

# MARGARET RIVER WINE

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## Two Margaret River wineries shortlisted for the 2023 IWSC Producer of the Year

Today, the IWSC announced that Margaret River's **Voyager Estate** and **Cherubino** have been shortlisted for 2023 IWSC Wine Producer of the Year Trophy.

- Voyager Estate is shortlisted for **Red Wine Producer of the Year Trophy**.
- Cherubino is shortlisted for **White Wine Producer of the Year Trophy**.

This year, the IWSC has judged over 7,500 wines from over 40 countries to shortlist 7 wineries for Red Wine Producer and 6 wineries for White Wine Producer of 2023.

Thrilled upon hearing the news, Margaret River Wine Association CEO Amanda Whiteland said, "It is fantastic to have two Margaret River producers recognised on such a coveted global shortlist.

*"With so many worthy producers from so many diverse regions, having one Margaret River winery make it onto the Producer of the Year shortlist is fantastic, but having two wineries is mind-blowing!*

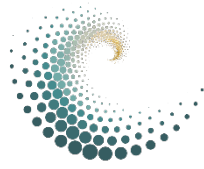
*I am so pleased for the teams at Voyager Estate and Cherubino, and the spotlight this puts on the whole Margaret River Wine Region."*

IWSC CEO Christelle Guibert said, "Following our triumph trip to Western Australia this summer, I'm delighted to see two Margaret River producers make the shortlists of our coveted 2023 Producer Trophies. Our judges have a tough decision of choosing the final winners from these producers; they are the best of 2023. The winners will be announced at our Awards Celebration in London on 19 October."

**Cherubino** received an impressive total of **four gold medals** for their Chardonnay wines - Chardonnay 2022, Dijon Chardonnay 2022 and Gingin Chardonnay from Margaret River, as well as Pemberton Chardonnay 2022. Cherubino also received **four silver medals** for Pedestal Elevation Chardonnay 2022, Chardonnay 2021, Caves Road Chardonnay 2022 and Cabernet Sauvignon 2021.

Owner Larry Cherubino said, "We are truly honoured and humbled to be shortlisted for this award in what is a highly competitive field among the world's finest wineries."

*"Our home in Margaret River is incredibly special to us. The soils and climate contribute to producing Chardonnays of exceptional character which we are proud to share with the world."*



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**Voyager Estate** received **three gold medals** for the MJW Cabernet Sauvignon 2020, Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 and Sauvignon Blanc-Semillon 2023, as well as **two silver medals** for the Coastal Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 and The Modern Cabernet Sauvignon 2021.

Voyager Winemaker Tim Shand said, “Margaret River is increasingly recognized for making some of the world’s great cabernet wines. To represent our region on this short list, awarded by the formidable judging line up of the IWSC, is a great privilege.”

Click [here](#), to see the complete list of wineries shortlisted for the IWSC 2023 Producer of the Year.

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Click [here](#) to see the qualification criteria for the Producer Trophy.

The IWSC judging in Margaret River was organised in partnership with the [Margaret River Wine Association](#) and supported by WA Wines to the World, an industry-led Export Growth Partnership coordinated by Wines of Western Australia, co-funded by DPIRD.

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### **About the IWSC**

The IWSC is more than a competition. It is a global wine and spirits community, focused on people and expertise.

Our mission is to champion the best wine and spirits from around the world by taking a personal approach to our partners' needs. We offer comprehensive business support via our network of world-class experts and aim to bring this global community together to share insights and help each other grow.

We don't just champion award winners. We seek out undiscovered talent and help partners – large and small – reach ambitious targets and achieve their goals.

Founded by Austrian wine chemist Anton Massel in 1969, we are proud to have over fifty years' experience rigorously assessing and celebrating the best wine and spirits. Our meticulous standards, attention to detail and world-class expertise sets us apart as the partner of choice for producers, distributors, influencers and experts the world over.

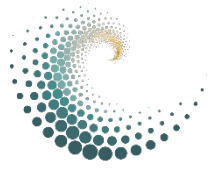
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### **About Margaret River Wine Association**

The Margaret River Wine Association (MRWA) is the peak body for Margaret River grape growers and winemakers and represents their interests to promote, protect and enhance Margaret River fine wine.

The Association is an independent, non-profit organisation, financed by its members with additional funding sourced through sponsorship and grants. 200 wine producers and over 50 Grape Grower and Commercial organisations are members of MRWA.

MRWA was established in the late 1970s as the Margaret River Grape Growers & Winemakers Association and in 2022 it celebrated its 40th Anniversary since incorporation in 1982.



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## **About Margaret River**

Margaret River is one of the Earth's most pristine, geographically secluded, coastal wine regions. This breathtaking destination of ancient landforms, lush forests and distinct Ironstone gravel soils enjoys a 'textbook perfect' climate for fine wines, with its consistent Mediterranean climate and intense maritime influence – here, the Indian and Southern Oceans meet.

Scarce and sought-after worldwide, Margaret River wines represent only 2% of the Australian annual crush. The elegant and powerful Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay expressions are most noteworthy and can be grown with a 'light touch' approach, as the grapes typically ripen with superb balance, refinement and structure. Artisan and family-owned producers dominate, and their preference for handcrafted winemaking and respectful creativity shines through.

A world-renowned wine destination, the region's 100 cellar doors, gourmet culinary experiences, stunning nature and spirited arts scene attracts over 1.5 million overnight visitors per year.