

ROBERT OATLEY VINEYARDS 2022 VINTAGE REPORT

The 2022 vintage has been outstanding across the board for the Robert Oatley Vineyards' key growing regions. Highlights include improved volumes and quality of chardonnay from Margaret River, along with concentrated, flavoursome cabernet sauvignon.

McLaren Vale delivered some exceptional shiraz and grenache, too.

2022 was fantastic for Western Australia. The Great Southern enjoyed a terrific growing season, the vines needing little to no water over summer, the fruit ripening well through to some spring rains giving a late start to harvest. Riesling has great acidity and potential for longevity. Cabernet in particular fared well, with lower than usual alcohols, great colour, flavour and depth of tannins. They will be more elegant than 2021.

Margaret River's overall crush was up on 2021 with some exceptional parcels of chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon, the quality outstanding throughout the region. Both will no doubt deliver some excellent wines. Sauvignon blanc, too, was terrific – delicate yet full of flavour.

With 2021 hailed universally as one of McLaren Vale's best vintages of late, the 2022 vintage was much anticipated. Growing seasons and vintage conditions were very similar and 2022 has delivered very high quality reds of slightly lower yields - wines with intense, rich and balanced colour and flavours. Shiraz and grenache were stand outs.

Mudgee's rather wet growing season delivered challenges to grapegrowers for the 2022 harvest. Even for a wetter than normal year our shiraz is showing good concentration, with medium body, bright colour and lovely spice notes.

