

2021 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc

Sub region – Wilyabrup



The Domaine

Rosily Vineyard is situated on Yelverton Road in the Wilyabrup sub region of Margaret River. The total vineyard size is 12.28 hectares. Only fruit from our vineyard is used in the production of our wines. The wines are all made at the winery constructed on the property in the year 2000.

Our History

Rosily Vineyard is named after Vice-Admiral Count François-Étienne de Rosily-Mesros (1748-1832), a French Navigator, who was intimately involved in the ongoing French explorations of Western Australia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Rosily was the cartographer on the Gros Ventre (aka big belly), which took possession of the land that became WA, for France on the 30th March 1772. He was an ensign on this voyage and accurately chartered Shark Bay and Dirk Hartog Island in the name of King Louis XV. This annexation, discovered in January 1998 was made possible with the use of Vice-Admiral Rosily-Mesros accurate maps. The original charts, 226 years after the initial landing showed the precise location where a bottle was buried with charts, a French coin and seal.

Certified Organic Timeline

2012 and 2013 – Vineyard organic trials conducted
 2014, 2015, 2016 – Vineyard conversion to organic
 2017 – Vineyard certified organic
 2018 – Vintage 2018 was the 1st wine bottled with certified fruit
 2019 – Certified wines released from 2018 and 2019 vintages.

Vintage Summary

Vintage 2021 at Rosily was late to start (2nd March) and very late to finish (1st April).

The rainfall experienced during the ripening period resulted in the longest hang time (the time between the veraison and harvest) on record at Rosily – 54 days vs the average of 49 days.

The total harvest of 57.27 tonnes was 1.5 tonnes more than last year, but about 30% lower than the long-term average of almost 82 tonnes.

Our organic focus has ensured our vines are in balance and more resilient in what has been an unusual growing and picking season. We were delighted to be able to harvest clean and disease free fruit.

Between the wet and cool spring (which can limited flower development and increased fungal disease risk), the three separate heavy rain events during harvest, and the covid induced difficulties in finding harvest staff, it was certainly a vintage that tested our technical knowledge, patience and resolve.

Tasting Notes

Appearance: Pale straw, brilliantly bright with a slight lemon tinge.
Nose: Aromatics reveal fresh nettle and ripe tropical fruits. Lightly toasted oak adds an extra dimension and depth.
Palate: A focused wine that displays citrus, grassy and subtle lime zest flavours. Deftly selected and handled oak provides vigour and complexity. Refreshing tangy acidity brings life to the finish. This wine is ready for immediate drinking however has the structure to evolve slowly over the next 7 years.

Semillon Vintage Data

Amount: 7.12 tonnes
Cropping level: 2.12 tonne / acre
Berry size: 2.37g
Picking dates: 8th and 9th of March 2021
Ripeness: 12.25 Baume
pH: 3.25
T/A: 8.54

Sauvignon Blanc Vintage Data

Amount: 9.68 tonnes
Cropping level: 1.89 tonne / acre
Berry size: 1.45g
Picking dates: 2nd of March 2021
Ripeness: 11.70 Baume
pH: 3.31
T/A: 9.6

