



# THOMPSON

## ESTATE

### 2008 SPARKLING PINOT NOIR CHARDONNAY

Thompson Estate Vineyard is a Margaret River vineyard of considerable natural beauty which produces wines of internationally recognised quality and elegance. Since its founding in 1997, has become recognised as one of the leaders in the region. It is set in a gently sloping location in Wilyabrup surrounded by native trees, and has a strong emphasis on sustainable viticulture and environmentally sensitive land management. The focus on quality and consistency in the vineyard and state of the art winery produces highly regarded wines exported to ten countries. As a family owned company, it regards some support for the arts as one of its responsibilities.

#### *Tasting Notes*

Pale lemon with brilliant clarity, fine beads and a persistent mousse.

The nose reveals a refreshing clean lemon, lime lift with an appetizing brioche overtone.

The delicate, elegant flavours reflect the nose and a subtle hint of oak adds extra complexity. The palate is soft, clean and well balanced with a smooth, creamy mouth feel. Fine acid lines, great persistence and finesse finishes this wine sensationally.



#### *Winemaking Notes*

The fruit was hand picked in the cool of the morning and immediately whole bunch pressed to retain freshness and quality. The juice was then cold settled to brightness, warmed and pure yeast culture introduced.

At the onset of fermentation the juice was transferred to barrels for fermentation, and then matured in 2 year old barriques for 4 to 6 months, before tirage with carefully selected yeast. The wine was kept on its yeast lees in bottle for 8 years before disgorging.

2008 was a favourable year for both red and white varieties in Margaret River with a cool Spring and sporadic rain slowing development of the vines with good flavour intensity resulting. Bright sunny weather leading up to vintage led to ideal fruit ripening and there were minimal problems in the vineyard.

#### *Technical*

Geographical Indication:

Variety:

Analysis:

Winemaker:

Oak Maturation:

Wilyabrup, Margaret River

Pinot Noir 80% and Chardonnay 20%

Alcohol 11.0 %, Residual Sugar 4 g/l, pH 3.04 & TA 8.2 g/l

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New and older French oak barriques 4 to 6 months

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