay sub soils, excellent for the growing of grapes.

Similar to the Bordeaux regions of Saint Emillion and Pomerol in climate, with strong maritime influences from the stabilizing Indian and Southern Oceans, a higher winter rainfall (1150 mm) and dry warm summers, create advantageous growing conditions for Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux blends.

Today, Margaret River is arguably the purest wine environment in the world and has become renowned for producing distinctive wines of great character and depth.

Harvest time: February to mid April

Heat Degree Days	1690	Sunshine Hours per Day	8.1 hours
Annual Rainfall	1160mm	Growing Season Rainfall	200mm
Mean Jan. Temperature	20.4C	Harvest	End Feb - mid April

**From Australian Bureau of Meteorology*