

BART MOLONY

CHIEF VITICULTURIST

Bart Molony is the Chief Viticulturist behind Vasse Felix's four specialty vineyards located in selected sites throughout Margaret River, including the region's oldest vineyard. He joined as Vineyard Supervisor in 2004.

Bart has a passion for sustainable viticulture, where every practice is guided by a strong focus on vineyard biodiversity and responsible, natural farming practices. He promotes a constant focus on soil biology in all vineyards. This is enhanced by Margaret River's natural suitability to sustainable viticulture, as a result of its climatic and environmental attributes.

"Margaret River is the perfect environment in which to grow grapes. The region's excellent soils and climate contribute to the production of consistent yields of high quality fruit, without which, the creation of great wines would be impossible."

Study at Charles Sturt University, as well as work excursions to established wine regions in Victoria, Western Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and Germany, further developed his knowledge and understanding.

Bart has managed several significant Vineyard expansions in his 13 years at Vasse Felix. He was responsible for the expansion of the Home Vineyard at Wilyabrup in 2006, to focus on Margaret River's key varieties Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. Bart also oversaw the inclusion of the Karridale Vineyard in 2010 and the Gnarawary Vineyard in 2015, an addition of approximately 100 hectares to the Vasse Felix Vineyard collection.

In 2011, Bart was awarded the Margaret River Wine Industry Association 'Viti Excellence' Award for his work at Vasse Felix.

Bart has completed 19 vintages in Margaret River, as well as vintages in Victoria and international vintages in Croatia and Germany.

