



# VASSE FELIX

MARGARET RIVER



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The Holmes à Court family purchased the estate in 1987, and vineyard expansions have been made with an unwavering commitment unnecessary to Cullity's simple founding aim – "to make the best possible wine."

Vasse Felix focuses on Margaret River's regional strengths of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, along with Semillon Sauvignon Blanc blends and Merlot. The wines are made to best express the unique terroir of Margaret River, the vineyards and Vasse Felix's winemaking philosophy.

Grape variety and the alignment of rows are chosen according to soil type. This ensures that the vines are perfectly suited to their settings, creating the best possible conditions for making great wine.

**IMAGES** This page – The view across the vineyard towards Vasse Felix's award winning Cellar Door and Restaurant.  
Opposite page – Above – A bunch of Chardonnay grapes. Bottom – Head Winemaker Virginia Willcock with the Estates owner – Paul Holmes à Court.



The iconic Wilyabrup Vineyard is a winemaker's paradise. It has a patchwork of small blocks reflecting its hilly terrain and the intricacy of its unique site influences. The Karridale and Carbinup Vineyards provide complementary parcels. Karridale provides vibrancy and delicacy while Carbinup brings volumes of opulence and intense flavour.

Vasse Felix's fruit is harvested, fermented and matured in small parcels, at which point every decision is made to reflect the vintage and the journey of the individual barrique. Grading is a continuous activity from the vineyard, through maturation until the final composition of each wine is determined, working from the Icon wines through to the Premier, Filius and Classics tiers.

*“Margaret River is the closest thing to paradise in any wine region I have visited in my extensive search for knowledge” Jancis Robinson MW*



## Virginia Willcock – Winemaker

Virginia joined Vasse Felix as Chief Winemaker in October 2006. Since then, she has been twice nominated for Australian Gourmet Traveller ‘Winemaker of the Year’ and was awarded the trophy for ‘Winemaker of the Most Outstanding Red or White Wine in Show’ at the 2011 Royal Adelaide Wine Show.

After graduating from the prestigious Roseworthy College, Virginia has made twenty vintages in Margaret River, and also internationally as a flying winemaker in Albania, Northern Italy, Sicily, Abruzzo and New Zealand.