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Simon Keall: Winemaker.

Simon first entered the industry as a cellar hand and vineyard assistant at Fermoy Estate, in Margaret River, back in 1989. His thirst for knowledge grew and he enrolled at Charles Sturt University in 1990 to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science (Wine Science) to add to his Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) in 1994. After completing his degree and vintages at interstate wineries, Simon returned to Fermoy Estate as Assistant Winemaker and Vineyard Manager.

In 1996, Simon was appointed Winemaker/General Manager at Rosabrook Estate, Margaret River, where his prowess with reds was given the opportunity to shine. Simon received acclaim at many of the Royal shows with both his whites and reds picking up medals and his 1998 Rosabrook Estate Shiraz claiming the Best West Australian Shiraz at the Visyboard Great Australian Shiraz Challenge.

October 2001, saw an opportunity too good to miss present itself and Simon headed to Villa Trasqua in the Chianti Classico Region in Italy for a year as a winemaker. Simon's role was to bring modern winemaking techniques and fresh ideas to the winery and vineyard and assist with sales and marketing within the European markets.

Upon returning to Australia Simon took up the position of Winemaker at Hay Shed Hill Wines, Margaret River, where his passion for producing premium wines was rewarded with a gold medal for his Sauvignon Blanc Semillon at the fiercely competitive Margaret River Wine Show and a gold for yet another Shiraz at the well regarded Sheraton Wine Awards.

Three vintages at Killerby Vineyards as Winemaker have ensured that Simon's knowledge of the Margaret River fruit and winemaking styles has continued to grow and his passion for producing premium, fruit driven, elegant wines has continued to be expressed.

Now into his sixth vintage, Redgate Wines and the Ullinger family are proud to have Simon on board as our Winemaker and of the wines he produces, that express the true varietal characters of our vineyard.