



# STREICKER

MARGARET RIVER

## 2016 STREICKER BRIDGELAND BLOCK

### SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

**Winemaking:** The fruit is selected from the best blocks of our Bridgeland vineyard in southern Margaret River. The fruit is handpicked, cold-crushed and pressed to retain freshness and cultivate texture and structure. The juice is settled cold and racked after 2 days, harvesting only the lightest and most delicate grape solids to further aid in textural and aromatic development. The juice is barrel fermented in 33% new, 33% 2nd fill and 33% 3rd fill French oak barriques. The wine is sulphured pre-malolactic fermentation, in order to further preserve fresh fruit aromatics and pure acidity. It is then aged in oak for 9 months and battonaged every two weeks to develop texture and additional palate complexity, after which the wine is removed from barrel, clarified and bottled.

**Vintage:** The 2015 to 2016 vintage season in Margaret River was generally warm and dry up to the third week in January 2016. The relatively dry winter combined with a warmer growing season corresponded to vines achieving good shoot lengths and making the transition from vegetative growth to fruiting growth a little earlier than normal; a great feature for fruit quality. Our dry growing season was quenched on 19th March, 2016 with 50mm of rain, enough to wash the dust off the vine leaves, top up the dry soil profiles and carry the vines through to full ripeness. The resulting wines are fragrant with succulent natural acidities, lovely textures and intense aromatic lift.

**Vineyards:** Bridgeland

**Blend:** 64.54% Sauvignon Blanc; 35.46% Semillon

**Aroma:** Peaches, gooseberry, white pear and citrus blossom with hints of allspice and red currants.

**Palate:** A tensile entry of lime zest and freshly cut pears with delicate floral flavours and spicy oak hints. A voluminous core of primary fruit and viscous acidity cuts it's way to a finish laden with yet more flavours of currants, peaches, blossoms and whispers of creamy French oak.

**Cellaring:** This is a fresh drink now style, but can be aged for up to 10 years for added complexity.

**Alcohol:** 12.6%

**Accolades:** 95 Points, "Special Value Star" & "Top Rated" - James Halliday  
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